

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **September 2016 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- CLO's Community-Based Program Survey Results
- Join Our LBS Online Discussion Forum!
- Using Canadian Language Benchmarks to Improve the LBS Intake/Referral Process
- Five Good Ideas for Non-Profits
- Free Motivational Posters for Your Classroom
- Support Organization Corner
- Request for Sample Policies
- Employment Ontario News and Information



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CLO'S COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS

In June 2016, Community Literacy of Ontario conducted a survey of Ontario's community-based LBS agencies.

The survey results have been compiled in a report and can be downloaded by clicking on the link below.

See: www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016-CLO-Survey-Results.pdf

Thank you to our members who took the time to fill out this important survey!



**SURVEY
SAYS**

The Results of CLO's Survey
of Community-Based
Literacy Agencies in Ontario



JOIN OUR LBS ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM!

This is an opportunity for Literacy and Basic Skills educators to conveniently connect and network with provincial colleagues. Help to develop a community of practice by engaging with your colleagues regarding the following topics:

- Assessment
- Fundraising
- Instructional Strategies
- Learner Recruitment and Retention
- Marketing
- Service Coordination
- Volunteers
- Open Discussion



We hope you will participate in this excellent opportunity to share information, resources, and ideas. Share tips and resources; ask advice; post news about what's happening in your region. It's easy and free! Just click on <https://cloforum.contactnorth.ca/> and log in to participate.

Let's get this party started! Everyone who registers and posts by October 31, 2016 will be entered in a draw for a \$50 Chapters gift card!

USING CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARKS TO IMPROVE THE LBS INTAKE/REFERRAL PROCESS

[Community Literacy of Ontario](#) and the Ontario Association of Adult & Continuing Education School Board Administrators ([CESBA](#)) are partnering to deliver a free webinar on the Canadian Language Benchmarks and related resources which support learners in Literacy Basic Skills programs.

For your convenience, this webinar will be delivered twice: November 15 and November 17, 2016 from 10:00 – 11:00.

To help ensure content that best addresses your needs, please respond to a few quick questions in the following survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCCVS9X.

The survey closes on October 7th.

We will be circulating registration details for this important webinar in October.



FIVE GOOD IDEAS FOR NON-PROFITS

“Five Good Ideas” is a lunch-and-learn program created by the [Maytree Foundation](#) where experts discuss powerful yet practical ideas on key issues facing non-profit organizations. The sessions are held monthly (with a break during the summer). They are most useful for staff and board members at small and mid-sized non-profits.

During each sessions, experts presents five practical ideas and explores with the audience how these ideas can be translated into action. Participants organize into small groups and continue the discussion to generate the best and most relevant of all ideas.

The “Five Good Ideas” sessions are recorded. A video, along with session highlights and links to other resources are freely available online. Here are links to the most recent sessions; however, many more are available on their website at: <http://maytree.com/training/fivegoodideas>

- Lois Fine: [Five Good Ideas about creating a good budget](#)
- Sunil Johal: [Five Good Ideas about public policy](#)
- Rahima Mamdani: [Five Good Ideas about improving your organization’s HR on a budget](#)
- Sanjay Khanna: [Five Good Ideas about futureproofing your non-profit](#)



FREE MOTIVATIONAL POSTERS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

The mighty [Edutopia](#) has created 10 awesome motivational posters for your classroom (and, they are free to download!). To access these wonderful posters, visit: www.edutopia.org/discussion/10-motivational-posters-your-classroom.



SUPPORT ORGANIZATION CORNER

Literacy and Basic Skills organizations are supported by a variety of support organizations, including provincial and regional networks located in various communities across the province.



Ontario's support organizations create a variety of resources to help literacy agencies. In CLO's "Support Organization Corner" we will share some of these helpful resources.

AlphaPlus

Visit the website of [AlphaPlus](http://alphaplus.ca) to learn all about their various resources and projects. For anything related to adult literacy and technology, they've got you covered!

- Be sure to check out their upcoming "Tech Tuesdays" webinars at: <http://alphaplus.ca/en/training/webinarsgroup1/webinars-schedule.html>.
- You can also view past technology webinars here: <http://alphaplus.ca/en/training/webinarsgroup1/archived-webinars.html>



The Literacy Network of Durham Region

Many literacy students face a variety of learning disabilities and difficulties. The [Literacy Network of Durham Region](http://www.lindr.on.ca) has created an extremely helpful online guide called "Difficult or Disability: It's Worth a Closer Look. A Resource Guide on Hidden Learning Disabilities for Literacy and Employment Services Staff".



This is a must-have resource in LBS classrooms. Download for free at:

www.lindr.on.ca/resources/learning_disabilities/difficult_or_disability_res_guide.pdf

Laubach Literacy Ontario

Check out the website of our long-time literacy friend and partner, [Laubach Literacy Ontario](http://www.laubach-literacy.org) (LLO). Their website has many helpful resources for literacy practitioners and adult students.

One example from LLO's website are these wonderful stories of student success: www.laubach-on.ca/gethelp/studentssuccess/



REQUEST FOR SAMPLE LBS POLICIES

Joyce Bigelow, of Connections Adult Learning, is doing some research for CLO around policy development for LBS agencies, and she is looking for some help. Specifically, Joyce is interested in looking at some sample policies in the areas of:

- PIPEDA and Protecting Personal Info
- Record Storage/Retention
- Volunteer Screening
- Emergency Procedures
- Training Supports
- Succession Planning
- Accessibility (AODA)

If you have any policies to share, please send them to:

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CLO will share the sample policies with member agencies later this year.
Thanks from Joyce and CLO.

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

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

Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- August 2016: [LBS Detailed Service Quality](#)
- September 2016: [LBS Data Dictionary](#)
- September 21, 2016: [ADM Letter to the EO Network: Service Delivery Advisory Group](#)
- September 15, 2016: [EOIS External Reference Group – List of Confirmed Participants](#)



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