



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 April 2012 Broadcast:** Events, Online Publications, Temporary Foreign Workers/Immigration information (Apologies for any cross-postings.)

## 1. WLN EVENTS

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### SPEAKER EVENT

Topic: [The Changing Nature of Work in the 'Alberta-Bubble'](#)

Presenter: **Linda Duxbury**

Date: **Thursday, April 19** - Wine & Cheese reception 6:00-7:00; Public Lecture 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Barnett House, 11010 142 Street Edmonton

Tickets \$11.00 [Registration](#)

Sponsored by the Edmonton District and Central North District Locals of the Alberta Teachers Association and **the Work and Learning Network for Research and Policy, University of Alberta**  
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### Presentation Documents

Title: **Innovative Practices and Strategies to Facilitate Critical Thinking on Health and Safety**

Panel Presenters: Laurel AITKEN, Grant PELLETIER, Erin PRENOSLO.

[Grant's PPT - Enform](#)

[Erin's PPT](#) – Alberta Construction Safety Association

[Laurel's Speaking Notes](#) – Farm Safety

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## 2. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

**CONFERENCE – [Career and Technology Studies Council Conference 2012](#) – Safe Journeys**

**19-21 April 2012.** River Cree Edmonton, Alberta

~ Key note Speaker: Linda Duxbury –the topic “Entering the dragon’s den? What high school graduates can expect in the world of work”.

**CONFERENCE - [Workforce One-Stop 2012](#)**

**23-25 April 2012** - Metro Toronto Convention Centre • Toronto, Ontario

~ Connecting the Skilled Workforce with Workplaces and Marketplaces. Employers and educators are looking to do more to prepare workers who have a variety of skills and the knowledge required for our rapidly evolving economy.

**CONFERENCE - [2012 Florida Literacy Conference](#)**

**9-11 May 2012** - 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.

**SYMPOSIUM - [Edmonton Symposium](#)**

**30 May - 2 June 2012.** Marriott at River Cree Resort, Edmonton, Alberta.

~ Opening keynote by Ruth Clark, PhD on Evidence-Based Workplace training. Whatever your role in training and development, this program will provide you with new solutions and fresh perspectives to solve your current challenges.

**CONFERENCE -[Innovation in Worker Health and Safety Research](#) - Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health Conference 2012**

**31 May (student day) & 1-2 June 2012.** Vancouver, BC

~ The purpose of this conference is to share cutting-edge knowledge in occupational health and safety and workers' compensation.

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

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

~ The program will explore a broad spectrum of topics relating to e-learning in the workplace and the use of technology to improve job performance.

**CONFERENCE** - [EDULEARN12](#) - 4th annual International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies

**2- 4 July 2012.** Barcelona, Spain.

~ This is an annual international conference for professors, researchers, lecturers and educational technologists from all disciplines. It is an excellent opportunity to present your projects and experiences and meet other colleagues from all parts of the world

**CSTD's NATIONAL LEARN @WORK WEEK**

17 - 21 September 2012

~ Held in workplaces and education institutions across the nation this event is a national celebration of workplace learning.

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### 3. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

[UNTAPPED POOLS OF WORKERS COULD BUOY PROVINCE'S ECONOMY](#)

By Bill Mah, Edmonton Journal March 7, 2012

~ Aboriginals, people with disabilities, the older and the young are all under-represented in Alberta's workforce.

[LOUD AND CLEAR](#) – The Alberta Non-Profit Sector Speaks out

January 2012. Summary Report

~ In order to better understand and promote the sector's workforce, the Alberta Nonprofit Workforce Council, undertook a survey of nonprofit employees from across the province.

[HOW SENIORS CAN SAVE AMERICAN EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY](#)

By Bernard Starr. October 2010.

~ The baby boomers can become an even greater generation as they build a foundation that will guarantee this nation's global leadership well into the 21st century and beyond.

[MIND THE GAP: NO 'PEOPLE SKILLS,' NO JOB](#)

By Janet Lane and Todd Hirsch. Mar 2012. From Globe and Mail.

~Essential skills include communicating, working with others and thinking abstractly. These are often called "people skills," and if you don't have them, you're unlikely to succeed in Canada's 21st-century workplace.

[WOMEN AND WORK](#)

The Canadian Labour Congress.

~ Women now make up almost half of Canada's workforce. They work in every sector of the economy, from teachers and administrators, to welders and doctors, to machine operators and child care workers. Yet women still experience inequality and discrimination in society and in workplaces.

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### 4. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION

#### OUTSIDE EVENTS

**CONFERENCE** - [Restructuring Refuge and Settlement: Responding to the Global Dynamics of Displacement](#)

**16- 18 May 2012.** York University, Toronto, Ontario

~ The [CARFMS](#) Conference will bring together researchers, policymakers, displaced persons and advocates from diverse backgrounds to discuss the issue of restructuring refuge (**including temporary foreign workers**) and settlement with a view to better understanding how migration policies, processes and structures responds to the global dynamics of displacement.

**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** - [Education, Mobility and Migration - People, Ideas and Resources](#)

**8 to 10 September 2012.** Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom

~ This international conference will encourage the sharing of interdisciplinary understandings of the opportunities, barriers & challenges in formal and informal education that are associated with the migration of people, ideas & resources.

**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.

**CALLS FOR PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PERFORMANCES** - [TESL Interiors: Landscapes of Literacies and Language](#)  
**11-13 October 2012.** Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC.  
~ The conference will address the broad themes of language education and language teacher education.

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## 5. *ONLINE Temporary Foreign Workers (TFW) /IMMIGRATION PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES*

### TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER [VIDEOS](#)

[Bob Barnettson](#) post Jan 2012

~ The Alberta 2012 project (run by the labour-sponsored Alberta Labour history Institute) has just released a video documenting the abuses inherent in Alberta's Temporary Foreign Worker program.

### [RED TAPE WORSENS ALBERTA LABOUR SHORTAGES](#)

By Melanie Collison, Edmonton Journal. March 17, 2012

~ Nimble immigration policies will be needed if Alberta is to cope with a looming shortage of skilled workers that threatens to stall the rush of projects planned in the energy sector.

### [IMMIGRANTS WILL FUEL GROWTH UNTIL 2015](#)

By Ray Turchansky and Melanie Collison, Edmonton Journal. March 2012

~ All growth in the labour market in Alberta is expected to come from immigrants until 2015. Alberta is a magnet for anyone who's mobile, and immigrants are mobile.

### [PRELIMINARY TABLES – PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RESIDENTS, 2011.](#)

Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Feb 2012.

~ Preliminary data for calendar years 2007 to 2011 provide immigration statistics by category and intended destination for permanent residents as well as total entries and "present on" December 1st statistics for temporary foreign workers and foreign students.

### [JOB BANK TO FAST-TRACK SKILLED IMMIGRANTS](#)

By Peter O'Neil, Calgary Herald March 31, 2012

~The federal government plans to create a global job bank to bring in more skilled foreign workers, while using a new technique to end the "bizarre" situation where low-skilled temporary foreign workers are hired in Canadian communities with double-digit unemployment, said Immigration Minister Jason Kenney.

[PERMANENTLY TEMPORARY:](#) Temporary Foreign Workers and Canada's Changing Attitude to Citizenship and Immigration. Proceedings from the 2010 Research Roundtable.

~ Speakers and discussants from academia, community organizations and three levels of government came together to explore the situation of temporary foreign workers in Canada. Important issues were identified, and recommendations were made for addressing them.

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If you wish to submit a notification of an event (a conference, a symposium, a seminar etc), any publications, or other announcements relevant to work and learning issues, practice and policy, please email the information to [wln@ualberta.ca](mailto:wln@ualberta.ca).  
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## *Note*

The online publications are a service provided to help you keep abreast of recent literature in the areas of work and learning research, policy, and practice. Documents should not be considered an endorsement of the findings, and readers are cautioned to not to act on the results of single studies, and to seek bodies of evidence.

Visit other work and learning networks of interest:

- [Centre for the Study of Education and Work](#) (CSEW)

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

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