



Multi Generational Innovations... Igniting Minds of All Ages!

The Okanagan Science Centre is seeking retirees experienced and interested in electronics, mechanics, robotics and related fields. We are launching a new program that will bring the retired or semi-retired and youth together to create exhibits that will become part of the Okanagan Science Centre's Halloween displays. Our goals are to bring different generations together to share their knowledge and skills, to engage today's youth in science, and to rekindle the science participation of older adults.

We will create exhibits that are animatronic. Animatronics is the use of electronics and robotics to simulate life. This technology was used for special effects in film long before the digital technology we are now familiar with was used, for example, the great white shark in JAWS and the beloved E.T.

Animatronics is currently popular for its use in haunted houses. Imagine a monster turning its head 360 degrees, a witch flying overhead, or a moving skeleton, and you'll get the idea! Since the Science Centre's haunted house event is already a link to youth in our community, it is a great starting place for this initiative. We hope to promote careers in science by attracting youth participation in this project, and to narrow the generation gap by drawing on the knowledge and experience of retired professionals. This new program is one of many new initiatives at the science centre that form the new "Multigenerational Innovations" with the goal of "igniting minds of all ages".

To support the work of our retired volunteers the Okanagan Science Centre will host two autumn events:

- **Tuesday, September 21, 11:30 to 1:30 pm**, a lunch meeting "Aging Well – Ten New Ideas for All Round Health" with Dr. Mary-Ann Murphy, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia, Okanagan.
- **Thursday, September 30, 7:00 to 9:00 pm**, a dessert and coffee workshop "Are Youth Today Really So Different?" with Leigha Horsfield.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this exciting new project or attending the autumn presentations, please contact **Elizabeth** at the Okanagan Science Centre.

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