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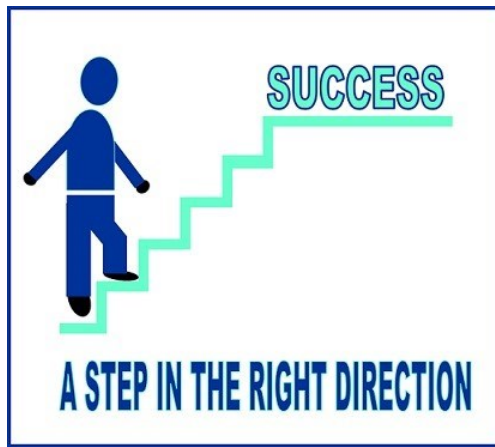
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## LLO/ONLC CONFERENCE 2017

Over 140 participants from 38 organizations took part in the 2017 LLO/ONLC conference. The 3 day event offered 30 great workshops for LBS and ES Providers, practitioners, administrators, coordinators, volunteer tutors, and adult learners. The conference wouldn't have run nearly as smooth without the hard work that Literacy Link South Central (LLSC) and Nokee Kwe Native Literacy Centre put in as co-hosts this year. We can't thank you enough!

There was much excitement at lunch on Friday, June 16th as Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier stopped by to make an announcement about increased funding to LBS programs - befitting of this year's theme 'A Step in the Right Direction'! After lunch she found the time to stop in at the Annual Student Meeting to hear from some of the students personally. Click [here](#) for more on the Annual Student Meeting.



LLSC invited the inspiring Dr. Bharati Sethi, an assistant professor at Kings College, University of Western Ontario, to be the guest speaker for Friday night's banquet. The guest speaker was followed by the annual Arnie Stewart Individual Achievement Awards. Each learner in attendance was acknowledged and presented with a certificate as well as a 'Literacy, More than Words' pin. The pins were a fantastic 35th anniversary gift to Laubach Literacy Ontario from Yamaska Literacy Council in Quebec, who had 2 individuals attend the conference this year.

The evening finished off with Literacy Link South Central hosting a 'Literacy Feud' game that was very competitive and a lot of fun!

Many thanks to our conference partner Ontario Native Literacy Coalition! We could not have done it without you. It has been a pleasure working with you.

For more details on the conference, click here: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference/>

### WORKSHOPS BY THE NUMBERS

Our pre and post workshop evaluations indicated that 78.3% of the respondents, who did not already have an excellent understanding of the subject, had an increase in knowledge and awareness of the topics presented. This is based on data from all 25 workshops (5 workshops were either repeated, or "two-parters").

79.3% indicated they plan on putting learning to use, 81.6% indicated they would be able to share the new knowledge/skills learned, and 74.2% indicated that, if relevant, they will integrate what they learned into their program delivery within the next 6 months.

For evaluations of each workshop, click here: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference2017/evaluations>



# Annual Student Meeting 2017

Brescia University College  
London, Ontario  
Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
1:30 PM

The 2017 annual student meeting was very busy this year!

Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier of Ontario stopped by the meeting to speak with the learners after she made an exciting announcement around increased funding at lunch time on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She had enough time to hear from a handful of learners who shared their stories with her.

Every year the learners suggest an arts and crafts workshop for future conferences. This year we incorporated their request right into the student meeting. Bev Honchar led the craft session with support from Barb Stewart, Murray Bechtel and Gary Porter. The learners created some lovely centre pieces for the dinner tables at our Friday night banquet.

And like that wasn't enough, 5 learners were nominated for Student Representative on our Board of Directors this year so there was an election!

## Nominees:

Jeremy Katz, Hamilton Literacy Council, Hamilton

Bill Maes, Next Step, Alliston

Patricia McFerran, Literacy Council, Niagara West, Beamsville

Jack Osborne, Literacy Nipissing, North Bay

Velma Read, Hamilton Literacy Council, Hamilton



The nomination forms were shared with all programs prior to the conference so learners had a chance to go over them ahead of time. The 5 nominees were given 2 - 3 minutes to speak to the others at the meeting about why they were the best candidate for Student Representative on the LLO Board.

A small, private, makeshift voting booth was set up at the back of the workshop room. Students were instructed to mark their choice on the ballot provided and place it in the ballot box. Once all of the students had voted, Gary Porter closed the election and 2 scrutineers were selected to count the votes.

After what was described as a very close race, Rubert Payea (former Student Rep) announced that Patricia McFerran, Literacy Council of Niagara West would be the new Student Representative!

Thank you for all who took part in this very successful LLO Student Meeting!



# Keynote Speaker

[Dr. Bharati Sethi](#), Assistant Professor in the [School of Social Work](#) at King's University College was the keynote speaker at a conference called "A Step in the Right Direction" held at Brescia University College from June 15 - 17, 2017.

Dr. Sethi presented a lecture entitled "My Journey with Literacy. Then and Now" about literacy and empowerment and how it manifested in her life in India and Canada. Dr. Sethi also presented on refugee women stories of resettlement. Here she discussed her doctoral study about the lives of refugee women and shared her passion for this research and her own experience as a refugee.



<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/media-and-communications/newsroom/social-work-professor->



## Announcing LLO New Board of Director's and Executive!

- ♦ President - Cathy Graham, Orillia & District Literacy Council
- ♦ Vice-President - Tracey Mollins, Associate Member
- ♦ Secretary - Jo Cryderman (Literacy Society of South Muskoka, Gravenhurst)
- ♦ Treasurer - Gary Porter (Barrie Literacy Council)
- ♦ Member-at-Large, Vandra McQuarrie (Literacy Nipissing, North Bay)
- ♦ Student Representative, Patricia McFerran, Literacy Council of Niagara West (Beamsville)



For more conference photos, click here: <http://www.laubach-on.ca/conference2017/photos>

# Program Administration



Steps to Justice is a collaborative project lead by CLEO. They have a new feature that allows you to embed content on your website and social media.

Whenever the content is updated—your website is as well. You can combine Steps to Justice embedded legal content with local referral information specific to the community you serve.

Topics include:

- Abuse and Family Violence
- Consumer Law
- Criminal Law
- Employment and Work
- Family Law
- Housing Law
- Human Rights
- Social Assistance
- Tribunals and Courts

Click on the link below and look for the “Embed & Share our Content” tab:

<http://stepstojustice.ca/>

You can also use the resources to help you with creative curriculum development!

**Joan Garry Consulting** has some great articles for non-profits. Her tagline:

*“Nonprofits are messy.  
Not enough money.  
Too many cooks.  
An abundance of passion.  
Leading nonprofits isn’t  
easy. I’m here to help.”*



Check out some of her amazing articles:

## How to Write a Good Board Report

[http://www.joangarry.com/board-report-template/?utm\\_content=buffer6b26a&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.joangarry.com/board-report-template/?utm_content=buffer6b26a&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

## How to Strengthen the Nonprofit Board Chair-CEO Relationship

[http://www.joangarry.com/nonprofit-board-chair-ceo-relationship-agenda/?utm\\_content=buffer4247b&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.joangarry.com/nonprofit-board-chair-ceo-relationship-agenda/?utm_content=buffer4247b&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

## 3 Tools Every Remote Staff or Board Member Needs

[http://www.joangarry.com/remote/?utm\\_source=JG+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=8027d940c4-remote-staff-20170727&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_40a7094ef4-8027d940c4-103733529](http://www.joangarry.com/remote/?utm_source=JG+Newsletter&utm_campaign=8027d940c4-remote-staff-20170727&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_40a7094ef4-8027d940c4-103733529)



The latest edition of LLO Express can be downloaded here:

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=527e811a0c782656b30e7f7f3&id=bb2ae285af>





LLO is excited to share that one of deliverables during the 2017-2018 year is the “Laubach Link”. The Laubach Link is a mentoring service for our member agencies. We can offer face-to-face, telephone or online support to agencies regarding any topic. If we don’t have the internal expertise to support you, we will pair you with someone that does. If you have a question or need some extra support LLO is here for you!

For more information email  
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# Congratulations!!!

We have three newly certified Laubach Trainers this year! Congratulations to:

**Corrine Bird**

**Trish Moraghan**

**Kathryn M. Hall**



to our newest member

**Kenamatewin Native Learning**

from Kenora!

# LBS DISCUSSION FORUM



LLO is happy to be partnering with Community Literacy Ontario to host an online discussion forum for LBS practitioners. This is a place to discuss current topics, share information and resources and stay connected with your literacy peers!

It's easy— just set up an account for free to access the forum: <https://cloforum.contactnorth.ca/>

## Become a Trainer in 2017-2018

Are you interested in becoming a trainer? It's never been easier! Using the new Blended Trainer Workshop, the face-to-face portion is now only a 5 hour workshop (with ½ hour lunch). The balance of the workshop can be completed online in Trainingpost, LLO's online Moodle classroom.

Participating in our provincial certification system gives you the opportunity to build your confidence and knowledge base as a trainer.

If you would like to take the next step and become a certified LLO trainer email or call the office so we can put you on the list for the next face-to-face workshop. In the meantime, you can get started with the online portion.

[literacy@laubach-on.ca](mailto:literacy@laubach-on.ca) or 1-866-608-2574

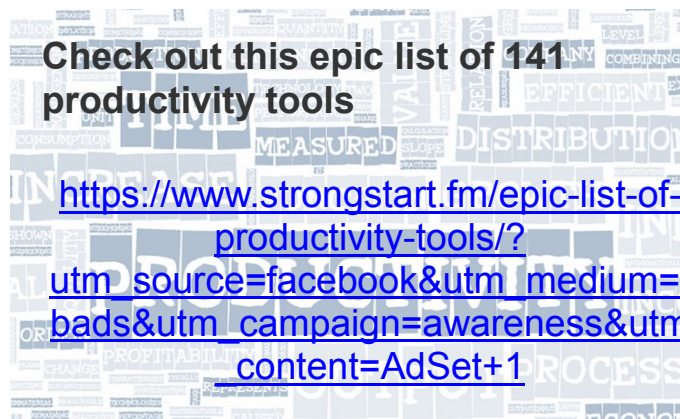


## Digital Literacy Standard Curriculum Version 4

Digital Literacy  
Standard Curriculum

Version 4 teaches generic ICT skills and concepts. The curriculum features screen shots and simulations from Windows 8 and Microsoft Office 2013 to illustrate and provide hands-on examples.

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/DigitalLiteracy/curriculum4.aspx>



Check out this epic list of 141  
productivity tools

[https://www.strongstart.fm/epic-list-of-productivity-tools/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=fbads&utm\\_campaign=awareness&utm\\_content=AdSet+1](https://www.strongstart.fm/epic-list-of-productivity-tools/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fbads&utm_campaign=awareness&utm_content=AdSet+1)

# Partner News and Information



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.

<http://e-channel.ca/practitioner>



Essential Skills Day is  
September 22, 2017!

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/>



Learning Networks  
of Ontario

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 resources offered by support organizations across the province:

<http://www.learningnetworks.ca>



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