



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>
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE WLN

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

1. WLN PAST EVENT

October Seminar – “**Changing Workplace Culture through Process Reengineering**” – **Follow-up Notes on the WLN BLOG**



2. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

CONFERENCE – [Gathering Our Voices 2012](#) - “A Generation on the Move” Aboriginal Youth Conference
20-23 March 2012 - Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

~Aboriginal Youth aged 14-24 are invited to take part in a dynamic conference that will focus on many important issues including Health, Language, Culture, the Environment, Employment, Education, Sports and Recreation.

CONFERENCE - [CLLoC 2012 - Celebrating Lifelong Learning in Our Communities](#)

29 to 30 March 2012 - Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. **Contact:** Walter Archer

~The conference celebrates the process of engagement between sponsors of lifelong learning (including postsecondary institutions) and their surrounding communities for the purpose of creating a culture of lifelong learning.

CONFERENCE - [2012 Florida Literacy Conference](#)

May 9-11. St. Petersburg, Florida. USA

~ There are 13 conference tracks: adult learner, corrections, English literacy, family literacy, health literacy, learning disabilities, library literacy, program management, reading, technology, volunteers in literacy, *workforce education*, ABE, GED and adult high school.

CONFERENCE - Fifth Annual [International Conference on E-learning in the Workplace](#) (ICELW).

13-15 June 2012. Columbia University, New York. USA.

~ ICELW is seeking proposals covering a wide range of topics relating to e-learning in the workplace due Dec 19, 2011.

CONFERENCE - [Canada International Conference on Education \(CICE\)](#)

18- 21 June, 2012 -Ontario, Canada. **Call for papers – due Jan 15, 2012**

~ Topics amongst the many include Industrial Cooperation, Life-long Learning Experiences, Workplace Learning and Collaborative Learning, and Work Employability.

CONFERENCE - [NET2012 International Networking for Healthcare Education Conference](#)

4 to 6 September 2012. Cambridge, United Kingdom. **Call for Abstracts – deadline 23 January 2012**

~ NET2012 is for everyone in healthcare education: educators, practitioners, researchers and students. Join colleagues from the UK and overseas to present your work, debate the future of healthcare education and share ideas and best practice.



3. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

[ROUNDTABLE ON LABOUR MARKET TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CANADA](#) – Key themes. By the Learning Partnership. June 29, 2010 – Toronto

~ The Roundtable event brought together nearly 90 leaders from different sectors including education, business, government and the non-profit sector to discuss the changing labour market and implications for public education.

[GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HELPS ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN MEADOW LAKE DEVELOP SKILLS](#)

Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, November 9, 2011. Government of Canada

~Aboriginal people in Saskatchewan will get the training and skills development that they need to get and keep good jobs through support from the Government of Canada.

[VIDEO - PUTTING ADULT LEARNERS ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS](#) - October 2010

~ The 19-minute film illustrates the importance of community college-nonprofit partnerships and features participants from two Courses to Employment partnerships who are working to help low-income adults achieve greater success in higher education and the workforce.

[ACTION PLAN NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES](#)

National Union of Public and General Employees. December 2011

~ “An action plan needs to be developed immediately to address priorities of the disability community such as disability supports, poverty alleviation, labour market participation and access and inclusion.”

[LEARNING TO DO: AVAILABILITY OF WORKPLACE TRAINING](#)

By Canadian Council on Learning (CCL). 2010.

~ This indicator measures the extent of workplace training available to Canadian workers, which is key to keeping their skills and knowledge up-to-date.

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4. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION

OUTSIDE EVENTS

CONFERENCE - [Future Immigration Policies: Challenges and Opportunities for Canada](#)

February 29 - March 3, 2012. Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto. 14th National Metropolis Conference

~ The conference will focus on future immigration trends and policies and the challenges and opportunities that they create for Canadian society. There will be six plenary panels with distinguished speakers and workshop and roundtable sessions on a wide variety of topics related to immigration and diversity.

CONFERENCE - [Race, Gender & Class Conference](#)---Call for Papers

1-3 March 2012. New Orleans, LA. USA

~ Co-sponsored by Race, Gender & Class Journal & Center for African and African American Studies & Sociological Association Race, Gender & Class Section.

CONFERENCE - [International Conference of Cultural and Social Aspects of Research](#)

22 - 24 March 2012. San Antonio, Texas, United States

~ This conference will be an International Forum for those who wish to present their projects, papers, and discuss the international, multicultural, social and migration issues in the field of Research and Education. The deadline for abstracts/proposals is **31 December 2011**.

CONFERENCE - [TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#)

28-31 March 2012 - Pennsylvania Convention Center - Philadelphia Marriott, Headquarters Hotel

~The TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) International convention offers professional development in all areas of English language teaching with more than 700 educational sessions, important keynote speakers from the field, numerous opportunities to network with colleagues, and the popular English Language Expo featuring publishers, software providers, and other suppliers to the English language community.

CONFERENCE - [Twelfth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations](#)

11 - 13 June 2012. Vancouver, Canada

~ The conference addresses critical issues related to diversity. Proposals on all relevant topics are welcome, including those focused on the special theme - Social Justice, Care, and Difference.

CONFERENCE - [Multiculturalism, Conflict and Belonging: A Diversity and Recognition Project](#)

16 - 19 September 2012 - Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom. Call for papers (due March 16, 2012)

~ 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.

5. ONLINE TFW/IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

[TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS AND THE ELECTION](#) - A major issue getting scant debate

By David Green. Canadian Centre for Policy Alternative. April 2011.

~ One of the biggest policy transformations in the Harper era has been the enormous growth in Temporary Foreign Workers.

[IMMIGRATION POLICY AND ATTITUDES TOWARD TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS IN VANCOUVER](#): A Policy Response in "Our Diverse Cities" Immigration: Bringing the World to Canada. Page 34. By D.M. Gross. Spring 2011.

~ This article provides some helpful insights regarding the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) program in Vancouver, an important destination for many TFWs. What is the rationale for this expansion?

[ALBERTA IMMIGRATION PROGRESS REPORT 2011](#)

Alberta government. Report 2011.

~ A progress report that highlights the achievements and ongoing initiatives taken on by the Government of Alberta that support immigration and temporary foreign workers in Alberta.

[FOREIGN WORKERS ON THE RISE IN QUEBEC](#)

By René Mantha. June 2011

~ Persistent labour shortages are met with increasing recruitment delays.

RESOURCES - [ESSENTIALS FOR LIFE](#) is a practical guide for ESL literacy practitioners.

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- [Program Considerations](#)
- [Classroom Strategies](#)
- [Levels of ESL Literacy](#)

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- [Work and Lifelong Learning Research Project](#) (WALL)
- [The Labour Education and Training Research Network](#), York University

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