



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

### 1. **WLN EVENT**

**Save the date** – Conference: Learning Centred Organizations

**October 3, 2012** (Wednesday, 8 am – 5 pm). Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta. Edmonton, Alberta.

WLN will be co-sponsoring an event with the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations to bring in [Margaret Wheatley](#), a writer and management consultant who studies organizational behavior.



### 2. **OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS**

**CONFERENCE** - [Nineteenth International Conference on Learning](#)

14 - 16 August 2012. London, United Kingdom. Contact person: Abigail Manekin.

~The International Conference on Learning is for any person with an interest in education at any of its levels: from early childhood, to schools, to higher education and lifelong learning in any of its sites, from home to school to university to the workplace.

**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**- Save the Date for the upcoming [Effective Transitions in Adult Education Conference](#). The conference will take place on **November 7 - 9, 2012** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Providence, RI.

**CONFERENCE** - [5th International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation](#)

**19 – 21 November, 2012**. Madrid (Spain). Abstracts submission **deadline**: July 19th, 2012

~ This is an annual meeting point for lecturers, researchers, technologists and educators from all fields and disciplines and will be an excellent opportunity to present your projects and experiences and meet other colleagues from all parts of the world.

**WORKSHOP** - [Mastering Aboriginal Inclusion](#) - Professional management training

**16 October 2012**. Calgary, AB. Canada.

~ Discover proven tactics and tools to recruit, retain and advance Aboriginal talent while building a work culture that flourishes through diversity. Tap into the expertise delivered by Canada's leading innovators in inclusion. This one-day workshop is limited to 20 registrations so don't delay.



### 3. **ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES**

[OLDER WORKERS AS IMPORTANT LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPANTS](#): A discussion paper

By The Alliance of Sector Councils (TASC). September 2011

~ This discussion paper summarizes the Canadian situation as it relates to older workers and labour force planning issues, the benefits and opportunities related to better utilizing older workers, and current sector councils' responses and actions in this area.

[SKILLED TRADE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND IN RESOURCE SECTOR](#)

By Denise Deveau, June 15, 2012.

~ There's no shortage of skilled trade jobs in an economy where the resource industry is booming and employers are looking for individuals to do everything from equipment repair to electrical and carpentry work.

[WORKPLACE DEATHS IN ALBERTA SOAR WITH ECONOMY](#) - Province vows to improve worker safety

By Kelly Cryderman, Calgary Herald. May 16, 2012

~ The provincial government argues it's taking action to improve worker safety.

#### FROM ABC LIFE LITERACY CANADA

**Essential Skills Day - GET INVOLVED!** The third annual Essential Skills Day will take place on Friday, September 21, 2012 to raise awareness of the nine essential skills as defined by the Government of Canada and the importance of training in the workplace.

**Hastings Racecourse** - Hastings Racecourse, a horseracing track in Vancouver, B.C., isn't like most racetracks. It's not even like most other workplaces. This is because it has its own learning centre: <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/Hastings>

**Essential Skills Training:** The Foundation of Workplace Health & Safety - Essential Skills training at two Canadian companies helped to improve health and safety rates, among other things: [http://abclifeliteracy.ca/Essential\\_Skills\\_The\\_Foundation\\_of\\_Workplace\\_Health\\_Safety](http://abclifeliteracy.ca/Essential_Skills_The_Foundation_of_Workplace_Health_Safety)

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## 4. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION OUTSIDE EVENTS

**WEBINAR:** [Healthy Living: Promoting Health and Safety in Immigrant Communities](#)

**24th July 2012.** Online event, Canada. Contact person: Evelyn Siu. **Organized by:** Cities of Migration

~ Learn about innovative health and safety initiatives in Auckland and Vancouver that promote healthy living through community education and accessible programming that ensures new immigrants and their families are safe and sound

**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.

**[GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TAKES ACTION TO PROTECT TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS](#)**

Canada News Centre - Toronto, Ontario and Calgary, Alberta, July 4, 2012.

~ The Government of Canada is taking action to protect vulnerable foreign workers from the risk of abuse and exploitation.

**[ROUNDTABLE ON TEMPORARY MIGRATION AND THE CANADIAN LABOUR MARKET INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON PUBLIC POLICY](#)** Ottawa. the Institute for Research on Public Policy, with support from Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. April 30, 2012

~ It is likely that temporary workers will play an increasing role in the coming years, particularly given Canada's declining birthrates, ageing population and the worldwide competition for human capital.

[CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE, MARCH 20, 2012](#): "Immigration of Temporary Lower-Skilled Workers: Current Policy and Related Issues" by Andorra Bruno, Specialist in Immigration Policy. March 20, 2012. University of Toronto  
~ The article below "demonstrates that the possibility of a low-skilled guest-worker employment in a higher wage foreign country lowers the relative attractiveness of the skilled employment in the home country."

[NEWCOMERS IN SMALL- AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES](#): Are SMEs Ready to Hire Internationally Trained Workers? By The Alliance of Sector Councils. February 2012.  
~ Special outreach is needed to connect relevant information and supports to the SMEs enabling them to find and work with internationally trained employees, or internationally trained workers (ITWs).

[FROST CENTRE FOR CANADIAN STUDIES AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES, TRENT UNIVERSITY, 2011](#): "Neoliberalising Immigration in Canada: The Pilot Project for Occupations Requiring Lower-Levels of Formal Training and the Expansion of Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program".  
By C Andrew Cragg. 2011. University of Toronto.  
~This report examines the development and expansion of the Temporary Foreign Worker program, since its inception in 2002, and shows that it is connected to the ongoing process of neoliberalisation in Canada.

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### *Submit to the Broadcast*

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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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- [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

### **MEMBERS PROFILES**

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