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Greetings to the Inclusive Technology of Washington community!

Amazing how time flies! It is already March, and we skipped over our February newsletter! We have been busy around here, and have lots of updates to share with you! So let's get started...

Specialized Habilitation: We have about a dozen students who have either already started their Specialized Habilitation (also known as Life Skills) classes, or are about to begin them! See the January newsletter for more details about this great program! For those interested in signing up, please click on the link at the bottom of this page!

Pre-Vocational: Inclusive Technology of Washington is now capable of receiving payments from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for pre-vocational instruction! We are looking for 6-10 students interested in joining a pilot program with us, to collaborate with DVR to develop a pathway to employment. This intense program would involve pre-learning various skills necessary to (at a later date) complete college courses (or other certification classes) that would lend themselves to employment in a technology-related field. Our role would not be to offer the college classes per se, but to build the student's skills ahead of time to prepare them for being capable of successfully navigating the class. This would all be accomplished on an individual goal basis, based on the results of their person centered planning meeting. Feel free to contact us for more information if interested!

Girl Scouts: We have a great lineup Girl Scout summer Live Online "day camp" programs! For those who are new to this offering, every summer we meet with Girl Scouts online for a week, for Live Online classes. Over the course of the week, the girls earn up to three journeys (which are leadership-based "super badges"). By doing so, they have an opportunity to earn the "Summit Award" for their earning of three journeys. This program involves also helping them implement a "take action" service project... so they are helping to make the world a better place while also becoming tomorrow's future leaders! For more information, check out our "class calendar" page in this newsletter!

Summer Camps: We also have our lineup for Maple Valley regular populations summer camps scheduled, so check out the calendar page for that information as well! We are actively seeking input for which additional camps to offer, so feel free to complete the survey in the link below to "cast your vote!"

[Specialized Habilitation Intake Survey](#)

[Summer Camp Survey](#)

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All of this is made possible with your support! Check out our "financial update" page for more information!

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Featured Class of the Month

This month we are featuring our Girl Scout Workshops! We are currently partnered with Girl Scouts of Western Washington and provide technology based workshops on request. This winter we've had Girl Scouts 'Code for Good' and 'Think Like a Programmer' earning badges and journeys by making games in Scratch and Alice, programming a snack and doing morse code!

We also had a troop do their aMuse journey with us. AMuse is all about breaking down stereotypes, a portion of which focuses on disabilities. Girl Scouts got to try using a walker and vision impairment glasses to simulate different disabilities as well as learning about autism, deafness and other physical disabilities before making a video about breaking down stereotypes.



STEAM [Register here!](#)

Wednesdays 3pm - 5pm, Lake Wilderness Lodge

Explore the exciting world of STEAM! Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, with hands on activities in each of these areas! The emphasis is on the FUN activities that teach STEAM ideas and principles.



Cooking [Register here!](#)

Thursdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm, Lake Wilderness Lodge

Learn delicious ways to be healthy and cook food that is fun to eat! Price of the class includes the cost of supplies.



Art [Register here!](#)

Thursdays, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Lake Wilderness Lodge

Learn delicious ways to be healthy and cook food that is fun to eat! Price of the class includes the cost of supplies.



Moviemaking [Register here!](#)

Fridays, 2pm - 3:30pm, Lake Wilderness Lodge

Release your "creative juices" as you work in teams to create videos only limited by your imagination. Choose from green screen, stop motion, animation or maybe a combination of them all!

Email us to join one of our fun Issaquah group classes!

Classes can be paid for with respite and run through the end of may

Join us in Maple Valley for fun group Classes!

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Moviemaking [Email to Register](#)

Saturdays, 9:45am - 10:45am, Issaquah

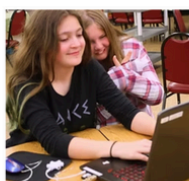
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Coding [Email to Register](#)

Saturdays, 11am - 12:15pm, Issaquah

Try coding with scratch or code.org. Work in a small group to advance your skills and make fun games!



Graphic Design [Email to Register](#)

Saturdays, 12:45pm - 1:45pm, Issaquah

Play around with computer graphics, try making a poster or card, place yourself in a digital landscape or edit photos!



ANWAR BELEKU

**Specialized Habilitation
Instructor**

Featured Staff

Mr. Anwar Beleku, Specialized Habilitation Instructor, has always been passionate about assisting people in developing life skills, and he discovered that specialized habilitation enabled him to combine education, technology, and creativity to meet a wide range of needs. Specialized habilitation is more than just educating; it is also about empowering people to live more independently and securely. This allows the learner to concentrate on skill development in daily life, communication, and creative expression using technology. Overall, the most fulfilling moment at Inclusive Technology of Washington is seeing participants achieve what they once thought was impossible; these are the moments that make this work so rewarding, according to Mr. Beleku.

Anwar designed an interactive learning tool, which led to a project he is particularly proud of: developing an accessible digital skills program that allows individuals with special needs to explore creative and technical fields, as well as a code we created for finance exchange.

When Anwar is not working, he enjoys hiking and working with technology, which ranges from AWS server installation to creative interests such as digital art and videography.

Finally, the best advice that he received, which applies to all of us, is "Progress is progress, no matter how small".

Become a Volunteer . . . Make a Difference

We are looking for enthusiastic people to serve as classroom assistants, as well as helping in a variety of other roles.

Inclusive Technology of Washington would appreciate your dedication!

Send us an email for a list of volunteer opportunities; we would love to hear from you!

EMAIL US TODAY

info@inclusivetechwa.org



Impact and Needs

As you can see by these graphics, we still have quite a ways to go for cultivating recurring donors to help with our scholarship programs! Several students are on the waiting list to start to receive classes, and we need additional recurring donors in order to make this happen! Please consider supporting our cause by clicking on the "Donate Now" link below!

Inclusive Technology of Washington Impact and Needs...



Progress towards MONTHLY recurring donations pledges for 2025...



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