



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.

<https://www.northernliteracy.ca/events>

AlphaPlus: Tech Tuesday Webinar: Gamification and Technology – motivating learners to overcome fear and play their way through learning

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST (2:00 – 3:00 pm CDT)

When playing board games or video games, a motivation to improve performance and succeed at the goals of the game come naturally. How can that natural drive to try, fail, and try again until you succeed be encouraged in a learning environment? Turning learning into a game can help adult literacy learners overcome their anxiety around digital technology, and take new steps towards associating technology with fun instead of fear. Guest presenters from Literacy Link South Central will help participants to learn more about Gamification, including information from LLSC's report 'Gamification and Adult Literacy: Investigating the history, impact and execution of gamification principal in adult education.' Information will also be shared from LLSC's recently created Maker Modules, which utilize a hands-on-learning philosophy based on experimentation and learning through play. To register for this webinar please use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1732482149408944129>

AlphaPlus Webinar: DLI Knowledge Sharing: Milestones and Digital Technology: Assessment and Reporting Practices

Wednesday, November 25, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST (2:00 – 3:00 pm CDT)

This webinar provides an overview of assessment practices in LBS programs with particular focus on the digital technology Milestones. The Milestones, available in both English and French, are a set of 60 test tasks and the only aspect of the assessment scheme that is currently mandatory and fully developed. Our study concludes that the Milestones and accompanying administration guidelines work counter to the ministry's objective for the OALCF to "improve service delivery, learner experiences and learner outcomes" by introducing a series of challenges, contradictions and inequities. To register for this webinar please use the following link:

<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dli-knowledge-sharing-webinar-milestones-and-digital-technology-assessment-and-reporting-practices-registration-18794104673>

LNO Clear Writing Course- January 4th to March 27th, 2016

Deadline to Register- December 18th, 2015

The Clear Writing Course is \$295 (tax exempt). The course runs from January 4th to March 27th 2016, but the deadline to register is December 18th. 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.

Online Community of Practise

The Steering Committee will offer the following English language webinars this fiscal year:

Nov 6/15	10-11:00 am EST (9-10 am CST)	Marketing and Outreach - What Works?
Dec 4/15	10-11:00 am EST (9-10 am CST)	Mental Health Awareness 2: Classroom Strategies
Feb 5/16	10-11:00 am EST (9-10 am CST)	Literacy Materials - Maker Modules and Gamification
Mar 4/16	10-11:00 am EST (9-10 am CST)	Performance Management - Strategies to Measure Results

With the assistance of the Coalition ontarienne de formation des adultes (COFA), the following French language webinars will also be presented; further details will be circulated when known:

La gestion du rendement – stratégies pour mesurer les résultats
 Travailler avec le SIEO-SGC – enjeux et solutions communes

All webinars will have open registration, run via e-Channel, and be recorded; registrants unable to attend the live sessions can review or download them later. For more information, please contact your regional network.

Northern Network Updates

Northern Networks Website

The Northern Networks is pleased to announce that their new website is now live!! Exciting changes include

- NEW calendar format for key dates and deadlines
- NEW Members Only discussion forum for registered users (an email will be sent out shortly with a registration link that can be shared broadly within your organization)
- NEW Resource page for all the NN project reports and tools

An overview webinar and a user guide will be developed and shared soon.

Literacy Network Northeast: 2015 AGM Update

New Board of Directors

Literacy Network Northeast held their 17th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 7th. An election was held to appoint the board of directors, as LNN had 6 vacancies and 7 applications. Therefore, the 2015-16 board of directors for LNN is:

- Teena Bates-Yarkie, Chair
- Raymonde Rivard, Treasurer
- Erin Cowan, Director
- Mélanie Laurin, Director
- Jennifer Martel, Co-Chair
- Rose Leeson, Secretary
- Sharren Reil, Director
- Chantal Groleau-Payeur, Director

Literacy Northwest 2015 – 2016 Board of Directors

Literacy Northwest held their 27th Annual General Meeting on June 11/15.

The following members were elected/appointed to the 2015/16 Board of Directors

- Becky Groulx, Chair
- Curtis Shewchuk, Treasurer
- Wendy Olson, Governance/Education Officer
- Gene Vallee, Vice-Chair
- Laura Betts, Secretary
- Danielle Cooke, Director
- Michele Robinson, Director

Mid North Network 2015 – 2016 Board of Directors

The Mid North Network for the Coordination and Development of Adult Learning held their 17th Annual Meeting on Thursday October 29, 2015. The following member were elected/appointed to the Board of Directors.

- Christine McCracken, Chair
- Claude Dubuc, Treasurer
- Ginette Comeau Roy, Director
- Paul Henry, Director
- Matthew Binks, Vice-Chair
- Josee-Anne Wafer, Secretary
- Charline Smith, Director

Other Regional Network Announcements and Information Updates

LLSC: Literacy Links to Employment Newsletter

August & October 2015 Issues Released

Literacy Link South Central is pleased to share the third and fourth issues of their “Literacy Links to Employment” newsletter. This newsletter, aimed at London’s immigrants and the organizations that serve them, was created to promote literacy and its connection to gaining employment and to share updates about the Labour Market Partnership (LMP) project which draws to a close at the end of this month. To view these newsletters please use the link below:
<http://www.llsc.on.ca/about-us/resources>

LLSC: October 2015 PMF Newsletter Available

Literacy Link South Central is pleased to share their October 2015 performance management newsletter with you. To view this newsletter please visit:
<http://www.llsc.on.ca/about-us/resources>

Other Support Organization Announcements and Information Updates

AlphaPlus

New Address – Please Update Your Records

In August, the AlphaPlus office moved to a new location. AlphaPlus is now located at: 120 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 500, Toronto ON, M4P 1E2. Please update your records, but note that phone numbers and emails remain the same.

AlphaPlus

New Executive Director – Alan Cherwinski

The AlphaPlus Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of current Manager, Alan Cherwinski, as Executive Director, effective August 13th 2015. The Board of Directors believes that Alan’s unique combination of work experience, professional accomplishments, talent and energy make him precisely the right person to help the organization grow. Alan has been working with AlphaPlus since its founding, and has shaped many innovative technology-rich initiatives to improve the quality and delivery of adult education. Alan’s focus has always been on the importance of digital literacy skills to improve all facets of a person’s life and the critical role of technology in effective educational service delivery.

Community Literacy of Ontario

June, July, August & September 2015 Members E-Communiqué Available

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

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

Topics included in the **June 2015** issue are:

- LBS 911 Marketing Clinic!
- Developing a Culture of Evaluation Project Update
- Developing a Culture of Evaluation Provincial Survey
- Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
- CLO's Old Books; Amazing You Workshop
- Essential Skills Ontario Closes Its Doors
- CLO's Understanding and Using Results-Based Data Newsletter
- CLO's "Numeracy in Action" Update
- On the Horizon
- Summer Reading and Fun
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Topics included in the **July 2015** issue are:

- CLO's Mini Survey: Engaging Ontario Works Clients in LBS Programming
- CLO Tweet Chat: "How do you Support Ontario Works clients in your LBS program?"
- Our LBS 911 Marketing Clinic and AGM
- "Smarten Up: It's Time to Build Essential Skills"
- New from our Evaluation Culture Project: Annotated Review of Evaluation Resources
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Topics included in the **August 2015** issue are:

- Why We Do What We Do
- Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
- CLO's October 2015 Workshop Day and AGM
- Invitation from Bow Valley College to Participate in Writeforward National Pilot
- A Guide to Voting: a Literacy Practitioner Workbook
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Topics included in the **September 2015** issue are:

- Our Newest Ebook: "Love Letters to Literacy"
- Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
- Celebrate Adult Literacy with the Golden Oak Reading Program!
- Cheap & Cheerful Recipes from Patsy's Kitchen
- MTCU Update on ETSI and a Client Survey
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Community Literacy of Ontario

Developing a Culture of Evaluation

For updates on the Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central's Developing A Culture of Evaluation project please visit:

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

As part of the Developing a Culture of Evaluation project, the "Evaluation Culture Club" is an online discussion board where all non-profits across Ontario can find out what's new in evaluation and share ideas, successes and challenges. The discussion board answers such questions as 'Am I doing what I'm supposed to be doing? What is everyone else doing? What successes have others had?' If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Curtin at amcurtin@bellnet.ca or 519-681-7307.

To join the online conversation please visit: <https://evaluationclub.contactnorth.ca/>

Essential Skills Ontario Announcement

Effective July 1, 2015, Essential Skills Ontario was closed. This decision follows changes in the federal government funding priorities away from work supporting adult literacy and essential skills programming across Canada. To ensure that its important work lives on, selected reports and information produced by ESO will remain accessible to the public:

- All reports, tools, and recorded webinars will continue to be hosted on the organization's website - www.essentialskillsontario.ca
- ESO is taking steps to have the Strengthening Rural Canada website maintained and kept up-to-date through ESO's partner, Decoda Literacy Solutions - www.decoda.ca
- ESO PDF documents will continue to be accessible at www.copian.ca, now administered by Le Centre de documentation sur l'éducation des adultes et la condition féminine

Laubach Literacy Ontario

August & October 2015 LLO Express Available

To see the LLO Express please visit their website:

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

Topics included in the **August 2015** issue are:

- Literacy Learners Working at Lower Levels
- Writeforward Assessment Resource
- Evernote Webinar - AlphaPlus/LLO
- A Guide to Voting

Topics included in the **October 2015** issue are:

- Expressions
- 2016 LLO Calendar
- LLO Bookstore News
- News for You
- LLO Publications

Employment Ontario Information Updates

To view all MTCU information updates please visit:

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

Employment Standards and Workplace Safety Resources Memo

MTCU would like to share with Employment Ontario service providers important and useful tools and resources available from the Ministry of Labour regarding employment standards and workplace safety. It is important that all parties involved in the job placement of clients are in full understanding of these legislations. To view the full memorandum from the Ministry and resources please use the following link:

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

EOIS-CaMS Release 5.2

The Ministry is pleased to announce that Release 5.2 of EOIS-CaMS will be available to all service providers on October 5th. To see the key enhancements introduced with this CaMS release please visit:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/2015_5_cams_bulletin.pdf

Employment Ontario 2016-2017 Business Planning

Information about the 2016-17 business planning process and timelines have been released. This year's business planning will be conducted in SP Connect. This means that organizations will complete and submit their business plans online using SP Connect. A letter including more details about the new online business planning functionality and where to find resources and tools will be emailed in October.

Business plans will start to be available in SP Connect: **Wednesday, October 28, 2015.**

Business plans must be completed and submitted in SP Connect by: **Friday, November 20, 2015.**

To view the full memo, please use the link below:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/memo_eo_2016-28_business_planning.pdf

LBS Program Evaluation

October 23, 2015:

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

Your Northern Networks

Website: www.northernliteracy.ca

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