

**COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO  
MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE  
MARCH 2018**

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **March 2018 E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- CLO's "Success Stories: Employment-Related Experiential Learning in LBS"
- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY!** Digital Literacy Exchange Program
- National Volunteer Week 2018
- Resources from Literacy Support Organizations & Employment Ontario Partners
- 2018-2019 Lifelong Learning and Skills Investment in LBS
- Employment Ontario News and Information



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**SUCCESS STORIES:  
EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN LBS**

Read all about it! CLO's "[Success Stories: Employment-Related Experiential Learning in LBS](#)" is hot off our online press. This newsletter highlights ten success stories, reflecting the experiences in different types of LBS agencies in diverse communities across the province. These stories also reflect various types of employment-related experiential learning, including social enterprise, volunteer opportunities, occupational curriculum and community partnerships.

We hope that you enjoy these practical and innovative success stories from your colleagues, and that they are an inspiration to you!



*Success Stories*



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY! DIGITAL LITERACY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The [Digital Literacy Exchange Program](#) could be a GREAT opportunity for LBS agencies who provide digital literacy instruction.

The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, announced the launch of the Government of Canada's Digital Literacy Exchange Program. This program provides funding for nonprofit organization to offer digital literacy skills training to help more Canadians get online.

Interested nonprofits are invited to submit proposals under the program. The deadline to submit is March 30, 2018.



## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2018

National Volunteer Week (NVW) will be held from April 15 to 21, 2018. This year, the theme for this important week is to “Celebrate the Value of Volunteering – building confidence, competence, connections and community”.

Visit Volunteer Canada’s [NVW website](#) and their National Volunteer Week [Campaign Kit](#), for handy resources such as:

- Posters
- Gift Store
- Campaign Planner
- Tip Sheets
- Social Media Tip Sheet
- Media and Government Relations Tip Sheets
- Event Planning Template
- Mayoral Proclamation Template
- Media Release Template
- Thank You Cards
- Certificate of Volunteer Appreciation Templates



Resources & More...  
From Ontario's Literacy Support Organizations  
and Employment Ontario Partners



## Anytime ESL: Online ESL – A Your Fingertips

Exciting news! Are you ready for ESL... right at your fingertips? There is now an online ESL learning opportunity available to adult newcomers in Ontario.



It's called **Anytime ESL** and is funded by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration and offered by the Centre for Employment & Learning of the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB).

**Anytime ESL** is ideal for newcomers who are at Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 1-5 who are unable to access (or have limited access to) traditional ESL classrooms. However, **Anytime ESL** also works well to enhance and supplement what instructors are teaching in ESL classrooms. To learn more, visit the **Anytime ESL** website at [www.anytimeesl.ca](http://www.anytimeesl.ca).



## The Literacy Network of Durham Region's "Literacy Program" Video

The Literacy Network of Durham Region, in partnership with the Durham Workforce Authority and Maddox Media have created an excellent video overviewing the LBS program. This video is called "[Literacy Program](#)".



## LGBTQI2S Awareness

The Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network has developed a resource, called [LGBTQI2S Awareness](#). This resource has been compiled from a variety of workshops, webinars and other sources, with the goal of helping LBS agencies create welcoming, safe spaces for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans, queer, intersex, and two-spirit people.



**LGBTQI2S Awareness** can be used not only for staff and volunteer training, but also to help learners and clients find the information and support they may need.



## 2018-2019 LIFELONG LEARNING AND SKILLS INVESTMENT IN LBS

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development has just announced its 2018-2019 Lifelong Learning and Skills Investment in LBS.

- [Memo: 2018-2019 Lifelong Learning and Skills Investment in LBS](#)
- [Questions and Answers: 2018-19 Lifelong Learning and Skills Investment in LBS](#)



## EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MAESD's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides important information for LBS agencies. Visit this site regularly at: [www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings)

Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- [Memo to Service Providers on Ontario's Apprenticeship Strategy](#) (February 7, 2018)
- [LBS Symposium: Responses to Feedback on Employment Ontario Information System – Case Management System \(EOIS CaMS\)](#) (March 2, 2018)



In other important news, The Honourable **Mitzie Hunter** is the new Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development. Welcome! You can read Minister Hunter's biography [here](#).

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