

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 with you. This way we can also update service providers about recent discussions on the www.northernliteracy.ca forums.

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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>

Northern Networks: Boutique Training Webinar

Monday, March 30, 2015 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST

This webinar hosted by the Northern Networks will be facilitated by Robyn Cook-Ritchie. This webinar will go over the resources that Robyn has developed on **Boutique Training**, as well as how others have implemented this type of “modular” training and how it works within an LBS agency.

To register for this webinar please use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2494363438214041857>

LNW & MNN: Apprenticeship Supports & LBS

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 - 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us to hear about the new tools and tasks created to help support learners on the apprenticeship goal path.

To register for this webinar, please click on the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4471434879002948865>

Literacy Link South Central: Through the Looking Glass- Immigrant Perspectives on Literacy

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST

In 2014, Literacy Link South Central hosted a Job Creation Partnership Project that focused on outreach and marketing within London’s diverse multicultural communities. Through such efforts LLSC gained valuable insight into how literacy is perceived by both new and settled immigrants. In this webinar, lessons learned from the project will be highlighted and potential next steps for working with this client group will be outlined.

To register for this webinar, please use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6019375726919663873>

LNW: Supporting Apprentices' Completions & Increasing Employer Support

Thursday, April 2, 2015 - 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us to hear about the common perceptions of apprenticeship that employers have, some solutions and best practices learned from research, and hear what 6 community groups are doing to increase employer support for hiring apprentices and supporting apprentices' completion.

To register for this webinar, please click on the following link:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/2103724549784772865>

MTCU Information Updates

Employment Ontario Website

The MTCU website is down, and we expect it may take up to a week before the site is running again. In the meantime, we want to communicate that clients can still access Employment Ontario Self-Service (EOSS). The ministry has tweeted links to the EOSS portal, but we are hoping that our network of service providers can help to spread the word through their own social media channels. Can we please ask you to share the link below, either by posting your own tweet or retweeting from the Ministry twitter account?

[Click here](#) for MTCU's most recent tweet on the topic.

[Click here](#) for the EOSS portal.

Also, the link on the Canada-Ontario Job Grant pamphlet does not function - employers/service providers will need to use the link below.

https://www.eoss.tcu.gov.on.ca/COJG_Online/home.htm?lang=en

Information System Update

The **EOIS-CaMS Literacy and Basic Skills data dictionary** was updated in January 2015 and is now available. To view this document, please use the following link:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/eois_cams_lbs_data_dictionary.pdf

Employment Ontario Leadership Awards

The **Employment Ontario Leadership Awards** recognize Employment Ontario service providers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in the areas of innovation and collaboration. These awards highlight the work of service providers who introduce creative approaches or partnerships to providing employment and training services to clients.

All MTCU-funded service providers offering direct services to clients are eligible for the EO Leadership Award. The achievement must have been implemented or completed in the current or last fiscal year (from April 1 2013 until March 31 2015).

Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on April 17, 2015.

For more detailed information on how to apply or nominate for these awards please visit:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs/leadership_awards.html

Regional Network Information Updates

ABEA: ESA- assessors Wiki

The Adult Basic Education Association has closed the ESA-assessors (Essential Skills Assessment) wiki. This was a workspace that was set up for those assessors that were trained in the use of the tool. It contained the files needed to administer the assessment as well as discussion pages and other resources.

If you are a network practitioner that has been trained, mentored and approved, and who is still using the tool and requires access to those files, please contact Sara Gill at 905-527-2222.

LNN: Researching Francophone EO Service Gaps Project Update

Literacy Network Northeast would like to provide an update for their **2014-15 Researching Francophone EO Service Gaps** project. The first set of webinars and PowerPoint presentation, as well as a newsletter, have all been posted to the Northern Networks website

www.northernliteracy.ca.

To view these documents please use the following link:

http://www.northernliteracy.ca/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=100&Itemid=1290&lang=en

QUILL: New Tasks Added to Portal

New tasks have been added!!!! There are 100 new Francophone task-based activities from Centre FORA. In addition, there are 50 Anglophone and 30 Francophone task-sets complements of Literacy Link South Central. Also, there will 170+ tasks sets added shortly!



To check out the tasks, click on the link

<http://taskbasedactivitiesforlbs.ca/>

Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network: New Webinar Posted to Website

The Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network would like to announce that their January 19/15 “**Enhancing Transitions – Client’s Perspectives**” Project Webinar is now posted on their website.

To view the webinar please use the following link:

<http://literacynetwork.ca/home/whats-new/>

The LearningHUB: New HUBCaps Newsletter Available

The LearningHUB would like to announce that they have released the latest issue of their **HUBCaps Newsletter**. To view the newsletter you must be subscribed to the LearningHUB.

If you are not already subscribed please use the following link to subscribe:

<http://learninghub.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e7d505d920025dbe536541f46&id=4fd3a130de>

Tri-County Literacy Network: Learning to Earning Videos Now Available

The Tri-County Literacy Network would like to announce that their **Learning to Earning** videos are now available for viewing. Once you have watched the video please take a moment to fill out a survey.

To watch the video please use the following link: <http://tcln.on.ca/videos/>

To fill out the Service Provider Online Survey please use the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ServiceProviderVideoEvaluation>

To fill out the Learner/Client Online Survey please use the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClientLearnerVideoEvaluation>

Other Support Organization Information Updates

Community Literacy of Ontario

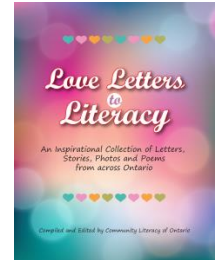
December 2014, January 2015, February 2015 Members E-Communiqués Available

To view CLO's member e-communiqués please visit:

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

December 2014 Topics

- CLO's "Social Media Marketing" Webinars
- CLO's "Love Letters to Literacy" Digital Book Is Launched
- Our recorded webinar on "Innovative Program Planning: A Case Study for Working With Ontario Works & First Nation Learners'.
- Revised "Information & Referral Guide for Ontario's Online E-Channel Program
- CLO 2015 Membership Campaign
- Employment Ontario News and Information



January 2015 Topics

- CLO's Recorded webinar on "Making the Magic Happen: Board Roles & Responsibilities"
- CLO's Curriculum and Resources for the Understand and Use Numbers Competency Project
- Tri County Literacy Network's "Learning to Earning" Videos
- Employment Ontario User Space (EOUS)
- ETSI Update (Employment & Training Service Integration)
- Opportunity to Give Input into the 2015 Ontario Budget

February 2015 Topics

- Recorded Versions of CLO's Social Media Marketing Webinars
- CLO's Vulnerable Populations Newsletter
- Update on Ontario's Not-For-Profit-Corporations Act
- Customer Service Resources
- Webinar Opportunity! LLSC's "Through the Looking Glass: Immigrant Perspectives on Literacy"
- Health Literacy Toolkit
- Employment Ontario News and Information

January Issue of Our Voice Now Available

Community Literacy of Ontario has released its January issue of **Our Voice: Vulnerable Populations**. This newsletter presents relevant and timely information on the important issue of adult literacy programming and how to support hard-to-serve learners on the Employment goal path.

To view this newsletter please visit CLO's website at:

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

Using Results-Based Data in LBS Agencies E-Communiqué

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to share their **Using Results-Based Data in Literacy and Basic Skills Programs E-Communiqué**. This e-communiqué was developed because results from CLO's members' survey and informal discussions showed that members want more information about the data generated from EOIS/CaMS and how it can be used in LBS agencies.

To view this important e-communiqué please visit CLO's website at:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Using-Results-based-Data-March-2015.pdf>

LLO Express – December 2014 & February 2015 - Now Available

To see the LLO Express please visit their website:

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

December 2014 topics include:

- New LLO Pamphlet
- LLO Book Order Form
- Member News
- Pearltrees – Lesson Plans & Printables
- Calendar Reminder

February 2015 topics include:

- Conference 2015
- Ontario's Youth Employment
- Member News
- TimCard Winner
- LLO Tutor Handbook
- Year-End Around the Corner

AlphaPlus: January 2015 E-News

To view the January 2015 e-news please visit AlphaPlus' website:

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



January 2015 e-news and topics include:

- Using Evernote with low-level adult literacy students– success story webinars
- Contacting LBS organizations about their technology planning and coaching services needs
- DLI Tech Tuesdays webinar: Google Hangouts– organize online meetings and broadcasts
- Deliver a Moodle Course training– an update
- Google Chrome– presentation slides and webinar recording now available

Essential Skills Ontario

First Two Cohorts Graduate from Elevate Training Program

Over the past few months, Essential Skills Ontario, in collaboration with various community service providers, have been working on developing and delivering an integrated employer-tailored curriculum using Alchemy Systems' platform to train vulnerable adults in Ontario seeking employment in the food processing industry. This two-year initiative, **Elevate: Raising the Grade for Food Processing**, is aiming to help bridge the gap between vulnerable adults looking for work and industries looking for workers. Recently, Fanshawe College in Strathroy and Loyalist College in Belleville delivered the six-week training program, where successful participants were offered employment.

Summary of Key Informant Interviews on Quality Assurance Now Available

Over the past year, Essential Skills Ontario, in collaboration with provincial and territorial literacy coalitions, as well as a few other organizations, have been discussing Quality Assurance (QA) models and the possibility of applying these models to literacy and essential skills programming. **Quality Assurance Initiatives in Literacy and Essential Skills: A Pan-Canadian Perspective Summary of Key Informant Interviews** provides a summary of these key informant interviews.

To read this paper online, please visit ESO's website at:

<http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/node/746>

Other Information Updates

New Resource: Career Coach

Career Coach is a new, free online LMI tool from the college sector. It is free and will be accessible to everyone. Each college will have local job opportunities, pay ranges and job tasks listed by college catchment area. The website for Career Coach is not as yet up and running, but as more details become available about this new resource, they will be passed along.

Renewed Computer Technology's Newest Program- RCTech Outreach

As a not-for-profit charitable organization, RCTech understands the difficulties in finding affordable solutions to acquire technology. Therefore, RCTech is here to help not-for-profit and charitable organizations minimize the cost of purchasing computer equipment and helps build community capacity by providing affordable access to the technological tools to deliver learning programs across the province of Ontario.



As the newest RCT program, **RCTech Outreach** enables low-income learners to access affordable quality renewed computers, computer set-up training, and a free digital library curriculum. These tools work together to strengthen and build the capacity of individuals within the community, which in turn, fosters its growth and sustainability. To find out more please visit RCT's website: <http://www.rcto.ca/>

Understanding the Canadian Job Fund from the Caledon Institute

The Caledon Institute has put together an article on **Understanding the Canadian Job Fund**. The article answers some common questions about the Canadian Job Fund, including how it came to be and what it potentially means.

To view this article please visit the following link:

<http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/1058ENG.pdf>

Announcements

CLO & LLSC: Developing a Culture of Evaluation Project

Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central are happy to announce their new project entitled **Developing a Culture of Evaluation**. This project is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade under the Partnership Project.

This project will help not-for-profit organizations in Ontario to learn about the value of creating a culture of evaluation and how to foster this in their own organizations. This project begins in March 2015 and will be completed in March 2017.

The *Developing a Culture of Evaluation* project will combine intensive research with a variety of innovative consultation mechanisms, including an online discussion board, online clinics, surveys, etc. Furthermore, CLO and LLSC will develop and deliver a series of online training opportunities to support the creation of a culture of evaluation in small not-for-profit organizations.

To view project updates please visit the following website:

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

Essential Skills Ontario Announcement

Essential Skills Ontario will be undergoing a restructuring of their organization in response to the recent federal funding cuts to their core funding. There will not be any immediate changes to the organization and they are committed to operating in a 'Business as Usual' approach until June 2015. ESO is committed to following through to complete all the projects and initiatives that they are currently working on.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact ESO's Executive Director, Lesley Brown at 416-963-5787 ext. 27 or by email at lesley@essentialskillsontario.ca.



The Northern Networks are Re-Designing Their Website

The Northern Networks (Literacy Northwest, Literacy Network Northeast and the Mid North Network) are pleased to announce that they are re-designing their website: www.northernliteracy.ca. The re-designing is scheduled to be completed by March 31st 2015.

We hope the newly designed website will be more user-friendly, have a more modern look, and still provide service providers with all the information that they need.

Stay tuned to view the new website April 2015!

Your Northern Networks

Website: www.northernliteracy.ca

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