

## EXISTING PROGRAMS

### No Holds Barred Q & A:

Bill provides a frank, open, and honest discussion about vision impairment, the challenges, the issues and the benefits. There is no such thing as a stupid question and no question is taboo. Bill has answered questions from how he operates in the working world to how he functions in the bathroom.

### Vision Impaired Etiquette:

What do I do when I meet someone with a vision impairment for the first time? How do I help, should I help, what do I say? This interactive workshop is designed to give participants practical tools when dealing with individuals who are vision impaired. Topics include an introduction to sighted guide, general tips for orientation and what to say and not say.

### Chicken Gumbo:

Through fun and interactive initiative tasks, Bill and his trusty rubber chicken sidekicks, Larry and BC Ed, help you to learn about teambuilding, cooperation and working together as a group to problem solve.

### Vitamin C:

Candid conversations on careers and other employment related topics.

### FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:

"Awesome presentation, Very informative!"

"Before the workshop, I felt unsure about how to deal with someone who is vision impaired. I was glad to find out that I was not the only one who felt this way. Now I feel much more confident and comfortable in dealing with people who are vision impaired."

"[Bill] is a story teller 'par excellence', generously willing to share the lessons he has learned and offering support to others."



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***Bill Vastis***  
***Consulting***

*"seeing you through it"*

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to improve the quality of people's lives by improving people's understanding of one another.

Through innovative workshops, interactive-experiential exercises, dynamic presentations and motivational keynote speeches, Bill Vastis Consulting will work collaboratively with educational institutions, corporations, non-profit organisations, government agencies and all other interested parties to custom design and deliver educational and training programs tailored to your specific needs.



## ABOUT BILL & BVC:

Bill Vastis Consulting (BVC) is Bill's attempt to create a forum where he can share with people the many life lessons he has learnt and the wealth of practical knowledge that he has acquired through a unique educational path and his diverse life experiences.

Bill is a graduate from The University of Guelph and has a diploma in Recreation and Leisure Services from Conestoga College. For over 15 years, Bill has been engaging his audiences, raising awareness and educating people about vision impairment. As an active participant in public dialogue, he is continuously advocating for the removal of barriers to persons with disabilities. Bill has developed and implemented dynamic, creative and innovative workshops on vision

impairments, employment and career issues, leadership training and other topics. He has provided presentations for Conestoga College, The University of Guelph, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Kidney Foundation of Canada and the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind in Australia. He has prepared educational and recreational programming for children, adults and seniors. Bill's presentations are humorous, enlightening and captivating.

As a high intensity presenter and a skilful facilitator, Bill's goal is to help session participants reach towards their maximum potential.

PASSION  
ATTITUDE  
PERSONALITY  
APPROACH  
EXPERIENCE  
BACKGROUND

## WHAT MAKES BVC UNIQUE?

Honesty, straightforwardness and a sense of humour characterize Bill's presentations. A "no holds barred", any question goes attitude creates a comfortable and safe environment where audiences can ask any and all questions from mild to wild without fear of feeling foolish.

Bill's adventures, travels and interests often take him into uncharted territory where he is one of the first vision-impaired person that groups or individuals meet. Bill's experiences include becoming a certified fitness instructor, hiking, canoeing and portaging in the Canadian wilderness, working as a resident assistant for the University of Guelph, traveling around the world for a six-month internship in Melbourne, Australia and more...



Doing more than raising his audiences' awareness of vision impairment, Bill constantly challenges his audiences to raise their awareness of themselves. Finally, a background in drama allows him to structure his presentations in an exciting, lively and interactive way.

## SERVICES:

### 1. Sensitivity Training:

Raising awareness on issues pertaining to and effecting people with disabilities, with a specific emphasis on people with vision impairments.

### 2. Consultation Services:

Offering consultative services in the area of accessibility and diversity.

### 3. Other Training Programs:

Designing high quality, motivational and educational training programs in such areas as communication, leadership training, team building and presentation skills.

*Whether you are outside playing 'Chuck the Chicken' or inside learning techniques for guiding a person with a vision impairment, my high impact interactive sessions will change the way you think!*

*- Bill Vastis*

