



The Work and Learning Network Monthly BROADCAST AUGUST 2012



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 August 2012 Broadcast: Events, Online Publications, Temporary Foreign Workers/Immigration information (Apologies for any cross-postings.) If unable to view, click on [this LINK](#).

1. WLN EVENT - SAVE THE DATE

The Leaders We Need Are Already Here: Now What Do We Do?

Presenter: Margaret (Meg) Wheatley

Wed, October 3, 2012 - 9:30 AM– 4:00 PM. Lister Conference Centre. University of Alberta. Edmonton, Alberta

Co-sponsors: Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations and WLN

Meg will describe very simple processes and means for restoring learning to our organizations and creating time to think together. [More Information](#).

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2. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

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

4-6 September 2012. Cambridge, United Kingdom.

~ 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.

CONFERENCE [Belgrade International Conference on Education](#)

15-17 November 2012. Belgrade, Serbia. Sponsored by: Tomorrow People Organization & Metropolitan University Belgrade

~ Conference is intended to be a forum, discussion and networking place for academics, researchers, professionals, administrators, educational leaders, policy makers, industry representatives, advanced students, and others interested in Education.

CONFERENCE - [Health and Safety/Workplace Safety and Insurance Conferences](#)

15 & 16 November, 2012 at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Toronto. Ontario.

Co-sponsors - Lancaster House with the University of Toronto Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources
~ Sessions include Behaviour-Based Safety: Does it really work?; Accommodating the Disabled Worker: When do safety risks cause undue hardship?; Creating Psychologically Safe Workplaces: Protecting employees

CONFERENCE - CSTD ([Canadian Society for Training and Development](#)) Conference and Trade Show

31 Oct – 2 Nov, 2012. Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Toronto, Ontario. Canada

~ This year's program is rich with case studies, research and strategies exploring a wide variety of subjects key to **workplace learning**. Hear from your peers in learning and development as they share their own experiences with you.

CONFERENCE - [International Congress on Social Diversity](#)

4 - 5 December 2012. Santiago de Compostela, Spain

~ The main aim is to promote high quality interdisciplinary research in all sub-areas of Social Diversity, including disability, gender, social integration, social responsibility, ethical and religious diversity or educational diversity management

CONFERENCE - Call for Papers [The Macrotheme Conference on Education and Training](#)

27-28th December . Paris, France

~ The Macrotheme Review invites authors to submit abstracts and proposals on all relevant topics related to education (pedagogical issues, technology in education, evaluations, for-profit education, distance education, urban education) and training (corporate training, human resources, adult education.) By September 10, 2012

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3. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

STATISTICS CANADA RELEASES FACT SHEET: ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

From Essential Skills Ontario. July 3, 2012

~ A fact sheet From Stats Canada that examines unemployment levels during the 2008-2009 recession, finding that employment losses were more severe for those without a high school diploma.

AUDITOR GENERAL CHASTISES ALBERTA FOR LACK OF PROGRESS ON WORKPLACE SAFETY

By Keith Gerein, Edmonton Journal. July 4, 2012.

~ The province's auditor general is scolding the Alberta government for insufficient headway on identifying and deterring companies who too frequently fail to provide a safe workplace.

CLUELESS OR CAPABLE. OLDER WORKERS HAVE TO ADAPT TO SURVIVE

By Misty Harris, Postmedia News July 23, 2012.

~ Mature staff often perceived as 'clueless' about new trends.

OLDER WORKERS MUST ADAPT TO SURVIVE

By Misty Harris, Postmedia News. Tuesday, July 24, 2012.

~ Older employees belong to what Linda Duxbury, a Canadian pioneer in organizational health, describes as "the workhorse generation".

OTTAWA MUST DO MORE FOR YOUNG WORKERS: CLC PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON JOB NUMBERS FOR JUNE 2012

From the Canadian Labour Congress. 6 July 2012

~The Canadian Labour Congress says that too many young workers are unemployed or stuck in dead end jobs, and it wants Ottawa to develop strategies that would assist in providing full-time and secure work for them.

RESOURCES - Increasing Safety of Aboriginals in the Mining Sector

College of the North Atlantic (CNA) developed a three-day Safety Document Essentials Workshop including an Instructor's Guide.pdf and a Learner's Guide.pdf

FROM ABC LIFE LITERACY CANADA

Leveraging Government and Industry Partnerships for Essential Skills Training - Learn about how employers in Manitoba are working with the provincial government to develop training programs to build the skills of their workers: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/leveraging-government-industry-partnerships-essential-skills>

Hospitality Industry Throws Open Doors to Essential Skills Training - The hospitality industry knows the value of investing in the skills of their workers, and two Canadian hotels have made essential skills a central part of their training and recruitment initiatives: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/hospitality-industry-essential-skills-0>

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4. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION OUTSIDE EVENTS

CONFERENCE - Education, Mobility and Migration - People, Ideas and Resources

8-10 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.

~ 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.

CONFERENCE - [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.

WORKSHOP - [Employing Foreign Workers](#) - 5th Annual Legal and Human Resource Guide

16 – 17 October, 2012. Fairmont Palliser Hotel, Calgary, AB.

~ The workshop will cover, amongst other issues, recent and upcoming changes to the immigration system impacting your employment of foreign workers, planning your current and future labour strategy: critical updates on labour and immigration trends on a provincial, national and global level.

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

NEWS RELEASE — [CANADA-ALBERTA PILOT PROJECT EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MORE OCCUPATIONS](#)

Ottawa, July 16, 2012 — Alberta employers looking to hire highly skilled foreign workers in certain in-demand occupations will benefit thanks to the expansion of a **Temporary Foreign Worker pilot project**, Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney and Alberta Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education Stephen Khan announced.

[CALGARY'S EMPLOYMENT FORUMS GO FACE-TO-FACE](#) - City of Calgary

From the City of Migration. 2012.

~ Bringing the city's hiring managers face-to-face with immigrant job-seekers

[FOREIGN TEMPORARY WORKERS – REVISIONING INTEGRATION](#)

March 26, 2012. by Leguanite. Canada should facilitate integration of migrant farm workers

~ Study identifies major barriers to health care and social services.

[HR CONSIDERATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS OF TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS](#)

[Presentation](#) – from the 2012 Human Resources Institute of Alberta Conference. April 24 & 2, 2012

~ Review of the recent changes to the Canadian immigration regulations related to Employer compliance and obligations and Tips and Traps related to an Audit of your TFWs

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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.

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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.

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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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