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Announcing LLO Conference 2018!

Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO), the Orillia and District Literacy Council, and the Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network are excited to partner this year for our annual literacy conference! The conference will take place at the YMCA Geneva Park Conference Centre in Orillia from June 13th-15th, 2018. The theme this year is "GET LIT".

Make sure you fill in our survey to help us determine your current professional development needs. This information, as well as emerging needs from the Ministry, will be used to plan an amazing and relevant line-up of workshops for attendees.

To learn more about this new venue: <https://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/conferences/>



Look for the **Call for Presenters** which will be available soon on our website!

Keep checking our **Conference 2018** webpage for updates!

LLO would like to thank MAESD and Employment Ontario for their support of this exciting professional development opportunity for learners and practitioners across the province!

Innovative Instruction



The Ontario Skills Passport site has a great searchable database for Essential Skills Check-up tools (task-based activities) that can be used with learners. You can search for activities based on:

- Relation to high school courses
- Essential Skills or Work Habits
- Occupation or NOC
- Everyday Life, Financial Literacy, or Skill-Building Activities

<http://skillszone.ca/ces/index.cfm?lang=1>

LEARNING ABOUT ELECTIONS

Elections Ontario has some great resources and toolkits that can be adapted for use in an LBS program. Click on the link to access Elections Ontario resources:

<https://www.elections.on.ca/en/resource-centre/learning-about-elections.html#accordionVoting-Rules>

Elections Ontario also has a YouTube channel with videos on many different topics.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ElectionsON/videos>



Elections Ontario

Consider running a targeted training program on “Civic Literacy” to help learners make informed voting choices.

Suggested milestone:

- 14: Watch and/or listen to a film, broadcast or presentation to extract information

Task-Based
Activities
for LBS



Activités axées
sur les tâches
pour l'AFB

The Task-Based Activities for LBS portal is a collection of activities aligned to the OALCF, organized by stream, goal path and level. This fully searchable database provides task-based activities (available in Microsoft Word and PDF formats) to help you support your learners in achieving their goals. The portal has been widely used by the LBS field and practitioners have given positive feedback about the resources that are available. If you have not already signed up for a free account, please consider doing it now.

**24 New Financial Literacy Task-Based Activities
were recently added to the portal!**



To visit the portal and sign up for an account, use this link:
<http://taskbasedactivitiesforlbs.ca/user/login>

Great



TRAINING

Links for Practitioners

Assessment Webinar Series (2017-2018)

A series of five webinars to help support learner assessment:

- [Understanding the Difference Between Task-Based and Skills-Based Assessment](#)
- [The Right Choice: Choosing Assessment Tools and Methods](#)
- [Measuring Progress: Choosing Assessment Tools to Measure](#)
- [Tracking Learner Achievement in Relation to Learner Goals–Goal Completion](#)
- [Developing an Assessment Strategy & Using Assessment Results to Inform Agency Targets](#)

All five webinars can be accessed from: <http://www.learningnetworks.ca/ResourcesPublications.php>

Trainer Corner

Are you a Laubach apprentice-tutor trainer (AT), waiting for the trainer workshop? In order to complete the full puzzle and become a certified trainer, interested apprentice trainers are required to take the online portion of the trainer workshop first, which is available in our Moodle online classroom, Training Post. For more information: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/members/onlineclassroom>

Contact Lana Faessler for the “key” to this closed workshop at literacy@laubach-on.ca You must be registered as an AT.

If you haven’t already done so, join our trainer wiki at <http://llo-trainers.pbworks.com/w/page/18430022/FrontPage>



Partner News and Information



**Provincial Support
Organizations for
Literacy (PSOL)**

Hot off the press– the March 2018 News Bulletin!

In this issue:

- Networked Learning and Change
- Blended Learning and LBS
- Webinar: Best Practices for Successful Online Training
- Digital Literacy

To access:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/sites/default/files/PSOL-March2018-EN-VF.PDF>



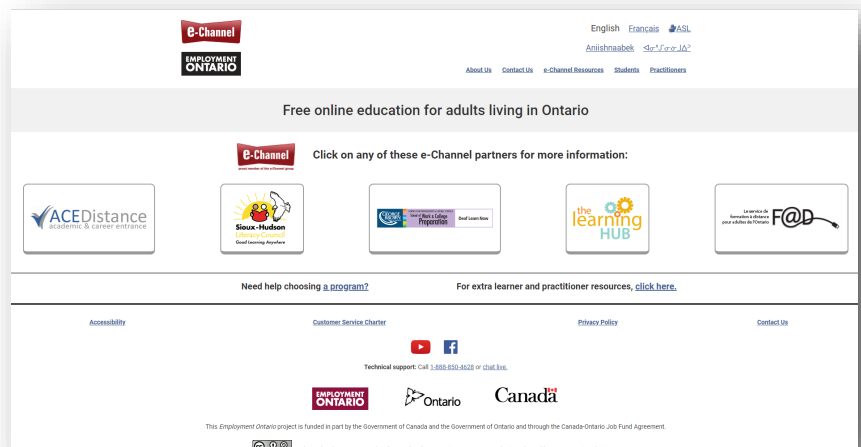
e-Channel provides Ontarians online literacy and basic skills courses, that are either “live” in an online classroom and meeting space for students, teachers, coaches, trainers and leaders of adult literacy and basic skills programs OR “anytime” when class work is completed online at a time and place convenient to the student.

PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition) for Mature Students

PLAR is a pathway many learners can take to get them closer to achieving their OSSD. If you want to learn more about this process CESBA has an amazing set of resources available online:

 <http://cesba.com/resources/plar-for-mature-students-resources/>

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Supporting Professionals. Igniting Learning.
Appuyer les professionnels. Susciter l'apprentissage.



Check out the new simplified landing page where you can learn about the 5 e-Channel providers in Ontario:

<https://e-channel.ca/>



Get the **211** on Social Services in Ontario



has two great new research reports available:

The State of Volunteerism in Community-Based LBS Agencies 2017 Research Summary Report:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/CLOs-State-of-Volunteerism-Research-Summary-Report-March-27-2018.pdf>

Hands On, Skills Up! Research Report on Employment-Related Experiential Learning in LBS:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/Experiential-Learning-in-LBS-Research-Report-FINAL-3-2018.pdf>



Literacy Link South Central has recently updated their **Apprenticeship** LiveBinder which contains a wide variety of apprenticeship resources. Click on the link to access the LiveBinder:

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=1955776>

LLSC also has a great set of performance management newsletters available:

<http://www.llsc.on.ca/about-us/resources>



The Learning Networks of Ontario work collaboratively to support adult education and training across the province. Click on the link to find information about services and are resources offered:

<http://www.learningnetworks.ca>

All About Soft Skills

Soft Skills and Literacy and Basic Skills (2018)

ABEA, LLSC, QUILL, SMLN

Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) programs have always integrated soft skills into learner plans. This resource will help LBS' role in developing soft skills more explicit. It was put it together to:

- assist LBS programs in documenting what they already do to increase learners' soft skills
- identify community partnerships that show some good practices related to soft skill development
- provide some resources to LBS programs that may want to increase their soft skill programming

The resource can be downloaded from:

<http://www.learningnetworks.ca/ResourcesPublications.php>

Soft Skills Solutions is a program designed to help people enhance overall work habits and interact better with others.

<https://www.smwdb.com/soft-skills-solutions>

For more information, contact Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board - sss@smwdb.com



What's New at LLO?

A Big



to our New Members!

- Six Nations Polytechnic (Kim Murphy)
- YWCA of St. Thomas-Elgin (Helen Krygsman)
- Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, Community & Continuing Education (Alicja Szczesny)

Hope to see you at the Conference!



The February edition of LLO Express can be accessed online:

<https://mailchi.mp/ee174dfb145f/lhooa7otlc-2828637?e=ae576b60da>

If you have news from your organization that you would like to share in an upcoming edition of LLO's Express electronic newsletter please send your ideas to diana@laubach-on.ca

We need your feedback!



1. LLO has an opportunity to be able to develop curriculum resources for learners working at lower levels in 2018-2019. We would like **you to tell us** what you think would be most useful in your programs.
2. LLO sells New Readers Press (NRP) resources through our bookstore. NRP will be visiting us in April and has asked us to let them know if there is anything currently missing or something else they could offer. If you have any feedback for NRP we want you to share it with us so we can pass that information on to them.

Please take 2 minutes to click on the link and complete our survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6XRRFK>

