

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE JUNE 2013

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **JUNE 2013 Members' E-Communiqué**.
Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. New CLO Project: OALCF Online Training Modules
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NEW CLO PROJECT: OALCF ONLINE TRAINING MODULES

Community Literacy of Ontario has been funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, under its Service Delivery Network Development Fund, for a project to develop self-study online training modules on the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF).

In this project, CLO will create five new online modules on our *Literacy Basics* website to reflect how the OALCF can be operationalized within the delivery service functions of:

- Information and Referral
- Assessment
- Learner Plan Development
- Training, and
- Follow Up

These training modules will be freely available to all Ontario literacy agencies. They will be housed on our *Literacy Basics* online training website at <http://literacybasics.communityliteracyofontario.ca>.

In addition, CLO will produce an online guide that will be available as a free download from our website. CLO will also deliver five webinars to support the use of the online modules and guide. Lastly, we will revise and update our existing OALCF online videos. All project materials will be available by the end of March 2014.



CLO'S AGM AND TRAINING DAY – SAVE THE DATE!

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to announce that it will be holding its 2013 Annual General Meeting in Barrie, Ontario on **Tuesday, October 29, 2013** at the beautiful Kempenfelt Conference Centre (www.georgianc.on.ca/kempenfelt/home).

Join your peers for a day of professional development and networking in a relaxed atmosphere on Kempenfelt Bay of Lake Simcoe. Workshop details and registration info will be circulated very soon, so please stay tuned...

Please email CLO at clo@bellnet.ca for more information

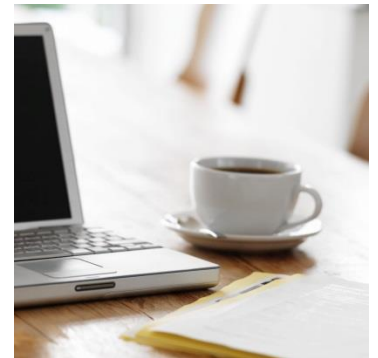


SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS' VIRTUAL COFFEE CLUB

Community Literacy of Ontario, in partnership with Laubach Literacy Ontario, held a very successful "Social Enterprise Online Sharing Fair" for CLO members in June 2013.

It was so successful in fact, that we will be holding a second event! Please join us on Thursday, **September 26, 2013** from 1 to 2 pm for a "Social Entrepreneurs' Virtual Coffee Club" on marketing strategies.

Did you wonder why we selected the name "coffee club"? Well, a new trend for business entrepreneurs is to hold coffee clubs in order to provide a forum for networking, discussing new ideas, mentoring, and providing peer-based support to start-up and run successful business ventures. And since we too are entrepreneurs, it seemed a like good fit!



CAPACITY BUILDERS: FREE COLLABORATION COACH WEBSITE

Capacity Builders has created a new free resource called **Collaboration Coach**, a unique website designed to help nonprofit boards, staff and volunteers build and nurture effective collaborations. Funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the site offers visitors an opportunity to access practical tools, find answers to common questions, and read stories about the collaboration experiences of others through six theme areas:

1. Understanding Collaboration
2. Investing in Collaboration
3. Building Effective Relationships
4. Creating Shared Governance
5. Setting and Monitoring Direction
6. Getting the Work Done



Capacity Builders invites you to visit their free site at: www.capacitybuilders.ca/collaborationcoach/. Please also share this resource with your staff, board and others in your network. Collaboration Coach is made available by the [Ontario Community Support Association](#), through its training division [Capacity Builders](#).

Best wishes and good luck with your collaboration!



QUILL LEARNING NETWORK'S TASK-BASED ACTIVITIES FOR LBS PORTAL

QUILL Learning Network's *Task-Based Activities for LBS* portal contains a collection of activities that are aligned to the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework and organized by stream, goal path and level.



This fully searchable database, available in English and French and designed for the Anglophone, Deaf, Native and Francophone streams, provides task-based activities to help practitioners support students to achieve their goals. The tasks have been submitted by the literacy field and they are available in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats.


The *Task-Based Activities for LBS* portal was created by the QUILL Learning Network, in partnership with AlphaPlus and other organizations and individuals. It was funded by MTCU. You can access this extremely helpful online resource at: <http://taskbasedactivitiesforlbs.ca>

ALL KINDS OF AWESOMENESS: A SNAPSHOT OF ONTARIO'S NONPROFIT SECTOR!

Who is a deliverer of critical community services, a major contributor to the Ontario economy, an important employer, a strong driver of social innovation, and a key contributor to making Ontario a wonderful place to live?


The nonprofit sector, that's who!

Ontario's community-based Literacy and Basic Skills agencies and Community Literacy of Ontario are very proud to be part of our province's vital and dynamic nonprofit sector!



Quick facts from the Government of Ontario:

- Over 50,000 nonprofit corporations contribute more than \$50 billion annually to Ontario's economy
- 16 % of the Ontario workforce is employed in the nonprofit sector
- More than half of Ontarians do some form of volunteering in the nonprofit sector



Quick facts from the Ontario Nonprofit Network (www.theonn.ca):

- The nonprofit sector obtains 60% of revenue through earned income (e.g. fee for service and sales) supplemented by government funding (36%), donations and investment income (17%)
- The sector generates \$20 in donations and volunteer resources for every \$10 invested by government

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can CHANGE THE WORLD. Indeed, it is the only thing that EVER HAS."
-Margaret Mead



LETTERS TO THE EO NETWORK FROM BRAD DUGUID, MINISTER OF TRAINING, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Attached please find two letters from the Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities that were shared with the Employment Ontario Network:

1. An update from Minister Duguid on the Labour Market Agreement. In this letter, the Minister asks service providers to consider the potential impact of the Canada Jobs Grant on our operations and to send our input to our MPs, MPPs and to MTCU at jobtraining@ontario.ca
2. A letter from Minister Duguid to the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development regarding the Labour Market Agreement, the Canada Jobs Grant and the Ontario budget

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of important information for LBS agencies. See: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings



Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- June 10, 2013: [Memo 2013-14 Accountability Framework for Service Delivery Agencies](#)
 - [2013-14 LBS Service Delivery Agencies – Literacy and Basic Skills Accountability Framework](#)
 - [Site Compliance Visit Self-Assessment Questionnaire](#)
- June 3, 2013: Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competences (PIAAC) On-line Field Trial
 - [Memo - Programme for International Assessment of Adult Competences \(PIACC\)](#)
 - [PIACC Online Brochure](#)
 - [Assessment Instruction Sheet](#)
 - [FAQ for Administrators](#)
 - [FAQ for Participants](#)
 - [Incentive for Participation](#)
- May 29, 2012: 2013-14 LBS Business Planning
 - [2013-2014 LBS Service Delivery Organization Guidelines](#) (Revised May 28)

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For more information about Community Literacy of Ontario, please visit our website at: www.communityliteracyofontario.ca.

