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“Experiencing Human Rights: How Inclusion in Schools Educates a New Generation to a Human Rights Perspective”

**Gordon Porter to Deliver Annual Lodhi Lecture in Human Rights
Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm**

Noted international inclusion pioneer Gordon Porter will discuss how inclusion in schools teaches students about human rights at this year’s annual Dr. Abdul Q. Lodhi Lecture in Human Rights.

The lecture will take place on Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm in the Ted Daigle Auditorium.

Porter is the director of Inclusive Education Canada, an initiative of the Canadian Association for Community Living. He is also a former chair of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission. He was director of Student Services for the schools in the Woodstock area, after serving as a teacher and principal in several New Brunswick schools.

He is an internationally known expert on inclusive education who has consulted, lectured and conducted training in numerous countries around the world—most recently in Portugal, Peru, Columbia, Austria and Panama. Last year, he made a presentation to the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva.

In August 2009, Dr. Porter received an honorary doctorate from the National Pedagogical University of Peru in recognition of his work there on inclusive education. He has also received the Order of Canada in 2010 and the Order of New Brunswick in 2014.

The Lodhi Lecture was named for Dr. Abdul Q. Lodhi, a champion of human rights and social justice and co-founder of the Atlantic Human Rights Centre. He was a respected professor, scholar and mentor at St. Thomas University and was a recipient of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission Human Rights Award.

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