



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

1. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

CONFERENCE- Literacy & Learning Symposium 2011

October 19-21, 2011 - Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport in Calgary, Alberta

- The Community Learning Network, Literacy Alberta and the Centre for Family Literacy are hosting the provincial literacy and Learning Symposium, which focuses on how literacy and lifelong learning can be a tool for positive change.

CONFERENCE- 2011 [Workplace Wellness - 24/7](#)

October 20 – 23, 2011 - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Alberta. Alberta Congress Board

- The conference brings diverse sectors together to share their knowledge, experience and insight into some of the most interesting issues taking place in today's workplaces.

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.

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. It will also be an effective platform for networking and professional interactions among scholars and practitioners coming from all parts of the globe.

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

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

- Workforce ageing is a concern for governments and employers. 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.

2. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

[WHAT'S NEW IN APPRENTICESHIP RESEARCH?](#)

Canadian Apprenticeship Journal (CAJ), Vol 6 (Fall 2011)

- This section in the CAJ is intended to give you an overview of some of the more recent research that has been done on apprenticeship training and trade 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

DAILY READING IDENTIFIED AS SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN IMPROVING HEALTH LITERACY

McGill University Health Centre. Sept. 8, 2011

- Studies show 60 percent of the Canadian population struggles with literacy in the context of health. The Montreal Children's Hospital along with The Centre for Literacy are highlighting the continuing challenge of literacy in Canada and the link between limited literacy and poor health.

ALBERTA'S CHILD LABOUR LAWS: THE NEED FOR CHANGE

Athabasca University Study of Child Labour in Alberta. AFL. April 2011

- The study's results show that Alberta's complaint-driven system for ensuring Employment Standards rules are followed – especially for children – allows for widespread child labour that is actually against the law. Alberta's child labour laws are set out in the Employment Standards Code.

BABY BOOMERS--YOUR NEW VOLUNTEERS: Rethinking your organization's approach to Baby Boomer volunteers.

Courtesy of Volunteer Canada. 2009

- This introductory workbook is for the people who manage and work with volunteers in Canada's 161,000 non-profit community organizations, charities, service clubs, foundations and aid agencies. You'll find strategies and information about restructuring and rethinking your approach to volunteers in order to successfully recruit and retain this potential group of key volunteers. "Baby boomers have the potential to become a social resource of unprecedented proportions."

CANADIAN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN SOCIAL INNOVATION AND THE ECONOMY

By Canadian Policy Research Network / RCRPP. 2009

- What is not as well known is that the non-profit sector makes up a significant portion of our workforce in Canada – employing 11 times more people than the automotive industry and four times more than the agricultural sector.

TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STRATEGY FOR LITERACY AND ESSENTIAL SKILLS: Perspectives from Academic and Practitioner Researchers in Canada and Ireland

by Maurice Taylor, University of Ottawa, Canada; Rob Mark, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland; Christine Pinsent-Johnson, University of Ottawa, Canada; Vanessa Montgomery, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland. 2009

- The report explores four diverse perspectives towards the development of a research strategy from academic researchers and practitioner researchers in both Canada and Ireland. It attempts to identify the types of elements in such a strategy that might be promoted at an international level on the common topic of literacy and essential skills.

3. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION

OUTSIDE EVENTS

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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.

CONFERENCE - [The Canadian Institute's 4th Annual Legal & Human Resource Guide to Employing Foreign Workers](#)

18 – 19 October 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](#)

3 - 4 November 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.

CONFERENCE [Prairie Metropolis Centre EDMONTON REGIONALCONFERENCE](#)

4- 5 November 2011 - University of Alberta Conference Centre

- Celebrate 16 years of immigration-related research in the Prairie Metropolis Centre! You are cordially invited to a regional conference focused on immigration, integration and diversity. A range of participants from the three levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and academia will be presenting.

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.



3. ONLINE TFW/IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

Publications/Resources

2011 UFCW CANADA MIGRANT WORKERS SCHOLARSHIPS

- UFCW Canada, largest private-sector union in Canada, understands the importance of education and thus, are offering 20 scholarships for the children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews of migrant workers. Persons 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 (“the Applicant”) are eligible to apply.

IS IT ENOUGH TO HAVE A JOB? WORK-LIFE CHALLENGES FOR SECONDARY MIGRANTS AND TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS IN FORT MCMURRAY

By Sara Dorow, University of Alberta. March 18, 2011

- The presentation addresses the work-life experiences of foreign-born people in Fort McMurray who come to Fort McMurray on limited work visas (especially temporary foreign workers, or **TFWs**), and refugees/immigrants who move to Fort McMurray looking for work after first living in another city in Canada.

PowerPoint Presentation

VANCOUVER DOCUMENTARY FOCUSES ON PLIGHT OF FOREIGN WORKERS

By Stephanie Law, Vancouver Sun May 26, 2011

- A documentary made for the project shares the stories of Ota-Paul, Ronald Arcos, a worker in the food and service industry, and Luis Almazan, a visual effects editor. Both came to Canada under the **temporary foreign worker** program

JOIN THE DISCUSSION: TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS IN VANCOUVER

Written by Jericho Bundac on 01 June 2011

- The Mayor’s Working Group on Immigration is opening up discussion on a topic that sparks many passionate and personal opinions: Canada’s **Temporary Foreign Workers Program** (TFWP).

THE IMMIGRANT SOLUTION SECTOR COUNCILS MOVE FORWARD

The Alliance of Sector Councils. 2008.

- Sector councils and TASC (The Alliance of Sector Councils) are taking practical action to address these challenges in integrating internationally-trained workers in the Canadian workforce. Included in this document is an overview of the field of Foreign Credential Recognition (FCR) and its importance in addressing labour market issues in Canada.

NEW PROGRAM - THE IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (IEMP)

- The comprehensive program features mentorship, business education and networking opportunities to support immigrant business owners in meeting their business goals. Applications for mentors, mentees and organizations wishing to showcase their services to program participants are now being accepted until September 15.

BOOK - IMMIGRANTS IN PRAIRIE CITIES: ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY CANADA

by Royden Loewen & Gerald Friesen. 2009. University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 265 pp., illus., \$27.95 paperback



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

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