



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

## 1. WLN EVENT

**SPEAKER** - Mike Lewis, author of the *The Resilience Imperative: Co-operative Transitions to a Steady State Economy*, is here as the keynote speaker at the Food Secure Canada National Assembly, which is occurring in Edmonton from Nov 1-4

**DATE:** November 1st, 2012 from 5:30 to 8pm at the University of Alberta's main campus.  
Further details about the evening event, including location, to follow.

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## 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.

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## 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.

A few articles in the : Editorial: *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.

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## 2. OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS *related to work and learning for all audiences*

### **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 peers in learning and development as they share their own experiences with you.

### **CONFERENCE - [Aging and Society: An Interdisciplinary Conference](#)**

5 - 6 November 2012. Vancouver, Canada, Canada

~ This is a time when we are in need of more research knowledge and public awareness of the growing aged portion of the global population and its social impacts.

### **CONFERENCE - [3rd Annual MindShare Learning Canadian EdTech Leadership Summit 2012](#)**

**7th November 2012.** Toronto, Canada

~ Join fellow education and industry leaders for this one-day Summit opportunity to learn, connect and gain valuable knowledge from leading global educational technology experts.

**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** - **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** - [5th International Strangers in New Homelands 2012](#)

**1- 2 November 2012.** Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

~ The Conference brings together researchers, academics, students, NGOs and government officials from around the world for exchanges and discussions on aspects of the integration and settlement processes of new immigrants and refugees in the diaspora.

**WORKSHOPS** - [Promoting Training and Employment in the Skilled Trades](#): Networking Sessions for Employers and Newcomers. **7 November 2012, Mississauga, Ontario; 13 November, Halifax, Nova Scotia; 15 November 2012, Ottawa, Ontario.**

~ CAF-FCA is organizing apprenticeship information workshops and networking sessions. The purpose of the workshops is to ensure newcomers are prepared and empowered to gain meaningful employment in the skilled trades. Newcomers need to learn accurate information about apprenticeship.

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### 3. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS /RESOURCES

[Keeping Albertans Safe - We Can Do Better!](#) A 10-Point Plan for Safe Workplaces in Alberta

Alberta Federation of Labour Nov 2010

~ A 10-Point Plan for Safe Workplaces in Alberta

[Does temporary foreign workers program create second class of labourers?](#)

By Nathan Vanderklippe Calgary — The Globe and Mail Published May. 06 2012.

~ Canada's growing numbers of temporary foreign workers have raised important questions about the kind of country we are becoming, and how a nation that has long welcomed immigrants is establishing a burgeoning second class of labour, devoid of many of the rights to democratic participation and workplace choice other Canadians enjoy.

[Labour movement no fan of temporary foreign worker program](#)

By Karen Kleiss, edmontonjournal.com July 18, 2012

~Canadian governments have long used temporary foreign workers to shore up labour markets during economic boom times, but advocates disagree about the impact of such programs.

[Reverse Changes to Temporary Foreign Worker Program](#)

By the Canadian Auto Workers. May 16, 2012, 2:10 PM EST

~A growing group of unions and non-government organizations (NGOs) say that recently announced changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) permitting employers to pay migrant workers up to 15 per cent less and fast tracking employer applications for these workers are unfair and misguided. The CAW is supporting this joint effort.

[Government of Canada takes action to protect temporary foreign workers](#)

In Canada New Centre. Toronto, Ontario and Calgary, Alberta, July 4, 2012.

~ Our government is committed to protecting all workers from abuse, exploitation and demeaning work," said Minister Finley.

[Creating Collaboration Across Generational differences in the Automotive industry](#)

By Meg Wheatley

[Abuse of migrant workers 'endemic' in Canada, new study says](#)

by Toronto Star September 17, 2012

~ The exploitation is not isolated and anecdotal. It is endemic. It is systemic," the report says.

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### **Submit to the Broadcast**

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](mailto: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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- [Centre for the Study of Education and Work](#) (CSEW)
- [Work and Lifelong Learning Research Project](#) (WALL)
- Network, York University

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