

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 August 2013 Broadcast:** Events, Calls for presentations and Research, Resources and Online Publications. (Apologies for any cross-postings.)

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### 1. **ONLINE DIRECTORY** – [News Release](#) “Studio, in Latin, means to study, to pursue eagerly or to be eager for”

~ Several leading work and learning organizations in Canada have conducted research and produced case studies that tell the story of successful workplace education programs. The National Adult Literacy Database (NALD) is pleased to announce that it has launched an online directory devoted to these important resources. Known as **STUDIO**, the interactive and bilingual website is national in scope, crossing various industry sectors and geographic regions. Website- [STUDIO](#) – a searchable directory features case studies — in both official languages — of exemplary workplace education delivery models within the context of literacy and essential skills (LES) and beyond.

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### 2. **BOOK** [Work and Learning: An Introduction](#)

By **Bruce Spencer**, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, Athabasca University and **Jennifer Kelly**, Department Chair and Co-Specialization Coordinator, Adult Education, Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta.

~ “Workplace learning” is fast becoming a subject of debate in academic disciplines that may seem to have little else in common. It comes up in economics, organizational science, management studies, innovation health care, and human-resource development. This book is an overview of this emerging field. It will be of value to students across all disciplines that include “work and learning” within their purview.

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### 3. **OUTSIDE CONFERENCES/EVENTS** *re: Work and learning for all audiences*

#### **CONFERENCE** – [7th Global Conference: Multiculturalism, Conflict and Belonging](#)

**1 - 3 September 2013.** 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- International Academic Conference**

**23-25 September 2013.** Las Vegas, Nevada. United States of America. Sponsored by the The Clute Institute

~ SIX TRACKS offered: Arts and Humanities; Business and Economics; Education; Engineering Education; Energy Policy; Health Sciences. The Education track provides a forum for faculty and administrators to share proven and innovative methods in teaching at all levels of education. All teaching or academic related topics are welcome, such as teaching methods, distance-learning, tenure, curriculum, accreditation, ESL, K-12 education, higher education, or other education-related topics.

#### **CONFERENCE** – 1st World Congress Series on Access to Post-Secondary Education. [Connecting the Unconnected](#) **7th - 10th October 2013. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.**

~ Linking economic and social development to post-secondary education in urban areas. Activities considered relate to initiatives that widen access to higher education that involve cooperation among multiple partners in cities and regions; projects that are directly targeted to particular imperatives of city and regional authorities to provide enhanced provision for targeted groups (e.g. low income, minorities, disabled and the geographically isolated); and initiatives that seek to stimulate economic development through providing access opportunities for those already in employment.

**CONFERENCE - [Strangers in New Homelands Conference 2013](#)**

**17<sup>th</sup>- 18th October 2013.** Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

~ The Conference brings together researchers, academics, students, NGOs, government representatives, policy makers and other stakeholders from around the world to promote exchanges and discussions on migrations, settlement and integration of newcomers. Organized by: the Faculty of Social Work

**CONFERENCE - [“5 MILLION ALBERTANS ~ Really? Ready?” – Annual Workplace Conference](#)**

**24 – 27 October 2013.** Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Jasper, Alberta. Canada. Sponsored by Alberta Congress Board.

~ This Conference is designed for senior management and key decision-makers of private and public sector organizations that recognize the value of economic and workplace trend information in their planning activities. Key Issues to be discussed: Restructuring Public Services; Engaging our Human Capital; Rethinking Infrastructure Relationships.

**[REGISTER BY AUGUST 16TH FOR THE EARLY BIRD DRAW AND BE ENTERED TO WIN Two Nights Deluxe Accommodation for two at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.](#)**

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - [Strategic Directions for the Apprenticeship Community](#)**

Thursday, 24 October 2013. 7:30am to 12:00pm. Delta City Centre, 101 Lyon St N., Ottawa, Ontario

~ CAF-FCA will host a roundtable discussion about the pressing issues affecting today's apprenticeship community.

**CELEBRATE ESSENTIAL SKILLS DAY - ABC LIFE LITERACY CANADA**

~ How are you celebrating Essential Skills Day? This September, ABC Life Literacy Canada will help raise awareness of essential skills and the importance of skills training in the workplace.

The **fourth annual Essential Skills Day** will take place on Friday, September 27, 2013 to raise awareness about the importance of workplace literacy and essential skills training. [Register your Essential Skills Day event.](#)

**2014 CONFERENCES**

**CONFERENCE- [The Aboriginal & Workers of Colour Conference](#)**

Originally scheduled for May 10-12, 2013 is rescheduled for **October 25-27, 2013** and will be held at the CAW Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario Can.

**CONFERENCE - [CAF-FCA 2014 Conference](#) (The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum)**

**Save the date!** The next national apprenticeship conference will take place in the nation's capital, Ottawa, Ontario, on June 1-3, 2014.



**3. CALLS**

**CALL FOR PAPERS- [2nd Annual Conference on Management and Social Sciences](#) (ACMSS 2013)**

5 - 7 December 2013. Taipei, Taiwan.

~ Prospective authors from universities or other educational institutes and industry are invited to submit an abstract and/or full paper by email before the deadline of September 15, 2013

**CALL FOR PAPERS - [Work In A Warming World: Labour, Climate Change and Social Struggle](#) Conference**

**Nov 29-Dec 1, 2013 in Toronto, Ontario. Canada**

~ Work in a Warming World (W3): a research initiative among academics and community partners is holding its 1st International Conference. The Conference is for labour and environmentalists, students, academic researchers, policy makers and the concerned public.

~ **Abstract submissions- Deadline: Aug. 15, 2013** - for panels and papers for a major international conference on the role of labour and work in the struggle to slow global warming.

**CALL FOR PAPERS – [Second Belgrade International Conference on Education](#)**

**14-16 November 2013** in Belgrade, Serbia.

~ Conference is intended to be a forum, discussion and networking place for academics, researchers, professionals, administrators, educational leaders, policy makers, industry representatives, advanced students, and others interested in Education. Proposals are accepted on a rolling admission basis as long as space is available or by **October 20th 2013** at latest and are to be submitted along with application form.



## 4. ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

### [New language rules for temporary foreign workers include loophole](#)

By Tobi Cohen, Postmedia News. July 22, 2013.

~ The federal government has included a language loophole for companies seeking to hire temporary foreign workers.

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

From Employment and Social Development Canada. July 31, 2013.

~ As announced in Economic Action Plan 2013, the Government of Canada is taking action to reform the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) to ensure that Canadians are given the first chance at available jobs.

### [Alberta Flooding: More Foreign Workers Needed To Rebuild Province](#)

By The Canadian Press. July 5, 2013.

~ Alberta Premier Alison Redford says she wants to talk to the prime minister about allowing more temporary foreign workers into Alberta as her province rebuilds from recent flooding.

### [Funding: Employment Assistance for Older Workers](#)

From Employment and Social Development Canada. July 24, 2013.

~ The Targeted Initiative for Older Workers helps unemployed workers aged 55 to 64 return to work. The initiative is cost-shared with the provinces and territories and provides employment assistance services, such as résumé writing and counseling, and improves participants' employability through skills upgrading and work experience.

### [Death & Injury at Work: A Criminal Code Offence](#)

Canadian Labour Congress. February 2013.

~ A guide for health and safety reps for when there is an injury or fatality at work and a guide for the police to use when investigating corporate criminal negligence in cases of serious workplace injuries and fatalities.

### [National Aboriginal Leader Supports Canada's Foreign Worker and Aboriginal Workforce Solution](#)

By Kelly J. Lendsay, President & CEO, Aboriginal Human Resource Council. April 2013.

~ The Aboriginal Human Resource Council is calling all corporations in Canada to unite in support of each other, the need for foreign workers, and the need to advance a skilled and local workforce that includes First Nations, Métis and Inuit people -- Canada's youngest and fastest growing population.

## RESOURCE – [Third Quarter](#)

~ This website is a [non-profit, online job service](#) designed for mature Canadians aged 45+ in the 'third quarter' of their professional and working careers. The builders of this resource are providing a valuable service for this demographic: connecting highly qualified, professionals, whose experience and expertise cannot be matched, with the qualifications required for and employment opportunities available in today's job market.

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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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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.

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

## MEMBERS PROFILES

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