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

1. Events

WLN EVENTS - save the date

Symposium - Temporary Foreign Workers in Alberta and Manitoba

Date: October 19, 2010

Time: 10-4pm

Presenters:

- Fanny Levy, government of Manitoba (Immigration Division)
- Theresa Woo-Paw, government of Alberta (Employment and Immigration)
- Ms Larissa Kominko, Manitoba health authority
- Ms Karen Boros, Alberta health authority

Topics will include a report on the WLN sponsored research project on Temporary Foreign Workers.

1. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

<p>CONFERENCE - ICERI2010 (International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation) 15th, 16th and 17th of November, 2010. Madrid, Spain Website: www.iceri2010.org</p>	<p>ICERI2010 is addressed to academics, researchers, technologists, Scientifics, education advisers, education policy development representatives, student counselors, lifelong learning specialists and all those who are interested in education, research and innovation. This is an International Forum to present your projects and innovations, with the opportunity to discuss the main aspects and the latest results in the field of Education and Research in all educational fields and disciplines. Topics</p>
<p>WORKSHOPS - L@WW Teamwork By Design: Building a Learning Culture (Learn at Work Week) Tuesday, September 21, 2010 6:00 PM -8:30 PM NorQuest College's CEIC 10230-108 St., Room 102, Edmonton, AB Register</p>	<p>Building healthy and effective teams in workplaces is essential to surviving the changes. Healthy and resilient teams will be most prepared for an economic upturn and ongoing organizational dynamics. This session will provide an overview of Charmaine's insights on the eight team challenges, practical strategies to build a learning culture, and the essentials for moving through the various challenges by design, instead of by default.</p>
<p>CONFERENCE - e-Learning: the horizon and beyond - An International Conference on the Use of Technologies in K-12 and Post-Secondary Education. October 12-15, 2010 St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, CANADA</p>	<p>Sessions will focus on the application of technologies in teaching, learning, research, and educational leadership. Themes will include such topics as Web 2.0 and 3.0, assistive technologies, fine arts and culture, skills training and trades education, second language, professional development, leadership, and aboriginal education.</p>
<p>CONFERENCE QUEST 2010- The Quest for Increased Student Achievement: 17 to 19 November 2010 at Richmond Hill, Canada Enquiries: harald.grammenos@yrdsb.edu.on.ca</p>	<p>Join world renowned educators to explore how global colleagues are forging new engagement strategies, stimulating curiosity, and igniting passion with techniques and technologies that promise to reshape the meaning of learners for life. You can expect to learn more about the development of 21st century skills and habits of mind necessary for our students to be independent, productive, responsible, action-oriented, caring and happy/successful citizens of their world. Registration</p>

2. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

<p>Exploring the Impact of an Ageing Workforce on the South Australian Workers' Compensation Scheme - by Dr Kate Barnett, Assoc Prof John Spoehr & Mr Eric Parnis. July 2008.</p>	<p>This report prepared by the Australian Institute for Social Research (AISR) is designed to assist <i>WorkCover SA</i> to better understand and respond to the benefits and challenges associated with an ageing workforce in South Australia. It discusses questions: What is known about older workers in terms of capacity for ongoing learning, re-training and contribution to the workplace? What is the profile of the current South Australian workforce in terms of age, gender, cultural background, disability, occupation, and industry? What are the current rates of injury, illness and recovery of older workers in South Australia?</p>
<p>Filling The Gap: Building communities to support the aspiring apprentice – Research Report. 2008. By Project Researchers/Writers: Matt Foran, and Olga Boutsis Herrmann Project Manager: Aleksandra Popovic</p>	<p>Find out about the innovative work being done in programs that are already successfully linking learners to apprenticeship opportunities, gain insight into the apprenticeship system in Ontario, and learn about how any community-based literacy agency can implement programming and build partnerships to make apprenticeship accessible to their literacy learners.</p>
<p>WEBINAR Recording- Job Training that Works: Findings from the Sectoral Employment Impact Study Webinar on Youtube. Begin recording at 14 min.</p>	<p>A recording of a webinar that shows that well-implemented sector-focused training programs significantly improve the earnings of low-income, disadvantaged workers and job seekers. The July 14, 2009 online meeting of members of Insight's National Network of Sector Partners (NNSP) addressed the first-ever random-assignment study of the effectiveness of sector initiatives and how it can be used to promote and build support for them. How organizations are already using the study to promote their sector initiatives was discussed.</p>
<p>An annotated bibliography of recent research on labour relations policy, unionization, and Canada-U.S. Labour market performance by Garry Sran Ph.D. Student, Department of Economics, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Nov 2009.</p>	<p>An annotated list of selected recent publications on unionization and labour market performance, with relevance to Canada-U.S. labour market comparisons and the effect of collective bargaining structures on economic and social outcomes. While the broad literature on this topic is vast, the publications summarized below seem to be germane to Canadian aspects of the U.S. Employee Free Choice Act debate that are considered in this special issue of <i>Just Labour</i>.</p>
<p>A Recovery-Free Zone: The Unyielding Impact of the Economic Downturn on Nonprofit Community Social Services in Ontario. July 2010. By Ted Hildebrandt Director & Beth Wilson</p>	<p>Community service organizations across Ontario report an unyielding dilemma, driven by the economic recession: how to meet increasing demand for services with falling revenues from funding sources.</p>
<p>Workforce Literacy and Essential Skills: Increasing student success through contextualized learning by Karin Meinzer. 2007</p>	<p>The report provides an overview of the workforce literacy programming practices, from the perspective of instructors and students at PTP and several other programs in Ontario, and an exploration of effective and best practices in workforce literacy, based on the experiences of these programs.</p>

TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION Work and Learning Network Sponsored

<p>WLN SYMPOSIUM - October 19, 2010 Temporary Foreign Workers symposium with presenters from Alberta and Manitoba. Date: October 19, 2010 Time: 10-4pm Location: Stanley A. Milner Public Library, Edmonton Room</p>	<p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fanny Levy, government of Manitoba (Immigration Division) • Theresa Woo-Paw, government of Alberta (Employment and Immigration) • Ms Larissa Kominko, Manitoba health authority • Ms Karen Boros, Alberta health authority <p>Topics will include a report on the WLN sponsored research project on Temporary Foreign Workers.</p>
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OUTSIDE EVENTS /RESOURCES

<p>CALL FOR PAPERS- Strangers in New Homelands 12 to 13 November 2010 Winnipeg, Canada Enquiries: baffoe@cc.umanitoba.ca Sponsored by: University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work</p>	<p>The Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba presents this 3rd annual conference designed to promote exchange and discussion on aspects of integration and settlement of new immigrants in the diaspora.</p> <p>The deadline for abstracts/proposals is 31 August 2010.</p>
<p>SYMPOSIUM - Gender, Culture and Religion: Tackling some difficult questions Hosted by the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership WHEN: October 1 - October 2, 2010 WHERE: Metropolitan Conference Centre, 333 4th Ave SW, Calgary, AB</p>	<p>The symposium will explore gender equality issues presented by Canada's cultural and religious diversity.</p> <p>REGISTRATION: \$90 or \$45 for Students/Low-income. Includes: Friday dinner and dessert reception; Saturday lunch and wine and cheese reception.</p> <p>For more info: Elaine Wojtkiw - 403-244-6666 - info@chumir.ca Speakers: Tarek Fatah, author of <i>Chasing a Mirage: The Tragic Illusion of an Islamic State</i>; Lauryn Oates, Projects Director for Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan; Marilou McPhedran, President, Global College, University of Winnipeg</p>
<p>CONFERENCE: Creating Bridges: Multiculturalism and Diversity in the 21st Century October 13 - 15, 2010 Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.</p>	<p>The conference will address multicultural and diversity research, initiatives or projects within various Canadian settings with the following streams: Youth & Teens; Immigration & Refugees; Arts & Culture; Education & Learning; Multi-Faiths & Spirituality; Employment & Careers; Women, LGBTQ, & Differently Abled Communities; Business & Enterprise</p>

ONLINE TFW/IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

<p>Jason Kenney's disposable workforce of temporary foreign labour By Usman Mushtaq. July 8, 2010</p>	<p>Under the new policy changes, temporary foreign workers and students are no longer eligible to apply for residency even if they have the necessary points for immigration. This is not a new development in immigration policy. What can we do (collectively and politically) about the rise of classist and racist immigration policy that values temporary labour over permanent settlement?</p>
<p>Research Project - Comparative Study of Temporary Foreign Worker Programs in Selected Communities in the Westman Region. Brandon University - Rural Development Institute. 2010. Funded through the Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL).</p>	<p>FOCAL seeks to identify the training and information needs of temporary foreign workers coming to Canada and their family members at all stages of the migration process – pre-departure, during work contracts in Canada and upon return or integration to their country of origin. For more information, Contact: Gary McNeely Rural Development Institute Ph: 204-571-8515 or mcneelyg@brandonu.ca.</p>
<p>Recommendations for the Temporary Foreign Worker Program November 2009</p>	<p>In July 2009, Maytree released Naomi Alboim's report <i>Adjusting the Balance: Fixing Canada's Economic Immigration Policies</i>, proposing a new national vision for economic immigration. Among the 15 recommendations, Ms Alboim also listed three that dealt with the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.</p>
<p>Adjusting the Balance: Fixing Canada's Economic Immigration Policies by Naomi Alboim and Maytree. July 2009</p>	<p>Recent federal policy shifts have altered the landscape for economic immigration to Canada without public debate. Looked at individually, these shifts have both positive and negative aspects. Looked at as a whole, they represent troubling trends that are unlikely to serve Canada well in the long term. Essentially too much emphasis has been put on short-term fixes, temporary workers and devolved decision-making. Immigration policy makers need to refocus their energies toward long-term solutions, permanent residents and a national framework for immigration policy decisions.</p>

Title: [Multiple Citizenship, Identity and Entitlement in Canada](#) by Audrey Macklin and François Crépeau
June 22, 2010

Canadian law should continue to allow multiple citizenship, which reflects the country's growing diversity and the changing nature of identity. Citizenship law amendments in 2009 restrict the future acquisition of Canadian citizenship by descent, and thereby indirectly circumscribe the pool of future dual citizens.

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