

# Client Spotlight

## Colin Keane, Career Journey



Colin Keane, 2015

Colin Keane understands computers. His passion for technology is evident in his life's work. Colin began his career volunteering in the computer lab of a nonprofit disability organization and in no time was offered a supervisory role within the lab.

program Colin was able to master many new web design techniques and upon graduation from the program started his own business, **Keane Computing Solutions**, which offers a full range of services including web design; web hosting; as well as domain transfers, registrations, and renewals. Colin's business also allows him to continue working with and helping others through the technical assistance and computer support he offers by telephone or through remote assistance.

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Along with technology and managing the computer lab, Colin also understands the challenges faced by people with disabilities. As a quadriplegic using a manual wheelchair, Colin was faced not only with the pressures any supervisor must deal with on a regular basis, but has had to adapt to a life of constant challenge as a quadriplegic striving to succeed in a career that he is passionate about.

During Colin's time as a supervisor within the lab, his disability began to wear on him physically. Eventually, Colin was forced to give up the supervisory position that he loved dearly, a position where clients of his had become his best friends. The day-to-day physical pain Colin was feeling in his back and a long commute to work had defeated his passion and interrupted his career.

Colin knew he wanted to continue on a career path that involved technology and helping others, but he also understood that his disability required that he work from his home in Surrey, BC. When Colin heard about the IBDE Web Essentials program through a friend, he saw the opportunity to begin his journey of self-learning and self-realization and registered without delay.

Through the IBDE Web Essentials and Web Advanced

The IBDE Web Essentials and Web Advanced program offered through Make A Change Canada (formerly the Canadian Society for Social Development—CSSD) offers a guiding hand to people with disabilities just like Colin. At Make A Change Canada we believe in the capacity for individuals to achieve, and believe that personal achievement starts with providing employment and skills training to persons facing challenges to employment.

To contact Colin, please visit his website, email him, or call (604) 785-4032.

We are always looking for contributions from past and present participants to learn more about their business ideas, career journeys, triumphs, and challenges.

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