

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 bi-weekly/monthly (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>

Employment Ontario Leadership Summit 2014

June 2-3 2014

<http://www.firstwork.org/wp/2014/03/employment-ontario-leadership-summit-2014/>

Every year, thousands of Ontarians receive employment and training-related assistance through the Employment Ontario programs you provide. Innovation is a constant necessity. As a Senior Manager/Executive Director in this field, you must be continually enhancing your services by integrating innovative ideas. The Employment Ontario Leadership Summit provides you with the opportunity to actively and vigorously explore and lead on matters pertaining to the growth and development of the network.

The 2014 Summit will be held on June 2nd & 3rd, 2014 at the Eaton Chelsea Hotel (formerly the Delta Chelsea) in Toronto. Once again, participants will have the opportunity to network and interact with colleagues, high-level professionals, and representatives from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

All Senior Management/Executive Directors providing Employment Services and Literacy & Basic Skills programming are invited to attend. Further program and

CLO: For the Love of Literacy AGM & Conference

October 21 & 22 2014

Community Literacy of Ontario is inviting you to their “For the Love of Literacy” 20th Anniversary AGM and Conference; to be held at Ryerson University’s Oakham House (located in downtown Toronto). The event will include great workshops, networking opportunities, fun activities and a celebratory dinner on October 21st.

More details will be available soon. But in the meantime, Save the Dates– October 21 & 22 2014.

LLCS: Labour Market Partnership Webinars

To view these webinars please click on the following links:

[Webinar #1, delivered by Literacy Link South Central](#): Literacy and the Young Single Male and Targeted Employment Support for Job Seekers with Low Literacy Skills

[Webinar #2, delivered by QUILL Learning Network and Tri-County Literacy Network](#): Mastering the Puzzle Pieces - Relationship Building

[Webinar #3, delivered by Peel-Halton-Dufferin Adult Learning Network](#): Clearer Sightlines to Employment in Dufferin County

[Webinar #4, delivered by Project READ Literacy Network](#): Labour Adjustment and Literacy Activities

[Webinar #5, delivered by Adult Basic Education Association and Literacy Link Niagara](#): Supporting LBS Practitioners in Linking Learners to Employment

To view the slides of each webinar or supporting documentation please click on the following link:

<http://www.llsc.on.ca/what-we-do/projects>

E-Channel Spring/Summer Course List Now Available

This resource, E-Channel Spring Summer Course List, provides information regarding the courses, registration process, and contact information for the e-channel service delivery organizations.

This document is available from the following links:

<http://www.e-channel.ca/en/practitioner/resources> or

<http://www.e-channel.ca/en/students>

Information Updates

EOPG LBS Updates

- February 21: Changes made to the 2014-2015 agreements for LBS
- February 21: MTCU: Clarification Regarding Milestones & Culminating Tasks
- April 4: Changes made to the 2014-2015 Audit and Accountability Requirements
- April 14: Memo: Enhanced Milestones for one-on-one delivery and revised user Guide
- April 30: Service Delivery Network Development Fund list of projects

EOPG EOIS/CaMS Updates

- March 21: CaMS/2014-1 Bulletin & EOIS-CaMS Upgrade Questions and Answers
- May 1: CaMS/2014-2 Bulletin

MTCU: Channel Strategy Project Update

The Channel Strategy Project aims to make sure MTCU has the right fit between their delivery channels and programs and services. The project also aims to ensure that all clients receive the same quality service regardless of how they access Employment Ontario. Focus groups were held in London, Toronto, Ottawa and Sudbury to begin work on a qualitative client profile, and to gauge the appetite for alternative service delivery mechanisms. The knowledge that was gained from these sessions will help to inform the project's activities in its future phases.

Community Literacy of Ontario resources

www.communityliteracyofontario.ca

- [Why Literacy Matters](#)
- [E-Communiqués](#)
 - January
 - April
- [Resources and Publications](#)
 - Connecting LBS Service Delivery to the OALCF: A Training Guide (NEW! March 2014)
 - Moving Forward—Curricula and Resources for Learners on the Independence Goal Path (2013)
 - OALCF and Key Service Delivery Functions Online Training Videos (revised – December 2013) NEW
 - Reducing Risk/Protecting People: An Annotated Guide to Risk Management Resources (2013) NEW

Essential Skills Ontario: Strengthening Rural Canada

Over 70% of the Canadian population live in urban areas, up from 54% in 1954. Aging populations, the migration of youth to urban areas and shifting economies are just some of the challenges facing many small communities in Canada. If we fail to identify and address these trends now, our small towns, and the resources, values and cultures they hold, will continue to shrink and potentially fade.

A newly launched Pan-Canadian initiative is hoping to find potential solutions to these challenges. Funded by Economic And Social Development Canada, Essential Skills Ontario, along with its partners Decoda Literacy Solutions in British Columbia, Literacy Newfoundland and Labrador, The Saskatchewan Literacy Network and Réseau pour le développement de l'alphabétisme et des compétences (RESDAC) is pleased to announce their collaboration on an exciting new three year initiative, Strengthening Rural Canada.

Working closely with 11 remote and rural communities in four provinces, including at least three francophone communities, the initiative aims to determine if local strategies for skills development can lead to economic growth and community resiliency by building a community's human and social capital. This initiative will provide support to communities through practical data collection methods and by facilitating innovative place-based approaches for skills development. This will provide communities a platform where local partners can come together to discuss, strategize, and develop practical action plans to achieve local economic and community development goals. The lessons learned from the development and implementation of these plans will provide insights on how to develop the local skill levels and accordingly, the economics of rural communities.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/content/new-initiative-aims-revive-rural-and-remote-communities-across-canada>

Essential Skills Ontario: Outlines Promises New Delivery Model

The past decade has brought about immense change in industry and the general nature of work. These changes have impacted all individuals, but none more so than adults with low levels of educational attainment.

To help discover how to better train low-skilled adults for various entry-level occupations that now require higher skill levels, Essential Skills Ontario, in partnership with the Food Processing Human Resource Council, is working on a new initiative: Elevate Canada: Raising the Grade for Food Processing (Elevate).

This initiative, as outlined in the new brief, Elevate: Testing New Delivery Models to Better Meet the Needs of Adults, points towards the kind of solutions that could provide a better alignment between the needs of those sectors who have work to offer, so that Canadian industry can grow while providing vulnerable individuals with the opportunity to increase their labour force attachment. Pilot testing will occur at 10 food processing sites across Ontario with the hope that this type of approach can be replicated and adapted to other industries as well.

To read Elevate: Testing New Delivery Models to Better Meet the Needs of Adults, please visit the Essential Skills Ontario website:

<http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/research/elevating-ontario>

Literacy Link South Central: Job Creation Partnership Project

Literacy Link South Central is pleased to announce the launch of a Job Creation Partnership Project, beginning January 20th 2014. This project has three distinct objectives, as follows:

- To increase the adult literacy community's awareness and comfort level with digital technology.
- To promote adult literacy organizations to employment services and other organizations using videos and digital storytelling. We will also develop a video storytelling campaign showing potential learners from various cultural backgrounds that literacy organizations welcome them and others from their cultural background.
- Focusing on tasks that would be most valuable to each literacy agency, we will interpret tasks to align with the OALCF. Tasks will be translated into French where applicable to support French first-language learners, and Milestones will be edited to plain language for easier translation to ASL.

For more information about this project please visit the following link:

<http://www.llsc.on.ca/what-we-do/projects>

Essential Skills Ontario: Literacy and Essential Skills in Ontario 2013-2014

Essential Skills Ontario has just released the 2013 edition of ***Literacy and Essential Skills in Ontario***. This document incorporates the most recent data available on literacy and essential skills programming in Ontario. To view the document please visit their [website](#).

Laubach Literacy Ontario: New Monthly Newsletters

Laubach Literacy of Ontario has released the following LLO Express monthly newsletters

- May 2014
- March 2014
- January 2014

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

CESBA Membership Changes

Due to changes related to the Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act, CESBA is moving to 2 membership categories. One is Boards that deliver adult and continuing education programs (full voting members) and the other is an individual membership (associate membership). The changes took place March 31, 2014. Due to the pending changes in membership categories, CESBA is not able to accept new members at this time. For more information please visit CESBA's website at:

<http://www.cesba.com/members/cesba-membership-changes.html>

Canadian Council of Chief Executives Survey Results

A new survey by the Canadian Council of Chief Executives reveals that Canadian employers plan to fill between 700,000 and 800,000 positions in this country over the next five years. This survey highlights ten attributes that Canadian CEO's are most looking for in new hires.

For the full survey results please visit:

<http://www.workopolis.com/content/advice/article/canadian-employers-reveal-their-intentions-to-hire-and-the-skills-theyre-looking-for-in-new-hires/>

Java Version 7 Update 51 Issues with Saba Meeting

If when trying to attend a Saba Meeting with the desktop client and you see an error box that says Error: Click for Details and when you click it a message shows a box which says Application Error Security Exception missing required permissions manifest attribute in main jar or if you are trying to launch Saba Meeting in your browser and it gets stuck at a page that looks blank except for a tiny white square with a grey border and when you click it the same Application Error shows, following these instructions:

1. Open the control panel and make sure the control panel is in classic/icon view.
2. Click on the “Add or Remove Programs” icon or the “Programs and Features” icon (depending on which version of Windows you have).
3. In the list of programs, see if you have more than one version of Java.
4. Select the old version (which is any version that is not Java & Update 51) and then click the Uninstall button.
5. If prompted to confirm you want to uninstall click the Yes button.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for any other old versions of Java you have installed. It is okay to have two versions if they are a regular version and the 64-bit copy of the exact same version.
7. Go back to the control panel.
8. Click on the Java or Java (32-bit) icon, which will bring you to the Java Control Panel.
9. Click on the Security tab at the top of the Java Control Panel.
10. Change the Security Level to Medium.
11. Click the Edit Site List Button.
12. Click the Add button.
13. Enter “http://e-channel-login.ca” into the box.
14. Click the Add Button.
15. When the security warning http location box pops up click continue.
16. Click the OK button on the Exception Site List box.
17. Click the OK button.
18. Close the control panel and you should be able to go back to your schedule and go into your class again.

If you would like a step by step instruction guide with screen shots of each step, contact your regional network and they will provide it to you.

New Resources and Links



LNW—Developing Best Practices for Increasing, Supporting and Retaining Apprentices in Northern Ontario

<http://northernliteracy.ca/index.php/en/resource-library/category/75-supporting-apprenticeship-completions>

LNW—Common Assessment for the OALCF Goal Paths Resource Package and documents

<http://northernliteracy.ca/index.php/en/resource-library/category/92-common-assessment-for-the-oalcf-goal-paths>

Literacy Link South Central Performance Management Newsletters

Throughout the year Literacy Link South Central has been creating Performance Management Framework newsletters on many topics such as: performance measures for 2014, analysing EOIS/CaMS data etc.

To view these newsletters please click on the link below.

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

Essential Skills Ontario: PIAAC Bulletins

Essential Skills Ontario has released three of its 2014 Essential Skills Bulletins on PIAAC.

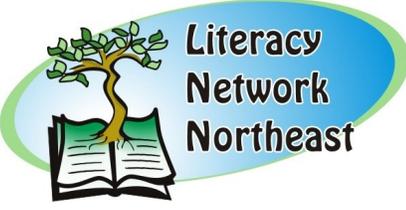
- The first bulletin, An Overview of PIAAC, gives an overview of the PIAAC results, some of the key findings, as well as how Canada and Ontario has fared in comparison to the OECD countries.
- The second bulletin, Do Education and Training Amount to Skill Gains, examines the relationship between education and training on skills levels, as well as the findings in Ontario and Canada.
- The third bulletin, Do Skills Actually Matter When it Comes to Employment and Earnings, examines the relationship between education and training on skill levels.

To read the 2014 Essential Skills Bulletins please visit:

<http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/resources/bulletins>

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