

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE OCTOBER 2015

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **October 2015 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. Join Our Online "Evaluation Culture Club"
2. Key Facts about Canada's Charities from Imagine Canada
3. Western Region Best Practices Interviews with Programs
4. Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
5. Update on CLO's Training Day & AGM 2015
6. Delayed Implementation of Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)
7. Employment Ontario News and Information



JOIN OUR ONLINE "EVALUATION CULTURE CLUB"

The "Evaluation Culture Club" is an online discussion board. It's part of the "[Developing a Culture of Evaluation](#)" project hosted by Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central. Technical support for the Club is provided by Contact North.

We invite all non-profits across Ontario to participate. Find out what's new in evaluation. It's free, it's free, it's easy to use. Come share your ideas, successes and challenges.

Join the online conversation here:

<https://evaluationclub.contactnorth.ca>

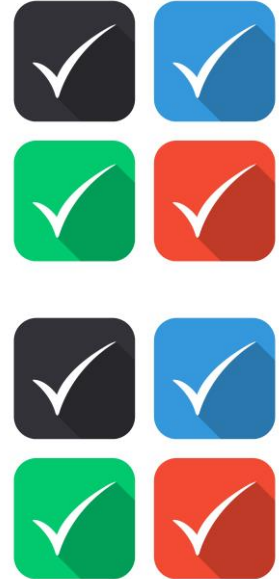


KEY FACTS ABOUT CANADA'S CHARITIES FROM IMAGINE CANADA

Community-based literacy agencies know that charities matter! However, isn't it great that [Imagine Canada](#) has compiled the statistics and economic impact of Canada's Charities? Have a look at these "[Key Facts about Charities in Canada](#)". We have any amazing impact!

Key Fact about Charities in Canada:

- Canada's charitable and nonprofit sector is the 2nd largest in the world; the Netherlands is the largest; the United States is 5th
- There are an estimated 170,000 nonprofits and charities in Canada
- Half of these (54%) are run entirely by volunteers
- 2 million people are employed by these organizations representing 11.1% of the economically active population
The sector represents \$106 billion or **8.1% of the GDP** (larger than the automotive or manufacturing industries)
- Smaller provinces have a higher number of organizations relative to their populations
- The top 1% of organizations command 60% of all revenues



Imagine Canada has also prepared an excellent report called "[Charities in Canada as an Economic Sector](#)".

WESTERN REGION BEST PRACTICES INTERVIEWS WITH PROGRAMS

In August and September of 2015, the Western Region MTCU office identified programs that they considered champions in these areas:



- Completion of Goal Path
- Learner Progress
- Service Coordination
- Suitability



The Western Region support organizations collaborated to interview these champions in a series of four interviews. Based on the information and insights shared by these champions, The Western Region support organizations created Tip Sheets, transcripts and recordings of the interviews. You can access these helpful resources online via the website of the [Learning Networks of Ontario](#).



PARTNERSHIPS, RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE ONTARIO WORKS CLIENTS IN LITERACY PROGRAMMING

In 2015-2016, Community Literacy of Ontario will collect and share information about effective partnerships, resources, and strategies to engage Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs clients in literacy programming.

Helpful Resources for Ontario Works Clients:

- The Ministry of Community and Social Services created this helpful information sheet on *“Employment Supports available via the Ontario Disability Support Program”*. Topics covered include preparing for work, finding work and advancing my career
- The Canada Revenue Agency offers free volunteer income tax clinics for low income clients. Locations and dates in Ontario are available at: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/vlntr/clncls/on-eng.html>
- Literacy Link South Central has developed a set of *seven workbooks* as part of their “Connecting Literacy and Employment through Essential Skills” project. These workbooks embed Essential Skill activities within employment-readiness tasks. Topics included Essential Skills for researching your job, searching for employment, marketing yourself and maintaining employability. With these workbooks, agencies can provide clients with employability skills and literacy/Essential Skills simultaneously.
- Community Literacy of Ontario’s *“Numeracy in Action”* curriculum resource guide helps learners requiring enhanced numeracy skills. Topics include: Manage Money; Manage Time; Use Numbers; and Manage Data.

Ontario Works & LBS Tweet Chat

CLO will hold our second Tweet Chat on the topic of supporting Ontario Works clients in LBS programs, on **November 24, 2015 from 11 am to noon**, using the Hashtag [#CLOLearn](#).

We’re excited to do this Chat in partnership with Laubach Literacy Ontario, Literacy Link South Central and Project Read.

Watch for more details in early November.



UPDATE ON CLO'S TRAINING DAY & AGM 2015

Community Literacy of Ontario welcomed over 40 literacy colleagues to its annual Training Day and AGM on October 16, 2015 in Barrie.

The following workshops were delivered:

1. Betty Jo McCabe of [Beehaven Leadership](#) presented an engaging workshop on “**Bees and Leadership Behaviors**”.
2. Sandie Hennessey of the College Sector Committee presented an informative session on the new “**Essential Skills for Employment and Education**” (ESEE) tool for assessing learner skill gain.
3. Mary Maida, Gay Douglass and Joanne Kaattari presented the “**LBS 911 Marketing Clinic**” where they shared what works, what doesn't work, and what just might work in the wonderful world of marketing!



A total of 33 member literacy organizations were present at CLO's AGM. Our AGM opened up with remarks from Louise Richard-Beaulne from the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities.

CLO is pleased to welcome its Board of Directors for 2015-2016:

- *Pierrette Desrochers-Kavanagh* (Chair) – Iroquois Falls Adult Learning Centre
- *Shannon Lee* (Vice-Chair) – Community Learning Alternatives (Belleville)
- *Patti Miller* (Treasurer) – Literacy London
- *Maria Reolin* (Secretary) – The Learning Place (Brampton)
- *Chris Beesley* – Community Living Ontario (Toronto)
- *Ginette Comeau-Roy* – Sudbury Vocational Resource Centre
- *Kathy Kennedy* – Prince Edward Learning Centre (Picton)
- *Carol Risidore* -- The Literacy Group (Kitchener)
- *Gene Vallee* – Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre
- *Aly Velji* – Toronto Public Library

CLO would like to thank its retiring board members for their strong support and commitment: **Eileen Lee** (YMCA Literacy Services in Huntsville) and **Johanna White** (Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre).

Thanks to everyone who attended and made this day of learning, networking and sharing a success!

**THANK
YOU**



DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF ONTARIO'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT (ONCA)

Implementation of Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) has been delayed until at least 2017.

Here are some helpful resources on this topic:

- "[ONCA Delayed Again](#)" (by Megan D. Wallace, Business Lawyer, Perlaw LLP)
- "[Update: Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act Delayed](#)" (By Linda J. Godel and Dianne Hajdasz of Torkin Manes LLP)
- The Ontario Nonprofit Network has a section of its website devoted to keeping the sector updated on Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. See: <http://theonnc.ca/onca/>



EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of important information for LBS agencies. Be sure to check this site regularly at: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings

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Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- October 5, 2015: [CaMS/2015-5 Bulletin](#)
- October 9, 2015: [Employment Ontario 2016-2017 Business Planning](#)

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