



Northern Network News

The Northern Networks (LNN, LNW & MNN) are working together to consolidate and share information to help ensure that all of our service providers are kept informed.

Information will be compiled into a friendly e-news format and shared monthly/quarterly (depending on the topic and timelines) with you all. This way we can also update service providers about recent discussions on the www.northernliteracy.ca forums.

August 2016

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Training Opportunities

Please check the events section on the website for an up-to-date listing and more details.

<http://www.northernliteracy.ca/index.php/service-providers/latest-events>

LNO Clear Writing Course - Sept. 12th to December 4, 2016.

Registration Deadline: September 6, 2016.

The Clear Writing Course is \$295 (tax exempt). The course runs from September 12th to December 4th 2016, but the deadline to register is September 6th. There are only 10 spots so register early! This course is open to anyone who:

- Wants to improve their personal and work-related writing skills
- Can commit 3 to 5 hours per week to learn and complete weekly assignments
- May want to use the course completion certificate as a first step to become recognized as an LNO Clear Writing Editor, Facilitator or Consultant

To register for the online course or for more information visit www.learningnetworks.ca and click 'LNO Clear Writing' or contact Sara Gill at 905-527-2222 or by email at edassist@abea.on.ca.

ABC Life Literacy Canada: Ways to Celebrate Financial Literacy Month Webinar

Thursday, September 8th, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST

Are you looking for ways to celebrate Financial Literacy Month this November with your learners? Join ABC Life Literacy Canada for a free webinar to learn:

- What is Financial Literacy Month
- How to celebrate Financial Literacy Month with ABC's free financial literacy program for adult learners called Money Matters
- Other ways to celebrate Financial Literacy Month with ABC
- How other literacy organizations are celebrating

To register for this webinar, please visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4645996655262064387>

LNW: Bridges Out of Poverty Training Event in Thunder Bay

October 20 & 21, 2016

Mark your calendars! More information and registration details will be sent out soon.

AlphaPlus: Tech Tuesday Webinar: Slack – a powerful instant messaging and collaboration tool

Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST

Is your email inbox overflowing? Are you looking for a simple and efficient way to reduce the email deluge, to connect and collaborate with colleagues? We will take a tour of Slack, a free and very useful tool to help you do just that.

To register for this webinar, please visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4210278887878166017>

MAESD Information Updates

To view all MAESD information updates please visit:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings/>

MTCU now Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development

On June 13th the Honourable Deb Matthews was appointed as our minister and our ministry name was changed to Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD). The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development will encompass the current mandate of MTCU. In addition, employment and training programs in other ministries will be coordinated through the new ministry to create a more seamless experience for workers and job seekers and to help Ontarians prepare for the jobs of the future.

SP Connect: EOIS-SP Connect Release 4.0

EOIS-SP Connect Release 3.24.0 is expected to be implemented on August 8th, 2016. The key enhancement included in this release is the ability for ministry staff to authorize and approve payments to service providers. Authorized system-users will also see a number of system “fixes” introduced. To view the bulletin, which outlines the changes please visit:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/eois-spconnect-2016-4-bulletin.pdf>

Regional Network Information Updates

Literacy Link Niagara: Reverse Mentoring Program

With funding provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Literacy Link Niagara is launching a new Reverse Mentoring program in Niagara. With proper materials and coaching, Literacy Link Niagara hopes to pair youth with those looking to increase their digital literacy skills, making both parties more equipped for employment and more attractive to employers. Literacy Link Niagara is currently recruiting Mentors and Mentees for their fall program launch. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.literacylinkniagara.ca/news/reverse-mentoring/>

Northern Networks Website

In September, the Northern Networks will be hosting online Community of Practice discussion forums. If you wish to participate and you haven't already registered for the members only section of the website, please do so by filling out this short registration form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNforum>. If you don't remember whether you have already registered, please contact Jolene via email literacy@literacynet.ca before you fill out the registration form.

Other Support Organization Information Updates

Community Literacy of Ontario

Marketing Newsletter – June 2016

To view CLO's Marketing Newsletter please visit their website:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/newsletters/>

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to announce its Marketing Newsletter. This newsletter provides tools, ideas and resources to support the marketing, communication and outreach efforts of Ontario's literacy agencies. This newsletter focuses on best practices and ideas from Ontario's community-based literacy agencies.

Topics covered include:

- So, Exactly What is Marketing?
- Marketing the Benefits
- Setting the Stage for Marketing
- Slogans
- Mission Statements
- Websites
- Video
- The Great Idea Factory!
- More from the Great Idea Factory
- Story Telling
- Social Media Marketing

Community Literacy of Ontario

May & July & August 2016 Members E-Communiqué Available

To view CLO's e-communiqué please visit:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/e-communiques/>

Topics covered in the **May 2016** newsletter:

- Upcoming Webinar: Let the Adventure Begin
- CLO's Annual General Meeting and Training Day
- Decoda Literacy's "Literacy Manifesto"
- Support Organization Corner
- Ontario Job Futures
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Topics covered in the **July 2016** newsletter:

- CLO's Annual Training Day & AGM
- Presenting Our Online Training Modules on Evaluation
- Adult Literacy Myths Debunked!
- Enabling Accessibility Fund
- Ontario Centre for Workplace Innovation
- Essential Skills Matter!
- Literacy Support Organization Corner
- A New Ministry for Literacy and Basic Skills
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Topics covered in the **August 2016** newsletter:

- CLO's Marketing Newsletter
- Project Update - Our "Developing a Culture of Evaluation" Project
- New Resource: Beyond Trauma: Language Learning Strategies for New Canadians Living with Trauma"
- Support Organization Corner
- Funding Opportunities
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Community Literacy of Ontario

Introducing our free, online Evaluation Modules

To view CLO's Evaluation Modules please visit their website:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/evaluation-culture/online-modules/>

CLO would like to introduce a new series of online training modules about evaluation in non-profit organizations. These modules are full of resources, strategies, tools and practical examples to lead non-profits through the process of evaluation. These modules were created as part of the Developing a Culture of Evaluation project, a partnership between Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central.

Topics covered in the modules:

- Introduction to Evaluation
- Planning for Evaluation
- Collecting Data
- Analyzing Data
- Taking Action
- Communicating the Results
- Case Study: The Evaluation Cycle in Action
- Trends in Evaluation

Ontario Native Literacy Coalition

June 2016 Newsletter Available

To see the newsletter please visit their website:

<http://onlc.ca/newsletter/>

Topics included in this issue include:

- 28th AGM & Conference
- ONLC Board of Directors Announcement
- Featured Program
- Submitted from Programs
- Updates from MAESD (formerly MTCU)
- Helpful Resources
- Using Literacy skills & Writing short stories
- Let's Speak Our Language
- ONLC Resources
- Announcements & Events
- Membership Application

AlphaPlus

July 2016 Newsletter Available

To view AlphaPlus' newsletter please visit:

<http://www.alphaplus.ca/en/news/alphaplus-news-archive.html>

Topics included in the **July 2016** AlphaPlus newsletter include:

- E-Learning Solutions in Action
- What We Learned From You
- AlphaPlus Services: "What's in it For Me?"
- Tools we Love
- News From the Field
- Webinars

Laubach Literacy Ontario

July 2016 LLO Express Available

To see the LLO Express please visit their website:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/LLOExpress>

Topics included in the **July 2016** LLO express include:

- Visual Identity and Communications Guidelines
- Featured Resource - Teaching Adults
- Developing a Culture of Evaluation
- CESBA Resource Library

ABC Life Literacy Canada

June 2016 Newsletter Available

To see the newsletter please visit their website:

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/online-features>

Topics included in this issue include:

- Summer Literacy Tips for Families
- Family Literacy Day 2017 Theme & Materials
- HSBC Family Literacy First in Toronto
- Civic Literacy in Your Classroom

Your Northern Networks

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