



## CanTRA ACET 40 Years Of Leadership

May 29-31, 2020, The Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA), is hosting its national conference “Celebrating 40 Years of Leadership” at Olds College, Olds, AB.

**This conference will focus on continued education, with updates to certification, for CanTRA certified instructors and those interested in pursuing that calling.** We have professional presenters confirmed in all three of CanTRA’s flagship programs in equine assisted therapies:

- **Hippotherapy:** Pippa Hodge, over 35 years of certifications and experience in applied hippotherapy as a physiotherapist & CanTRA Coach and examiner as well as guest presenter across the globe.
- **Therapeutic Riding:** Tegwyn Harper, pulls an array of experience from Human Sports Body Massage Therapist; CanTRA Coach and Examiner; Rider Bio-Mechanics Level #2 and 2015 International Bio-Mechanics Coach of the Year and applies it all to instructing therapeutic riding and protecting the horses used in these programs.
- **Equine Facilitated Wellness (EFW):** Tricia Mellor, over 15 years of experience with her masters in Social Work, currently working as a mental health clinician focused on children & youth and their families as well as running an EFW private practice as a CanTRA II.
- **Para dressage:** Jane James level two and an Equestrian Canada Senior Dressage Steward. Jane has been a member of stewarding teams at 2 Paralympic Games and 4 World Championships as well as numerous FEI level international competitions. Jane is an active CanTRA Coach/Examiner.
- **EquiPurina: Heather MacInnis** top-ranked hunter/jumper competitor and Coach, Cargill/Purina Nutrition Consultant.



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Our local CanTRA member centre, Mount View Special Riding Association, will be our hosts for the conference and are pleased to provide their volunteers in facilitating this event.

**By developing and expanding the knowledge of instructors and program managers, this conference will give a “leg up” to thousands of riders with diverse abilities participating in quality equine-assisted therapy programs across Canada.**

If you require any further information or have any questions. I would be happy to assist you or you can direct your inquiries to Brenda Coward in the CanTRA office, [ctra@golden.net](mailto:ctra@golden.net) or 519-767-0700.