



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 March 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 EVENTS

### SEMINARs

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

**Panel Presenters:** Laurel AITKEN, Grant PELLETIER, Erin PRENOSLO; **Moderator:** Art DEANE

**Date:** Thursday, **March 29, 2012**

**Time:** 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

**Location:** Education **SOUTH** Room 122 (Campus Map)

~ The session addresses strategies to help establish a positive health and safety culture in the workplace.

[More details](#)

**Title:** Education Workplace learning, knowledge, practice and transformation

**Presenter:** Dr. James Avis

**Date:** Thursday, **April 12, 2012**

**Time:** 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

**Location:** Education North 7-152

[More Details](#)

### 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**

11010 -142 Street Edmonton [\[Map\]](#)

[Seminar Slide Presentation](#) re: I'm online with a zillion options: Work-learning in those "other" spaces – by Dr. Terrie Lynn Thompsons

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## 2. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS

**CONFERENCE - [Technology Literacy Conference At The Beach](#)**

**29-31 March 2012** in Myrtle Beach, SC. At the Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort

~ The 2012 conference is about a practical approach to integrating technology into literacy teaching and learning.

**CONFERENCE - [CLLoC 2012 - Celebrating Lifelong Learning in Our Communities](#)**

**29 to 30 March 2012** - Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

~The conference celebrates the process of engagement between sponsors of lifelong learning (including postsecondary institutions) and their surrounding communities for the purpose of creating a culture of lifelong learning.

**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.

**CONFERENCE - [Apprenticeship: Strategies for Success](#) – Diversity, innovation and engagement**

**3-5 June 2012**. Regina, Sask. Canada. Keynote speaker: Dr. Linda Duxbury.

**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 [6th Annual Health Work & Wellness™ Conference](#).**

16-18 Oct 2012 in Vancouver, B.C.

~ A conference for creating better workplaces. The session is a leading resource for information, tools and strategies and a year-round forum for innovative idea exchange.

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

**[FEDERAL DISABILITY REPORT](#)** - The Government of Canada’s Annual Report on Disability Issues, 2010. HRSDC

~ In Canada, the Employment Equity Act is designed to eliminate systemic barriers to employment and open doors for workers with disabilities. However, even with open doors, many potential workers with disabilities must overcome barriers and use accommodations in order to gain and retain employment.

**[THE FUTURE FOR TRAINERS, ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES PROFESSIONALS](#)**

By: Colleen Longstreet and Michelle Winkley, January 19, 2012

~ “So, what is the future of HRs roles?” Connections with smartphones, Skype, the Cloud and other electronic devices have changed the approach.

**[UNFINISHED BUSINESS: STUDENT PERSPECTIVES ON DISCLOSURE OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUCCESS IN VET](#)**

By Annie Venville & Annette Street La Trobe University, Melbourne. Jan 2012

~ This report explores the factors that contribute to successful course completion for students with a mental illness, with a particular focus on the role of disclosure. Reasons for not disclosing include fear of stigma and rejection but also a desire to be self reliant and manage their mental illness in the VET environment.

**[SENIORS GET TECH SAVVY WITH THE HELP OF SOME NEW FRIENDS](#)**

February 2012 By Lisa Rainford. InsideToronto.com

~ Cyber-Seniors program bridges generation gap and pairs teens and seniors to teach them how to navigate the WWW.

**[WHY CARE ABOUT LITERACY AND ESSENTIAL SKILLS?](#)**

CUPE Literacy Program. Feb 2011.

~As you negotiate technological change provisions with the employer, consider how literacy and essential skills upgrading could become part of the package.

**[10 BUILDING BLOCKS FOR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT](#)**

By Harvey Schachter. From the Globe and Mail. February 26, 2012

~Surveys show a high percentage of people in the work force are not engaged in their work. They are simply going through the motions for a paycheque.

**[EFFECTIVELY USING TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED INFORMAL LEARNING](#)**

Training Industry & Intrepid Learning Solutions. Survey Research Report. October 2010

~ This study shows that these technologies can be used to address business problems with success – but the content needs to be designed in a way that promotes learner use.

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#### 4. TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS/ IMMIGRATION OUTSIDE EVENTS

**SYMPOSIUM - [The New Reality - Does Your Company Welcome Diversity?](#)**

**21 March 2012.** Employment Symposium at MacEwan University sponsored by Racism Free Edmonton.

~ Learn about practical strategies (from employers of all sizes) that can assist your ability to attract, manage, and retain a diverse workforce, and help improve your company's overall employment needs. visit [www.racismfreeedmonton.ca](http://www.racismfreeedmonton.ca) to register

**CONFERENCE - [International Conference of Cultural and Social Aspects of Research](#)**

**22-24 March 2012.** San Antonio, Texas, United States.

~ This conference will be an International Forum for those who wish to present their projects, papers, and discuss the international, multicultural, social and migration issues in the field of Research and Education.

**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.

**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 - [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.

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

**[INTEGRATING FOREIGN WORKERS TO THE WORKPLACE](#)**

By Marie Gervais, February 2012

~Helping both foreign workers and immigrant workers adjust to their new work environment can be easier if you imagine yourself performing a job in their country. What would you need to know to be able to do your job well?

**[FOREIGN WORKERS FACE BEING SENT HOME OVER WORK PERMIT SNARL](#)**

By Nicholas Keung The Star Immigration Reporter. January 2012.

~ Thousands of temporary foreign workers are at risk of losing their permission to work in Canada and being sent home — ironically, just as Ottawa is fast-tracking work permit processing.

**[LEARNING EXPERIENCES OF IMMIGRANT WOMEN WORKERS](#)**

Srabani Maitra and Hongxia Shani. 2009

~ In this paper, drawing on the preliminary interview data of "Skilled In Vulnerability: Work-related Learning Amongst Contingent Workers", we present two types of informal learning undertaken by highly educated immigrant women working as call center workers, supermarket cashiers and garment sewers in Toronto.

**[INSIDE THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF MIGRANT WORKERS: JOURNAL THREE](#)**

By Aylwin Lo. February 24, 2012

~ The article can help shed light on the kinds of conditions faced every day by the people who tend, pick and process the food we eat. Also [INSIDE A MIGRANT WORKER TRANSPORT VAN](#) (February 10, 2012)

[INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION: THE EMERGENCE OF THE MOBILE STUDENT](#) - Canadian Diversity  
Winter 2011 Vol 8:5 - Guest Editor - Chedly Belkhdja – A publication of the Association for Canadian Studies  
~ Articles include “Managing a New diversity on Small Campuses”, “Creating welcoming and inclusive university  
Communities”

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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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