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Experiences 150 & Me Royal Reception

- *To commemorate Canada's 150 anniversary, 150 young inspired and inspiring Canadians were selected to attend a discussion focusing on opportunities and challenges facing Canada's future. One of these exceptional youth is Bowen Tang, co-founder of the CHHA-BC Youth Peer Support Program.*
- *The delegates came from a variety of sectors, ranging from activists, entrepreneurs, to Olympians. There were few people with visible disabilities present, which raises the question of the accessibility and inclusion for youth with disabilities. Opportunities need to be given for these youth to become leaders in their community.*
- *The key take-home message from the panel discussion was that in order for us to make a difference, we must first believe in ourselves—each small step we take matters significantly in the end. To all hard of hearing youth in Canada: "Believe in what you can do and share that with the world!"*

Bowen's Full Report: <http://chha-bc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Experience-150.pdf>

Experiences Canada Press Release:

<http://experiencescanada.ca/150/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Press-Release-EN-Version.pdf>



Top: Bowen Tang, co-founder of the CHHA-BC Youth Peer Support Program, at the Royal Reception.

Bottom: Bowen Tang speaking with the Duke of Cambridge regarding the CHHA-BC YPSP.





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As a featured presenter at the WCA, CHHA-BC Chapter president, Dr. Marilyn Dahl, had a featured session with the following objectives:

- ◇ Understand the consumer perspective of managing one's hearing loss.
- ◇ Discuss the suggested peer-interaction component for auditory rehabilitation.
- ◇ Discuss the proposed model for professional/consumer advocacy for hearing accessibility in architectural standards.

Moreover, another prestigious invited presenter at the WCA was Dr. Charles Laszlo with a featured session with the following objectives:

- ◇ Recognize that audiologically-appropriate technical solutions do not necessarily equate with consumer satisfaction.
- ◇ Evaluate and discuss the importance of identifying the communication objectives of clients.
- ◇ Respond to the challenge of becoming a communication specialist.

The 33rd World Congress of Audiology took place at the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, in Vancouver, on September 18-21, 2016.

Dr. Dahl, president of CHHA-BC, was an invited presenter with a featured session of: **“Expanding the model for auditory rehabilitation - a consumer perspective.”**

Dr. Laszlo was also an invited presenter with a featured session of: **“Technology is not enough - the need for the communication specialist.”**



Dr. Laszlo



Dr. Dahl

We wish to extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in this year's **Walk2Hear Vancouver!**
Your generous support allowed the Branch to meet its fundraising goal!

Additional Resources:

- ⇒ **Petition to the government of Canada to change the overly restrictive criteria for the HOH to qualify for the Disability Tax credit.** READ MORE: <https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-503>
- ⇒ **“How to Talk to a Hard of Hearing Person (2016)”** by Gael Hannan. READ MORE: <http://hearinghealthmatters.org/betterhearingconsumer/2016/talk-person-hearing-loss/>
- ⇒ **“How to Have a Better Conversation with Someone with Hearing Loss”** by Shari Eberts. READ MORE: <https://livingwithhearingloss.com/2015/01/16/how-to-have-a-better-conversation-with-someone-with-hearing-loss/>

Thank you for your continued support!