



The Work and Learning Network Monthly BROADCAST August 2011



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.

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In the August 2011 Broadcast: Events, Online Publications, Temporary Foreign Workers/Immigration information (Apologies for any cross-postings.)

1. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

CONFERENCE - [2011 National Rehabilitation Nursing Conference](#): “Chronicity and Complexity: Best Practices to Meet the Challenges in Rehab Nursing” and the inter-professional pre-conference: “Chronic Pain Management in Rehab”.

September 14-16, 2011. Laval, Quebec.

Rehab nurses and professionals, managers, educators, policy makers, researchers, students, representatives from national and provincial nursing and rehab professional groups, and allied health professionals should attend this event.

CONFERENCE - [Global Challenges for Education](#): Economics, Environment and Emergency

September 13 - 15 2011

New College, Oxford

Education risks being a casualty of these contemporary uncertainties. The conference invites delegates to examine challenges from educational perspectives, as we seek to resolve the crises and move towards a more harmonious and constructive future.

CONFERENCE - [Second Research Conference on Employer Engagement in Education](#)

October 12, 2011 - University of Warwick, Warwickshire, UK

The conference focus is on primary, secondary and tertiary based educational approaches, which engage employers to support student learning, progression and institutional performance, including impacts on employers and employee volunteers.

FALL INSTITUTE - [International Adult Literacy Survey \(IALS\): It's Meaning and Impact on Policy and Practice](#)

October 23 – 25, 2011. Banff, Alberta. Canada

Be part of an international gathering that examines the evolution and impact of the International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS), the most comprehensive and innovative assessment of adult literacy ever undertaken.

CONFERENCE – [LEARNING 2011](#)

November 6-9, 2011. Orlando, Florida

The conference is focused on learning innovations, technologies and new models of teaching for **workplace** and organizational learning.

2. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

[APPRENTICESHIP AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR – Enhancing Engagement and Participation](#)

The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum. May 2011

There is a continued need to be proactive in promoting the multiple benefits of participation in **apprenticeship** and further engaging, both public sector and private sector, employers through communications, promotional activities and the sharing of best practices on apprenticeship and apprenticeship training.

[VIDEO LIBRARY](#) - Workforce Connex - December 2010.

This forum series helped develop new and successful business strategies that served the bottom line of organizations and helped **Aboriginal** people in Canada acquire the right skills and opportunities to enter new labour market sectors.

[RESOURCE VIDEOS - SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FUND](#)

Social enterprise is described and examples are highlighted.

[Edmonton's Social Enterprise Fund \(SEF\)](#)

A NEW TAKE ON LEARNING – ABORIGINAL STYLE

Edna Mattson. Sept 2007

Edna Mattson as president of Canadian Nursing Tutorial Services, has helped more than 3,000 students by offering a unique approach that appeals to the **Aboriginal** learner.

UNIVERSITY/SECTOR COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP - BUILDING THE SKILLED WORKFORCE THAT CANADA NEEDS

The Alliance of Sector Councils. 2008

The document reports research related to describing the current relationships between **Canadian sector councils and universities** in Canada as well as research/strategies designed to enhance such relationships.

GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND NOVA SCOTIA TEAM UP TO HELP UNEMPLOYED OLDER WORKERS

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, August 7, 2011

Unemployed **older workers** in small communities in Nova Scotia will benefit from two projects jointly funded by the governments of Canada and Nova Scotia.

3. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION

OUTSIDE EVENTS

CONFERENCE - [The Importance of Learning Professional Foreign Languages for Communication between Cultures](#)
September 22 to 23, 2011 - CELJE, Slovenia

The aim is to examine the shape of teaching and learning professional foreign languages and identify potential changes and processes taking place within all fields and areas related to professional foreign language teaching.

CONFERENCE - [The Canadian Insitute's 4th Annual Legal & Human Resource Guide to Employing Foreign Workers](#)
October 18 - October 19, 2011 - Calgary Telus Convention Centre, Calgary, AB

Practical Tools for Successfully Hiring & Retaining **Foreign Workers** in Western Canada's Growing Economy

CONFERENCE - [Strangers in New Homelands 2011](#)

November 3 to 4, 2011 - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

The main theme for the 2011 Conference is: Positioning the Rights of Immigrants and Refugees into the Human Rights Agenda around the World.

SCHOLARSHIPS - [2011 UFCW CANADA migrant workers scholarships](#).

20 scholarships for the children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews of migrant workers. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$500 CDN. Only those who entered Canada to work under the **Temporary Foreign Workers Program** such as a live-in caregiver, a seasonal agriculture worker, or a temporary foreign worker in any industry are eligible to apply.

Apply online at: available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Thai, Pilipino)

http://ufcw.ca/index.php?option=com_chronocontact&Itemid=277&lang=en

CONFERENCE- [Multiculturalism Turns 40: Reflections on the Canadian Policy](#)

The Association for Canadian Studies and the Canadian & Ethnic Studies Association 2nd Annual Conference

September 30 to October 1, 2011.

Marriott Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

The conference will be relevant to a wide range of people interested in ethnicity, race, immigration, multiculturalism, and related diversity issues in Canada, particularly as they intersect with issues of multiculturalism.

3. ONLINE TFW/IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

Publications/Resources

ALBERTA'S USE OF TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS

Aug 2, 2011. Canadian HR Report

Alberta's use of temporary foreign workers 'shameful,' says labour group: Many employers said to use guest-worker program as first choice, not last resort.

RESOURCES – [SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED WORKER](#)

The Alliance of Sector Councils in Canada

The site lists what Sector Councils (industry-led partnership organizations) are doing to promote the integration of internationally-trained workers in the Canadian labour market.

[REPORT ON WORKSHOP SERIES DEALING WITH INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS IN THE WORKFORCE](#)

Posted: July 28, 2011

The project was a collaboration of Alberta Employment & Immigration, Wetaskiwin Community Literacy Program, the City of Wetaskiwin and the Wetaskiwin Public Library. (Alberta)

[NEW FIGURES FOR TFWS](#)

July 28, 2011. By Gil McGowan, AFL president

New figures show use of temporary foreign workers set to surge while unemployment among Canadians remains stubbornly high.

[UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FIRST IN CANADA TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID](#)

Calgary. Aug. 10, 2011

The University of Alberta (U of A) was honoured today by the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) for promoting mental health literacy among staff members.

[WEBINAR RECORDING - RAISING THE CURTAIN ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY: INTEGRATING INCLUSION INTO THE](#)

[ARTS](#) - Presenters from Auckland and Toronto share innovative ideas about how music, performance and new literary voices are building stronger communities through the arts and changing the way we see ourselves in the city. July 19, 2011.

[WEBINAR: OPENING DOORS: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES FOR IMMIGRANT STUDENT SUCCESS](#) – [scroll down page](#)

Learn how educators in Malmo and Frankfurt are testing new ideas in and outside the classroom and unlocking opportunity for academic achievement. (June 22, 2011)

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