



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

WLN REPORT - WLN Research

Temporary Foreign Workers in Trades in Alberta – Sept 2012 Report.

By Alison Taylor, University of Alberta; Jason Foster, Athabasca University and Carolina Cambre, University of Alberta.

~ This research study explores the effects of the TFW Program with respect to skilled trades workers. The case study addresses issues of credential acquisition, education and training and language difficulties.

NEW PUBLICATION

"[The Role of the Social Economy in Supporting, Challenging and Innovating Canadian Social Policy](#)" co-edited by **Jorge Sousa**, director of the WLN and Stuart Wulff.

Please visit the journal's website at <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/crsp/>

One article is available for free otherwise you could access the journal through your institution's library.

Some articles: *The Role of the Social Economy in Supporting, Challenging and Innovating Canadian Social Policy* By Jorge Sousa and Stuart Wulff; *Controversial Policies and the Usefulness of Nonprofit, Private and Public Sector Partnerships: Introducing An Assisted Suicide Service in Ontario* By Kathy Brock; *A Challenge to the Social Economy Ecosystem: Social Enterprise Access to Current Government Services for Small & Medium Size Enterprises (SME)*

By David LePage, Andrea Di Lucca; Book Review: *Health Care in Canada: A Citizen's Guide to Policy and Politics* By Josee Couture.

1. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS related to work and learning for all audiences

CONFERENCE - Petro, Power, and Politics Parkland Institute's 16th annual fall conference

23 November 2012. Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS), University of Alberta, Edmonton)

~ What does it mean to live and work in a province so dependent on oil and gas? This conference explores not only the economic issues surrounding oil and gas development, but also the social, cultural, and political consequences – ultimately, questions of power and the kind of society Albertans and Canadians desire.

CONFERENCE - Ethnic Identity Formation and Change in Canada and Abroad

23-24 November 2012. White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

~ Sessions will address the topics of ethnic identity, immigration, diversity, racism, discrimination, social justice, Indigenous Peoples, second- and third-generation issues, and Francophone identity and multiculturalism in Canada and internationally.

COURSE - Introductory Volunteer Management Course

Presenter: Milena Santoro, PIDP, CMM

DATES: Wednesday, **November 21**, 2012; Thursday, November 22, 2012; Wednesday, December 5, 2012;

Thursday, December 6, 2012. **Registration:** [Click here](#) to register for this professional development opportunity.

Topics covered include planning for a volunteer program, volunteer recruitment and selection, training and orientation, recognition and retention and risk management.

WEBINAR - Building a Learning Culture in Your Workplace

Presenter: Rick Hutchins, Workplace Literacy and Essential Skills Consultant

Organization: National Adult Literacy Database (NALD)

Date: **28 November 2012** – 2 p.m. (AST)

Registration is now open at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7666286895373381120>

~ The fourth in a series of webinars on literacy and essential skills in the workplace, hosted by the Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick, will be held November 28 at 2 p.m. Atlantic time.

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 - WLEC - [Women's Leadership and Empowerment Conference 2013](#)

13-15 March 2013. Bangkok, Thailand

~This program provides participants with an analysis of leadership, its styles and impact worldwide. Each participant should be able to understand how different cultures, educational systems, political and economical environments influence leadership sales. Participants will learn how to motivate and lead people coming from different cultures.

CONFERENCE - [8th International Conference: Researching Work and Learning](#),

19 - 22 June 2013. Stirling Management Centre, University of Stirling, UK.

~ The over-arching theme for the conference will be 'The visible and invisible in work and learning.'

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3. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

[Vocational Trajectories Within The Australian Labour Market](#)

By, Serena Yu, Tanya Bretherton, Hanna Schutz. Nov 8, 2012.

~ This report explores the movements that workers make in the workforce and whether there are any commonalities. It also considers whether these movements can be characterised as vocational pathways.

[Learning Theoretical Knowledge](#)

By Tak Ha, Associate Director, Center of Enhanced and Teaching, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Sept 25, 2012.

~ To remedy apprentices' ability to acquire theoretical knowledge, apprenticeship on-the-job learning is often supplemented with off-the-job instructor-led learning.

[Review Of Temporary Foreign Workers Program Rare Climbdown For Harper Government](#)

By Steve Merti. 10 Nov 2012

~ Human Resources and Skills Development Minister Diane Finley issued a statement saying questions surrounding the hiring of more than 200 Chinese coal miners to work on a new northeastern B.C. mine shows the program needs to be looked at.

[UBC's Aboriginal eMentoring program opens up health field](#)

By Gail Johnson, November 1, 2012.

~ Through the innovative Aboriginal eMentoring B.C. program, the UBC team hopes to introduce more aboriginal youth to the wealth of career opportunities in the entire health-sciences field.

[Governments Of Canada And Nova Scotia Team Up To Help](#)

Government of Canada: Nov 13, 2012

~ Governments of Canada & Nova Scotia team up to help unemployed older workers improve their skills & enter workforce.

[Minister Kenney Addresses Regulators Conference on Need to Help Newcomers Succeed in Canadian Labour Market](#). November 8, 2012. Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

~ The Government of Canada needs the cooperation of regulators to help trained newcomers find meaningful work in Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney announced.

RESOURCES - [Essential Skills Tools](#)

~ A series of webinars for employers, as well as a guide for setting up an essential Skills and trades program.

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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

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