



Human Library Recruitment Ideas

When organizing a Human Library it is important to consider the interests and needs of your community, days of significance and any available resources within your community. The possibilities are endless. Check with your local speakers' bureau for further ideas!

The following people / topics are listed for your consideration:

First Nations, Metis, Inuit Peoples:

- Local bands or reserves
- Friendship Centres
- Arts groups
- Elder

Abuse and Family Violence:

- Local anti-violence programme – survivor clients
- Elder abuse programme – survivor clients
- Better beginnings groups – parents
- Family services centres
- Women's shelter
- Crisis centres / hotlines
- Big brothers/ big sisters

Arts & Culture:

- Local arts groups – theatre, arts & crafts, dance, music, writers, etc.
- Tattoo artist
- Clothing designer
- Film maker
- Local media / war journalist/ Canadian Press
- Curator
- Photographer

Consumer Services:

- Local advocates
- Better Business Bureau

Correctional Service of Canada:

everyone has a story to share





- Released offenders - parole/probation/community service sentence
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- John Howard Society
- Prison guard

Persons with Disabilities:

- Local offices of organizations/programs (e.g. CNIB, Canadian Council for the Blind, Learning Disabilities Association, Good Companions, Independent Living, Canadian Mental Health Association, Gamblers Anonymous; Drug/Alcohol Addiction Centres, Deaf and Hearing Disabled, etc.)
- Disabled athlete(s)
- Crisis centres / hotlines
- Big Brothers/ Big Sisters

Environmental Advocates:

- 100 mile foodies
- Conservation/naturalist groups
- Wildlife preservation centres (e.g. bird sanctuaries)
- Recycling programmes
- Local organic farmer
- Agriculture Canada – genetically modified seeds

Health:

- Transplant donor / recipient
- Recovered addict
- People with various conditions, e.g. HIV
- Alternative therapy advocates
- Spouse/child of someone with Alzheimer's Disease
- or another chronic disease
- Cancer survivor support group
- MS treatment (new treatment)
- Eating disorders support group

Housing:

- Co-op housing
- Habitat for humanity
- Community housing





- Unitarian House or other senior residential care facility
- Shelter resident /Shepherds of Good Hope / Salvation Army / Mission

Human Rights:

- Gay rights
- Victim of racism/ sexism
- Civic rights activist

LGBTQ:

- Gay man / Lesbian woman / Transsexual / Drag queen

Literacy:

- Local literacy agencies/programs

Local history:

- Historical societies
- Architectural preservation groups

Multicultural:

- Local settlement agencies
- Ethno-Cultural/Heritage groups
- Religious groups (e.g. Muslim woman who wears hijab, Imam, Sikh, Buddhist, monk/nun, atheist, Orthodox Jew, Catholic priest/nun who left clergy, Mennonite)
- Refugee
- Child soldier
- Arranged marriage

Others:

- Professional athlete
- Volunteer extraordinaire
- Canadian soldier
- Veteran
- Police officer (non-traditional i.e. female / ethno-cultural)
- Space agency
- Mediator
- Raging Grannies
- Philanthropist

