

## The Work and Learning Network Monthly Broadcast June 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. Website at: <http://www.wln.ualberta.ca>  
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**In the June 2011 Broadcast:** Events, Online Publications, Temporary Foreign Workers/Immigration information (Apologies for any cross-postings.)

**Board Update-** As of July 1, 2011, Dr. Jorge Sousa, WLN Board advisor, will take on the role of Acting Director for the fiscal year 2011-12 while Dr. Alison Taylor is on sabbatical.

### 1. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

<p><b>CONFERENCE</b> - <a href="#">Keeping Up: Enthusiasm, Anxiety and the Culture of Wellbeing.</a> <b>June 23-26, 2011</b> Toronto, Canada.</p>	<p>Globalization and technological innovations have created an unprecedented demand to keep up with what is new. The perceived advances related to socially organized processes in innovation make the retraining and mastery of new developments and knowledge a challenge that resonates through and across the major discourses of health.</p>
<p><a href="#">Tomorrow's Ideas, Now</a> <b>August 17 to 20, 2011</b> University of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta, Canada</p>	<p>International Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Student Conference for Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts. Working in established themes of Stewardship of the Planet, Place, Belonging, and Otherness, and Culture, Media, Technology, students will tackle crucial global questions in a variety of presentations, from scholarly papers and posters to creative performances.</p>
<p><b>CONFERENCE</b> - <a href="#">Labour's Annual Conference</a> <b>September 25 to September 29, 2011.</b> Liverpool, England Sponsored by Labour</p>	<p><a href="#">Brochure</a> Topics: all areas of business, culture and political views, from social mobility and charitable organizations through to regional/ national infrastructure projects and venture capital investment.</p>
<p><b>CONFERENCE</b> <a href="#">Second Research Conference on Employer Engagement in Education</a> <b>October 12, 2011</b> University of Warwick, Warwickshire, UK</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>CONFERENCE</b> - ICERI2011 - <a href="#">4th International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation</a> <b>November 14, 15 &amp; 16, 2011</b> Madrid (Spain) Deadline to <a href="#">submit your abstract</a> is July 14, 2011.</p>	<p>CERI2011 will be an excellent opportunity to present your projects and discuss the latest results in the field Education, Research and Innovation. You are invited to submit your abstracts and to attend in order to share your achievements in the fields of education and collaborative research.</p>

### 2. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

<p><a href="#">Achieving Ambitious Goals: Case Studies of Scaling-Up Programs for Advancing Low-Skilled Adults</a> by Barbara Endel and Nate Anderson, with Jeremy Kelley, May 2011</p>	<p>Community colleges must fundamentally change the way they deliver Adult Basic Education instruction in order to help all students earn credentials that hold value in today's economy. Achieving Ambitious Goals highlights what five Breaking Through colleges are doing to not only advance adults' skills and career prospects but also to scale up successful programs across campuses and state systems.</p>
<p><b>RESOURCE</b> - <a href="#">Steps to Employment workshop manuals</a></p>	<p>The Steps to Employment workshop manuals include a workbook for participants, notes for instructors, and an implementation guide. Each sector provides information for many different occupations, which include Automotives, Construction, Food Service, Trades and Occupations.</p>
<p><a href="#">The impact of wages and the likelihood of employment on the probability of completing an</a></p>	<p>Low training wages for trade apprentices are not a deal breaker when it comes to completing their apprenticeship. Research released by the</p>

<p><a href="#">apprenticeship or traineeship</a> by Tom Karmel, Peter Mlotkowski. 27 May 2011</p>	<p>National Centre for Vocational Education Research finds that the payoff associated with becoming a qualified tradesperson is what encourages apprentices to finish their training, not how much they get paid as an apprentice.</p>
<p><a href="#">VIDEO- First Nations Education: Can we afford to miss out?</a> by Chief Shawn Atleo 45.13</p>	<p>The National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations made a passionate plea to all governments, education institutions and private and public sector organizations to support his vision, one that will provide a foundation for growth for the next generation of First Nations Canadians.</p>
<p><a href="#">Age discrimination and older workers:</a> Theory and legislation in comparative context. By Naj Ghosheh. 2008</p>	<p>Age discrimination legislation can help to not only extend working lives for older workers who are able and choose to continue work, but also to help ensure decent conditions of work and employment for those who are looking for work.</p>
<p><a href="#">What's New in Apprenticeship Research?</a> CAF- FCA Spring 2011</p>	<p>This section in the Canadian Apprenticeship Journal is intended to give you an overview of some of the more recent research that has been done on apprenticeship training and certification in Canada and around the world. Of interest to researchers and others who seek up-to-date relevant research on apprenticeship, this list of papers, articles and reports provides readers with links to and brief descriptions of the recently completed work.</p>

## TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION

### OUTSIDE EVENTS

<p><a href="#">CONFERENCE- Multiculturalism Turns 40: Reflections on the Canadian Policy</a> The Association for Canadian Studies and the Canadian &amp; Ethnic Studies Association 2nd Annual Conference September 30 to October 1, 2011, Marriott Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><a href="#">Temporary Foreign Workers Dine &amp; Dance Party</a> Date: July 22, 2011 - 6:00 pm -11:00 pm Location: Sutton Place Hotel, Rutherford Room, 10235 - 101 Street, Edmonton, AB</p>	<p>Description: Second annual Temporary Foreign Worker's party, sponsored by D. W. Good Investments in conjunction with Catholic Social Services and the Mennonite Centre. Free for Temporary Foreign Workers and their families. Kids welcome!</p>

## 3. ONLINE TFW/IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

### WLN Working Paper

<p><b>WORKING PAPER – <a href="#">Temporary Foreign Workers in Nursing in Alberta</a>.</b> Principal Investigator: Dr. Alison Taylor, University of Alberta. April 2011. A WLN and the Prairie Metropolis Centre partnership.</p>	<p>This research study explores the effects of the TFW Program (TFWP) in the high demand occupation of nursing by examining a cohort of TFW nurses who came to Edmonton, Alberta in 2007/8. The case study addresses issues of credential assessment, education and training and opportunities for permanent residence.</p>
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## Other Publications/Resources

<p><a href="#">Canadian Temporary Foreign Worker Program to be managed by Nova Scotia</a> Canadian Immigration News March 29, 2011</p>	<p>Canada and Nova Scotia has worked together to reach an agreement on managing the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. As a result, Temporary foreign workers in Nova Scotia will be better protected.</p>
<p><a href="#">Canada further strengthens its Temporary Foreign Worker Program to better protect live-in caregivers</a>. Aug 2010. Canadian Immigration Newsletter</p>	<p>Temporary foreign workers come to Canada in a very vulnerable position because they are dependent upon their employer," said Nigel Thomson of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants. "These new rules will help ensure that employers play by the rules". To address this, the federal government is tightening the regulations affecting live-in caregivers and temporary foreign workers, as well as the people who hire them.</p>
<p><a href="#">Sound Investments: Building Immigrants' Skills to Fuel Economic Growth</a>. By Robin Spence of Economic Mobility Corporation. December 2010</p>	<p>Immigrants Will Fuel Future American Workforce Growth. In this new report, Mobility examines these promising efforts, highlights strategies that appear to be working well, and recommends additional programmatic investments and policy reforms to address the needs of more immigrant workers.</p>
<p><a href="#">RESOURCE - Orienting and training skilled immigrant hires</a></p>	<p>This resource includes checklists, orientation details, and expectations for all employees as a logical place to start. Creating an inclusive environment can work to strengthen the organization as a whole.</p>
<p><a href="#">Canada keeps tightens Immigration regulations to protect Live-in Caregivers</a> Canadian Immigration News May 9, 2011</p>	<p>In order to protect overseas workers who have come to Canada to be live-in caregivers, the Federal government has tightened laws on employers to ensure that they comply with the Canadian immigration rules and regulations. The number of complaints by <a href="#">live-in caregivers</a> about their employers involving not observing their rights properly have increased recently.</p>
<p><a href="#">Canadian Diversity International Migration: The Emergence of the Mobile Student</a> Winter 2011 Metropolis</p>	<p>This magazine begins with an analysis of international students in Canada, examining how Canadian policies are adapting to facilitate the arrival and retention of student migrants and identifying future challenges that will require policy attention.</p>

### Submit to the Broadcast

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

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