

# **Parents as Partners Conference**

**Workshop Session: B15**

**Room: 205B**

## **Abelism: what is it and how does it impact the life of our students with disabilities?**

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Abelism is not well understood by most. This workshop will explore abelism by using "Jeremy the Dud", a short satire film on disability, as a launch point for discussion. We will also explore recent media stories which also demonstrate the challenges faced by persons with disabilities.

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Paula is a community member of the Special Education Advisory Committee. A lawyer by training, she has a strong interest in inclusion and human rights issues for persons with disabilities at school and beyond.