The Work and Learning Network Monthly BROADCAST MARCH 2013

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 MARCH 2013 Broadcast: Events, Calls for presentations and Research, Resources and Online Publications. (Apologies for any cross-postings.)

1. WLN EVENTS

SEMINARS:

POSTER PRESENTATION - GRADUATE STUDENT Poster Presentations on Research in Work and Learning - (Dr. Alison Taylor’s EDPS 545 class)
DATE: March 13, 2013. 4:30 to 5:30 PM

PRESENTATION ~ The Career-Related and Vocational Education in Japanese High Schools
Presenter: Dr. Atsushi Okabe from the Faculty of Sociology, Sapporo Otani University, Japan.
DATE: March 14, 2013. 3:30 to 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Education Building North Room 7-152 More information


SPRING COURSE - Spring 2013 Immersion Course on Oil and Community
Topic is “Oil and the Social Economy”. May 6 to June 14, 2013. Six weeks, 6 credits. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Sponsored by Community Service Learning.
~ In this course you will explore how businesses are embedded in a society, with complex relationships between the corporate and not-for-profit sectors, and examine how the reliance on oil development impacts social and economic participation in Alberta. Combines coursework, community-based projects and public lecture series.
Instructors: Dr. Zane Hamm and Mary Richards
Application deadline is March 15th. Contact Auralia@ualberta.ca
More information and registration @ http://www.csl.ualberta.ca/Students/Spring%20Immersion%20Course.aspx

2. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS related to work and learning for all audiences

CONFERENCE - Workplace Inclusion Conference
21-22 March 2013. Markham, Ontario.
~ This conference will help further equity and inclusion practice for non-profit and public sector organizations. Participants are able to select from 14 workshops over the two days to meet their needs and interests.

CONFERENCE - Inclusion Works ‘13 -- Formula for Success: Bridging Networks - Canada’s Largest Aboriginal Inclusion Event and Recruitment Fair.
29 April - 1, May 2013. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan at TCU Place.
~ This year CBC host, Peter Mansbridge, will be a thought leader on the Inclusion Podium to speak about Canada and Canadians in a Changing World. Includes recruitment fair and trade show.

SYMPOSIUM - Canadian Society for Training and Development
Keynote speaker Michael Wesch discusses The End of Wonder in the Age of Whatever. You’ll also explore various case studies on collaborative learning, elearning, instructional design, mobile learning and much more.
CONFERENCE – The sixth annual International Conference on E-Learning in the Workplace (ICELW) 12-14, June 2013 at Columbia University in New York.
~ With researchers and practitioners coming from around the globe--and from university and business settings--ICELW works to improve online learning so that it makes a measurable difference in workplace performance and morale. Opening keynote speaker - social learning expert Jane Hart confirmed.

CONFERENCE - Global Innovators 2013: Leading and Learning in Technical and Vocational Education and Training 4 - 7th April 2013. Doha, Qatar
~ The goal of our conference is to bring together delegates from around the world who are renowned for excellence in TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) practice and innovation. The conference will focus around 5 central themes: Leadership and Innovation in TVET; Applied Research and TVET; Teaching and Learning in TVET; Student Counseling; Supporting Learners in TVET.

3. CALLS

RESEARCH CALL- “The Costs and Benefits of Literacy and Essential Skills: Is there a Business Case for Employers in the Skilled Trades?”
CAF-FCA is seeking Working Group members for this project.
The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum - Forum canadien sur l'apprentissage (CAF-FCA) will investigate the participation rates and the return on training investment for employers who invest in Essential Skills training.
**Objectives:** To explore, in various trades, employer participation in Essential Skills training and whether there is a return on training investment for employers who invest in this type of training. This project will assess actual costs and quantify the associated benefits and impacts from an employer perspective.
If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact the Project Manager: Emily Arrowsmith Project Manager (t) 613-235-4004 ext. 201

CALLS for ABSTRACTS - EDULEARN13
This conference is an International Forum for those who wish to present their projects and discuss the latest innovations and results in the field of New Technologies in Education, E-learning and methodologies applied to Education and Research. 1-3 July 2013.
Submit your abstracts and to contribute to share your results and experiences in Education, Research and learning/teaching technology. The deadline for abstracts submission is 27th of March 2013.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS. The 2013 Alan Thomas Fellowship to Promote Civil Society and Voluntary Action.
~The fellowship is intended to provide a sabbatical to a leader in the NGO/non-profit sector, who would not normally have access to a sabbatical leave.
Application deadline - 4:30 PM Friday, March 29, 2013.

CALL FOR PAPERS - International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences – Venice Conference
~ International Interdisciplinary Conference. You are invited to present your research work under one of the following conference tracks: Business and Economics; Social Sciences and Humanities; Teaching and Education; Health; Environment and Welfare; IT for Business; Law in Society.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS - 7th Global Conference: Multiculturalism, Conflict and Belonging
1 - 3 September 2013. Oxford, United Kingdom.
~ This multi-disciplinary project seeks to explore the new and prominent place that the idea of culture has for the construction of identity and the implications of this for social membership in contemporary societies.
Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 22nd March 2013.

4. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Tackling Canada’s skills shortages critical for future economic growth and competitiveness
~ The Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, spoke at the Canada 2020 Conference on Skilled Trades in the Energy Sector, stressing the country’s skills and labour shortages and the need for increased partnership to tackle this joint challenge.
Promoting active ageing in the workplace
~ Safety and health at work is everyone's concern. It's good for you and it's good for business. Occupational health and safety plays a crucial role in securing active ageing through a better and longer work life.

The New Ontario Government Will Work With Business To Help Young People Succeed
~ The new Ontario government is getting to work to secure a better future for young people in the province. Providing the right climate to attract investment, create jobs and grow the economy is part of the new Ontario government's plan to build a fair society and a strong economy.

Trades Alberta: Overseas search for skilled tradespeople both rewarding and challenging for Alberta companies
By Cailynn Klingbeil, Edmonton Journal February 28, 2013
~ Temporary foreign workers have been described as a Band-Aid solution to Alberta’s ongoing labour challenge.

New points system for immigrants coming in 2013
~ 2013 will usher in some major changes to Canada's immigration system. A “points system” to assess people applying to set up a new life in this country will be revamped.

Labour Market Opinions Explained
Canada Immigration (CIC) Newsletter 2013.
~ In this article, CIC News provides its readership – both Canadian employers and foreign workers alike – with a brief primer on LMOs, their importance in the employment process, and what must be done to secure one.

SURVEY - Unions Need to Campaign And Communicate Better – And You Can Help
2013 Annual Survey of Trade Union Use of the Net
The survey is here -- please participate.

4. RESOURCES

Ontario employers have a new tool to improve accessibility for people with disabilities
OTTAWA, Jan. 23, 2013
~ The Conference Board of Canada in partnership with the Government of Ontario's EnAbling Change program have released a new free resource to help employers make their workplaces more inclusive.

~ Ideas for English Language Learners | Labeling Photos, Sequencing Passages and More
By Larry Ferlazzo. January 3, 2013

~ New projects will focus on providing social, community and economic development supports to First Nations to help them participate in potential Ring of Fire developments. Training and development areas include: Heavy equipment operation; Pre-employment trades training; General Educational Development preparation

New Federal Skilled Trades Program Accepts Applications Starting Today
~ In the program’s first year, CIC will accept applications from up to 3,000 people in specific trades. The occupation list was designed to reflect current labour market needs and ensure the program delivers a diverse range of skilled tradespeople to fuel Canada’s economy. “This new program, along with all other changes we are introducing, will help move towards an immigration system that better supports Canada’s economic growth and long-term prosperity.”
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If you wish to submit a notification of an event (a conference, a symposium, a seminar etc.), any publications, or other announcements relevant to work and learning issues, practice and policy, please email the information to wln@ualberta.ca.
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Visit other work and learning networks of interest:
• Centre for the Study of Education and Work (CSEW)
• Work and Lifelong Learning Research Project (WALL)
• The Labour Education and Training Research Network, York University

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