

Media Statement regarding Eligibility to apply for LLL leadership:

La Leche League Canada is a registered charity in Canada which is affiliated with La Leche League International. LLLC recognizes LLLI as the body which sets leader accreditation criteria and policy for the whole organization.

In recent weeks the La Leche League International Board of Directors has updated their internal Policies regarding eligibility to apply for leadership to be consistent with their Bylaws Preamble: “LLLI is a worldwide, educational, nonsectarian, nondiscriminatory service organization which has been incorporated in Illinois as a general not-for-profit corporation.”

As the cultural understanding of gender has expanded, it is now recognized that some men are able to breastfeed. In the spirit of nondiscrimination and with this awareness, La Leche League International has refined the eligibility qualifications for its volunteer breastfeeding counselors to include men who otherwise meet the prerequisites for becoming a volunteer applicant. Prerequisites include organizational experience, personal experience breastfeeding a baby for at least nine months, and a demonstrated commitment to La Leche League philosophy.

As an organization dedicated to helping babies breastfeed, the expanded eligibility criteria demonstrate La Leche League’s commitment to assisting even more parents breastfeed their babies.

The LLLC Board of Directors has updated the LLLC Policies regarding eligibility to apply for leadership to be consistent with the LLLI policy statement and in keeping with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act.