

The FACE of ability

Future Abilities and Creative Employment helps people with disabilities find work



Lillian Del Granse, sign language interpreter with BMO Financial Group (official sponsor of the Abilities 2005 job fair), "chats" with hearing-impaired job seekers.



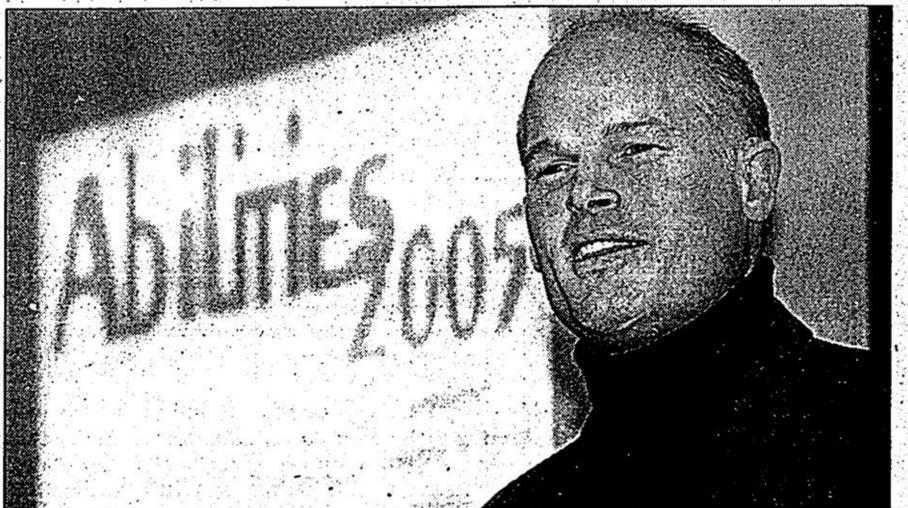
Persons with disabilities found employers, services, presentations and resource materials at this year's sixth annual Abilities 2005 job fair, organized by Future Abilities and Creative Employment (of York Region) at Premiere Ballroom in Richmond Hill. Ahmed Khalil, as seen through a wheelchair wheel, was among those checking out the show.



BMO Financial Group interpreter Francine Little (left) chats with Gilbert Lillie of the Canadian Hearing Society. The fair included more than 40 exhibitors.



Andrea Louca, diversity officer with TD Canada Trust, gets her message across with help from interpreter Erin Fauteux.



The day's keynote speaker, former NHLer Jim Kyte, injured seven years ago in a car accident, addresses the audience on overcoming his disability.

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