



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 November 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

TELELEARNING SESSION- [Community-University Partnerships](#)

November 25, 2011 at 12 pm EST

~How are communities and universities partnering together to advance the social economy? What models exist for these kinds of partnerships? Co-editors of the new book, *Community-University Research Partnerships: Reflections on the Canadian Social Economy Experience* will present.

WORKSHOP - [Connecting Workplace Needs and Essential Skills Workshop](#)

23–25 November 2011 - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

~SkillPlan / BC Construction Industry Skills Improvement Council is offering a workshop in integrating Essential Skills into the workplace. Curriculum developers, workplace educators and instructional designers will find this training relevant to their field.

CONFERENCE - [The 7th International Conference on Researching Work and Learning \(RWL7 2011\)](#)

4-7 December 2011 - East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

~The goal of the conference is to facilitate communications between scholars and practitioners in the field of researching work and learning and its relevant areas.

CONFERENCE - [Technology in Hospitality and Tourism 2011](#)

9 December 2011 - Sydney, Australia

~The forum will explore new technologies and economic challenges of the global hospitality and tourism industries. Topics will include economic, technological, and cultural challenges facing the emerging tourism workforce of tomorrow.

CONFERENCE –[The Older Workers & Work Ability Conference](#)

12-13 December 2011. Melbourne, Australia - Rendezvous Hotel.

~ This conference brings together leading experts on older workers in Australia and Internationally to debate issues including the prolongation of working lives, age management, work ability over the life course and skills maintenance.

3. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

[PROTECTING OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE: THE BUSINESS CASE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND JOB-BASED TRAINING](#) by the [Ontario Chamber of Commerce](#). 2011

~ In this document, the authors note that the survey revealed gaps in the current provincial workforce training system that limit its contribution to the development of a highly skilled workforce.

[TRENDS IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S WELLBEING AND THE EFFECTS OF THE SCHOOL-TO-WORK TRANSITION](#)

By Nhi Nguyen - 8 November 2011

~This briefing paper explores the link between wellbeing and the stages of transition of participants from the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) from 1995 to 2006. The paper also examines trends in the physical, emotional and psychological health of young people.

[RAISING THE ROOF: INVESTING IN ITS OWN SUCCESS](#)

~The Centre for Workplace Skills (Toronto, Ontario) - June 2011

Raising the Roof is a national not-for-profit organization that is focused on finding solutions to homelessness in Canada. By investing in the knowledge, skills and development of its employees they know that they are investing in its own success.

PODCAST - [A MULTI-LEVEL APPROACH TO CREDENTIALING VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT](#)

By Susan Ellis. June 2011.

Many want a universally accepted credential to "professionalize" volunteer management and recognize that successful volunteer engagement requires special knowledge and competence. The problem is that we are in danger of settling for a one-size-fits-all accreditation that is too narrow in scope and much too low-level in status.

[OLDER WORKERS: RESEARCH READINGS](#)

By Tabatha Griffin, Francesca Beddie. November 2011

To help generate discussion on older workers, six researchers drafted essays on various issues around keeping older Australians engaged with the workforce.



4. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION
OUTSIDE EVENTS

CONFERENCE - [Future Immigration Policies: Challenges and Opportunities for Canada](#) - The 14th National Metropolis Conference. **29 February-3 March 2012** at Westin Harbour Castle. Toronto, Ontario.

~It will focus on future immigration trends and policies and the challenges and opportunities that they create for Canadian society.

WORKSHOP - [Training within a Culturally Diverse Environment](#)

30 November 2011. Toronto, Canada

~Strategies for audience members who come from a variety of cultural backgrounds and may have some unexpected reactions.

SERIES - [Migration and Labour Series - Last Train Home](#)

November 17, 2011. University of Alberta, Edmonton AB

~Every spring, China's cities are plunged into chaos as 130 million migrant workers journey to their home villages for the New Year's holiday. This mass exodus is the world's largest human migration.

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

11 to 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.



5. ONLINE TFW/IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES
Publications/Resources

[IMPACT OF THE TFW PROGRAM ON THE LABOUR MARKET IN ALBERTA,](#)

By MLA Teresa Woo-Paw. August 2011

~The goals of the review were to identify where the federal program fits in Alberta's labour force planning, what role TFWs fill in Alberta's labour market and how to ensure that the program is best serving the needs of Albertans.

[REAL SOLUTIONS MISSING IN ALBERTA GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON TFWs:](#)

September 2011. AFL

~More must be done to address province's labour needs and protect vulnerable workers.

[A PROFILE OF ECONOMIC AND LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION AMONG IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA](#)

By Jill Bucklaschuk and Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba - June 2011

~From a social and economic standpoint, understanding the integration of immigrants into the labour market is key to the long-term economic sustainability of our country.

[ATLANTIC EMPLOYERS LOOK TO IRELAND FOR WORKERS](#)

By Colleen Cosgrove. November 2011. Business Reporter

~International recruitment is a continuing process for the working group. Representatives have attended missions in the last year in England, Scotland, France and Massachusetts.

RESOURCE – [POSTER](#) - 10 tips for talking with Colleagues whose first language is not English



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- [The Labour Education and Training Research Network](#), York University

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