

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.

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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>

AlphaPlus Webinar: Remind – a free communication platform

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST

Remind is a free tool that enables instructors to communicate with their students through text without exchanging phone numbers. Its ability to be immediate means that instructors and students can send each other last minute updates. Join AlphaPlus to learn how to set up Remind and to find out how instructors are using it.

To register for this webinar please use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1173799407002664708>

This webinar will also be given in French on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST. To find out more or to register please visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5397730556814252546>

Online Community of Practice Webinar: Working with e-Channel – Supporting LBS Learners

Thursday, November 10, 2016 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. EST

Do you wonder what e-Channel is all about? Join e-Channel service providers representing all cultural streams to learn more about e-Channel services for LBS learners and Employment Ontario organizations. E-Channel wants to learn from you too! Share your knowledge of ways that e-Channel can better direct learners to the full range of Employment Ontario services. This webinar is brought to you by the Learning Networks of Ontario and e-Channel at Contact North.

To register for this webinar please use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/jib633u>

CLO & CESBA Webinar: Using Canadian Language Benchmarks to Improve the LBS Intake/Referral Process

November 15th & 17th 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST

In this webinar presented by Community Literacy of Ontario and CESBA, you will improve your understanding of the Canadian Language Benchmarks and how they can be used to support effective intake and referrals for ESL learners in LBS programs. You will also gain an awareness of how the Canadian Language Benchmarks relate to workplace communication demands and of resources that support ESL learners' communication skills.

To register for this webinar on Tuesday, November 15th please visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5821259138360228609>

To register for this webinar on Thursday, November 17th please visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/975896112705999362>

Online Community of Practice Webinar: Mental Health – Having the Conversation

Thursday, December 8, 2016 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. EST

At the end of this webinar you will have learned:

- How to identify signs and symptoms of common mental health issues
- How mental health can affect your clients
- How to start the conversation about mental health
- About Mental Health Works
- Resources available to help support you and your client

This webinar is brought to you by the Learning Networks of Ontario and e-Channel at Contact North.

To register for this webinar please use the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/zverxcd>

AlphaPlus Webinar: Protopage – RSS Reader, Internet Start Page and Virtual Desktop

Thursday, December 13th, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST

If you have ever wished to be able to easily collect, store and find web pages, bookmarks and notes, Protopage is the tool for you. Learn how easy it is to stay on top of what's happening in adult education, technology, the world and how you can easily save bookmarks and notes, all in one place and for free!

To register for this webinar please visit:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9163091687357985793>

MAESD Information Updates

To view all MAESD information updates please visit:

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

New Resource Released for EO Service Providers on Apprenticeship

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) has developed this resource to help Employment Ontario service providers understand apprenticeship. This resource will help you become more familiar with the apprenticeship program and its legal requirements, so that you can feel confident serving clients who are looking for work as apprentices or looking to hire apprentices. MAESD asks that you take some time to review this resource.

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/appr-resource-eo-sp-en.pdf>

Employment Ontario Information System External Reference Group Kick-Off

On October 5th, the inaugural meeting of the Employment Ontario Information System External Reference Group was held in Toronto. At this meeting, ministry staff shared information on work underway to improve EOIS communication and support, meet commitments outlined under Ontario's Open Data Initiative, and Map the EO client journey with the goal of soliciting feedback and identifying opportunities for ongoing collaboration. Reference group members will begin to organize opportunities for improving EOIS into focus areas for future discussion and collaboration. The reference group's input will help the ministry to improve EOIS for all users.

Regional Network Information Updates

Literacy Link South Central

October 2016 PMF Newsletter Available

To view LLSC's performance management newsletter please visit:

<http://www.llsc.on.ca/about-us/resources>

Literacy Link South Central is committed to providing performance management assistance to LBS service providers. Through this newsletter, LLSC shares tools, resources and information gathered from partners around the province that can be used to impact your organization's performance management. This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to the concept of innovation.

Join the Northern Networks' Community of Practice Discussion!

Over the next few months, the Northern Networks will be hosting online Community of Practice discussion forums. The first discussion was posted in September, on the topic Tracking Your SQS. An SQS tracking tool and instruction guide in English and French is available for download. The Northern Networks would like you to participate in the discussion forum, sharing feedback, suggestions, comments, questions, and best practices about SQS. If you have any questions please contact Jolene via email literacy@literacynet.ca.

Thank you for your participation! Stay tuned for further Community of Practice discussion forums! It is hoped that with the feedback and best practices shared, the NN can release a Best Practices Guide.

NN: New Webinar Recording Uploaded to Website

On September 27th, a webinar was held and recorded on the revised Beginner's Guide for Program Coordinators of Literacy Organizations. This webinar described what changes were made to this guide. If you would like to view the webinar recording, log into the members only section of the website and you will find the recording under NN Webinar Recordings.

After you view the webinar, please take a minute to fill out the following evaluation:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q5WGJGX>

Other Support Organization Information Updates

AlphaPlus

September 2016 Newsletter Available

To view AlphaPlus' newsletter please visit:

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

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

- Technology Coaching Q&A
- Sign Up! Chromium OS Conversion Project
- Research Funding Announcement
- Free Fall Webinars

Community Literacy of Ontario

Join CLO's LBS Discussion Forum

CLO invites you to join their LBS discussion forum! This is an opportunity for LBS educators to conveniently connect and network with provincial colleagues. Share tips and resources, ask advice, and post news about what's happening in your region. Everyone who registers and posts by October 31st 2016 will be entered in a draw for a \$50 Chapters gift card! Help CLO and your fellow agencies develop a community of practice by engaging with the following topics:

- Assessment
- Fundraising
- Instructional Strategies
- Learner Recruitment
- Learner Retention
- Marketing
- Service Coordination
- Volunteers
- Open Discussion

For more information or to register please visit: <https://cloforum.contactnorth.ca/>

Community Literacy of Ontario

September & October 2016 Members E-Communiqué Available

To view CLO's e-communiqué please visit:

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

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

- CLO's Community-Based Program Survey Results
- Join our LBS Online Discussion Forum!
- Using Canadian Language Benchmarks to Improve the LBS Intake/Referral Process
- Five Good Ideas for Non-Profits
- Free Motivational Posters for Your Classroom
- Support Organization Corner
- Request for Sample Policies
- Employment Ontario News and Information

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

- Building the Workforce of Tomorrow Report
- Update on CLO's Training Day & AGM 2016
- Support Organization Corner
- Ontario Non-profit Network's Employee Benefits Program
- Employment Ontario News and Information

Community Literacy of Ontario

Introducing Two New Reports

In June 2016 CLO conducted a survey of Ontario's community-based literacy organizations. The survey results have been compiled in a report and can be downloaded by clicking on the following link:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/4f3e54d1401/05c41c3a-c52b-4138-94eb-388d669929f3.pdf>

CLO's Non-Profit Evaluation: A Summary Report of the Partnership Grant Program's Evaluation Projects report has been released. This report summarizes the goals and key evaluation resources of eight projects funded in 2015 through the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration's Partnership Grant Program. The projects aim to increase the evaluation capacity of Ontario's non-profits by providing tools and resources based on needs identified through project research.

To view this report please click the following link:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/PGP-Evaluation-Projects-Report.pdf>

Laubach Literacy Ontario

September 2016 LLO Express Available

To see the LLO Express please visit their website:

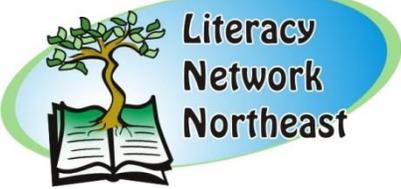
<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/LLOExpress>

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

- CLO Survey Results
- Featured Resource - Building a Strong Vocabulary
- Literacy and Basic Skills Forums
- Media Library
- Excel Easy

Your Northern Networks

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