The Work and Learning Network
Monthy Broadcast – November 2010

The Work and Learning Network (WLN) is a community of individuals and organizations that has come together to engage in research related to work and learning policy and practice. The Network has a Western Canadian focus and the members of the Network are interested in issues relating to diversity, equity and workplace reform. Website at: http://www.wln.ualberta.ca.

In the November 2010 Broadcast: Events, Online Publications, Temporary Foreign Workers/Immigration information (Please excuse any cross-postings.)

1. WLN Events

Seminar Series

Title: Student to employee: Using practica, co-op placements and community service-learning to smooth the transition
Date: Thursday, November 25, 2010
Time: 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Location: Education NORTH 7-152 • University of Alberta – Campus Map Education Centre

Presenters from the University of Alberta:
• Walter Archer, Academic Advisor, Adult Learning, Faculty of Extension, & Editor-in-chief for Canadian Journal of University Continuing Education
• Susan Burwash, Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine
• Heather Kennedy-Plant, Coordinator, Business Cooperative Education Program, Alberta School of Business

...more information, and bios. Session will be available on Elluminate Live at your computer.

2. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

Seminar: Learn about the Basics of Social Enterprise Social Enterprise Fund – Edmonton November 18, 2010. 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Registration
The cost is $150 per participant.
Contact Bob at: bob@socialenterprisefund.ca or call 780-293-5080.

Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort
Edmonton, Alberta

Learn the basics of developing and launching a social enterprise (SE). This is a seminar on the basics of social enterprise. It has been designed as a practical “how to” guide to move your idea to launch. It is a fast, engaging way to see if SE is right for you. Registration is limited to seven people per seminar.

The HR Forum is an event for anyone involved in managing and developing people for the tourism sector - executives, managers, corporate trainers, educators and association representatives. The focus is on critical issues related to recruitment, retention, and staff development in these challenging times.

Rewriting a Country: Toward a Just and Peaceful Canada
Parkland Fall Conference 2010 November 19-21, 2010
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

The conference looks at the hopeful politics of retrieving Canadians’ popular view of a country where social and environmental justice prevail.
Speakers: Margaret Atwood, Canada’s most famous author; Marci McDonald - award-winning journalist and author of The Armeggedon Factor; Linda McQuaig journalist and best selling author; Amir Khadir, co-leader of Quebec solidaire; Murray Dobbin - activist, journalist, broadcaster, and author; Joyce Green - professor of political science at the University of Regina; George Elliot Clarke, playwright, poet and chronicler of ‘Africadia’ and many others.

4th International INAP Conference
May 26th and 27th, 2011 - Beijing, China.
In cooperation with Beijing Normal University,

The International Network on Innovative Apprenticeship (INAP) is an association of researchers and research institutions in vocational education and training. The conference will address the following topics

Call for Papers

Literacy in a Resource Economy.
Sponsor: Learning Centre Literacy Association
November 13, 2010, Edmonton, AB
Myer Horowitz Theatre, University of Alberta
Tickets available at: 780.429.0675, 780.471.2598 or at Audreys and Greenwoods
Time: 7:00 p.m. Cost: $25.00/person Featured
Speaker: Andrew Nikiforuk Respondent: Imre Szeman - Moderator: Paula Simons

Does the Internet Lie?
Tuesday, November 23, 2010, 3-4:30 pm
Location: Maple Leaf Room, Lister Centre, University of Alberta, 87 Ave and 117 St
Edmonton, Alberta

2. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

Learning Needs Assessment for Low-Income Adult Populations in the City of Edmonton 2009.
By Dr. Donna Chovanec and Dr. Elizabeth Lange, Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta. January 15, 2010. Submitted to Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association (ECALA) & NorQuest College

Courses to Employment: Sectoral Approaches to Community College-Nonprofit Partnerships by Matt Helmer and Amy Blair. October 2010.


The purpose of this project was to conduct an assessment of the educational programming needs of low-income adult populations, looking particularly at the educational gaps, trends and barriers for accessing learning within the City of Edmonton. Findings will be used to inform the project partners’ educational planning. General recommendations and detailed recommendations for specific educational sectors are provided.

The broad finding of this international research is that there is no predictable relationship either way between trade unionization, unemployment rates, and employment levels. Countries with stronger or weaker unions and collective bargaining regimes may experience stronger or weaker labour market outcomes, depending on the other, more important economic and structural factors that affect labour markets (such as macroeconomic conditions and demographics).

A slide show of the changing demographics, trends and needs of OLDER adults, community supports and services in Alberta.

Although some nursing bodies have recognized nursing telepractice as a specialty, with its own knowledge, skills, and attitudes, there is little documented evidence of the educational needs of Canadian nurses working in telehealth. This article is based on a study that explored the educational needs of telehealth nurses practicing across Canada. The nurses were asked to complete a series of open-ended questions related...
In July 2008, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), the Squamish Nation and VanAsep Training Society entered into a two year agreement to provide ongoing apprenticeship education delivery for Aboriginal students and the development of further program opportunities for Aboriginal students including completion of apprenticeship and further bridging and laddering into other academic programs offered by Kwantlen. Each of the partners committed to a number of outcomes to ensure that we address the ongoing need for skilled workers by increasing Aboriginal participation in apprenticeship.

**TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION**

**TFW in Nursing Symposium - Oct 19, 2010 ~~~ Speakers’ PowerPoint Presentations**
Proceedings of the symposium will be available in the near future.

**OUTSIDE EVENTS /RESOURCES**

**Inclusive Workplaces: Is Yours One?** Attributes of a Welcoming and Inclusive Organization  
*November 17, 2010* - 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm  
Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre, 11050 – 90th St, Edmonton  
$35 ECVO Members / $45 Non-members  
Register at...

**Cultural Crossroads: Diversity Workshops for individuals**  
*November 16 & December 7, 2010*  
**Cost:** $30 + GST  
Workshops take place from 9 AM - 4 PM on the date and lunch is included.

**Wasted Potential: Students and New Canadians Talk Frankly About the Impact of the Economic Downturn**  
*November 23, 2010, 1:00-2:00pm*  
MacEwan Conference and Event Centre  
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta.  
RSVP Required: registration@chumir.ca  
403-244-6666

**WORKSHOP - Anti-Racism Workshop Series**  
At the Centre for Race and Culture, Training Room, Edmonton,  
Registration contact: Ricardo Carlos, Cultural Crossroads. 780-425-4644 ext. 5  
rcarlos@cfrac.com  
Nov 24/10: Breaking down racism at the systemic level  
Dec 8/10: Moving towards an inclusive society free of racism

**ONLINE TFW/IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES**

**Canada’s temporary immigration system**  
Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program was established to meet short-term labour shortages in the Canadian economy. Despite this initial goal, it has actually become more of a long-term solution to labour...
shortages and for immigrants wishing to make Canada their home. Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) remain in Canada for longer than the intended period, but maintain their "temporary status" and the limited rights that go along with that.

**RESOURCE** - *Language for Work: CLB and Essential Skills for Trainers*. From NALD.

The Language Benchmarks were designed to help immigrants be better prepared for the workplace. This training manual establishes a guide for practitioners on teaching important language and literacy skills for work. This manual explains the skills, offers learner profiles and interventions for common language learning problems, best practices, diagnostic checklists, and a section on working with new ESL teachers.


Canada's temporary foreign worker program is no longer working for Alberta, the province's employment and immigration minister said.

**Janitors allege deportation threats, withheld cash.** CBC. October 2010.

A group of Edmonton janitors is suing a cleaning company for $42,435 over allegations that overtime money is being held back and that they have been threatened with deportation.


*Building Futures in Canada* is a series of short videos profiling the stories of 20 newcomers and immigrants to Canada who talk about why they chose Canada, where they decided to settle, the challenges they faced, the sources of help they received. Vignettes will enable you to hear the experiences of these individuals and to learn what life is like in various communities across Canada. For more information, consult [http://CFEE.org](http://CFEE.org) and [http://WorkingInCanada.gc.ca](http://WorkingInCanada.gc.ca).

**RBC flexes its diversity muscles**

By Virginia Galt. September 23, 2010 6:25PM Globe and Mail

The bank has long promoted diversity within its own ranks, aiming to increase the representation and advancement opportunities for women, visible minorities, aboriginals and people with disabilities. It would seek to increase “supplier diversity” as well, picking up on a trend that is well established in the United States.

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- [Centre for the Study of Education and Work (CSEW)](http://www.csew.ca)
- [Work and Lifelong Learning Research Project (WALL)](http://www.wall.net)
- [The Labour Education and Training Research Network, York University](http://www.leet.org)

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