



The Work and Learning Network Monthly **BROADCAST** JUNE 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 June 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 – 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 Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations to bring in [Margaret Wheatley](#), a writer and management consultant who studies organizational behavior.



2. **OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS**

CONFERENCE - [Canada International Conference on Education \(CICE\)](#)

18- 21 June 2012 – University of Guelph. Ontario, Canada.

~ Topics amongst the many include Industrial Cooperation, Life-long Learning Experiences, *Workplace Learning* and Collaborative Learning, and Work Employability.

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 - [Not in Education, Employment or Training \(NEET\) Conference](#)

9 - 10 July 2012 - London, United Kingdom

~ With unemployment reaching over 1 million, Capita's 15th National NEET Conference provides crucial insight and guidance into the best methods of moving young people into education, employment or training.

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

16 - 18 November, 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 - [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.



3. **ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES**

[PROMOTING ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS CANADA](#) – A Summary of Discussion findings.

By the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum. 2011

~ This report summarizes key findings from twenty-nine workshops that were held in Aboriginal (First Nations heritage, status and non-status, Métis, Inuit) communities across the country from December 2010 to June 2011.

[SOCIAL ENTERPRISES: CREATING JOBS AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS ONE SMALL BUSINESS AT A TIME](#)

By Samantha Shahmash (ISIS Research Centre, Sauder School of Business, UBC) 2010.

~The intent of this research is to contextualize the role that these social enterprises play in the B.C. economy by analyzing the barriers to employment, the specific managerial challenges that are associated with social enterprises, and the value that social enterprises provide to the people they employ and the greater community.

[SENIORS SHOULD STAY IN THE WORKFORCE LONGER](#)

By Fred Vettese. May 29, 2012.

~ Once the unemployment rate bottoms out, a labour shortage can continue to be avoided by encouraging more 60-somethings to stay in the workforce.

[SKILLED-LABOUR, OIL SANDS INDUSTRY WORKING TOGETHER](#) TO ADVANCE COMPETITIVENESS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Canada NewsWire June 1, 2012

~ Canada's Building Trade Unions and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) today announced a joint agreement to advance long-term competitiveness of the oil sands industry, with particular focus on developing a stronger skilled trades workforce.

[SKILLS AGENDA: HELPING THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY \(PDF\)](#)

By the Alliance of Sector Councils. 2010.

~ Canada's sector councils converge to become a unified, cooperative movement that is committed to reaching shared economic goals, and addressing skills development, labour market and human resource issues across sectors.

4. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION OUTSIDE EVENTS

[WORKSHOP - Creating Inclusive Family Services](#)

June 27th- 9am to 3pm. The Centre for Race and Culture. Facilitator: Roxanne Felix-Mah

~ The one-day workshop offers professional development to service providers working with immigrant and refugee families. The skills, tools and case studies presented in this workshop will help you develop inclusive programs and services to effectively engage families.

[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 - The Future of Multiculturalism: Structures, Integration Policies and Practices](#)

26-27 June 2012 - Guildford, Surrey, United Kingdom.

~ The conference seeks to provide an opportunity for interdisciplinary debate on: critiques of multiculturalism; alternative policy approaches for the management of cultural diversity issues; the relationship between multiculturalism, social exclusion, democratic citizenship and political participation; current migration trends and policy approaches and more.

[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.

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

[ALBERTA DEPENDS ON TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS](#)

By Richard Truscott. May 22, 2012. Calgary Herald.

~ The TFW program has been a lifeline for many businesses struggling through one of the worst labour shortages our province has ever seen.

[ALBERTA LOOKS TO PROTECT TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS](#)

CBC News. Mar 9, 2012

~ Agencies will now be required to keep full records of their recruiting activities and register their agencies with the provincial government.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: MORE THAN JUST TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS, THIS AREA IS A POTENTIAL MINEFIELD

(Legal Eagles: What You Don't Know About Business Immigration Law Will Hurt You)

By Marzena Czarnecka. May 18, 2011.

~ Alberta businesses employ more than 66,000 foreign workers and routinely send their Alberta employees to do business in foreign countries. Are they onside with the legislation that governs these standard practices? Probably not ... and the penalties for being offside just got stiffer.

PODCAST: THE TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER ISSUE

May 1, 2012 by Duncan Kinn.

~ A conversation with Omar Mouallem on his story and the stories of Alberta's temporary foreign workers in the May issue of Alberta Venture. There are 290,000 temporary foreign workers in Canada. The largest cohort are Filipinos with more than 46,000 Filipino migrant workers in Canada.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT NEW CANADIAN

By Ratna Omidvar. Mar. 09 2012. The Globe and Mail

~ Immigration and Citizenship Minister Jason Kenney laid out a plan to help Canada find the right immigrants for the right jobs. These changes have the potential to accelerate the rate at which new immigrants can get on their feet and the rate at which Canada can benefit from their contributions.



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

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