

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE OCTOBER 2016

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Building the Workforce of Tomorrow Report
- Update on CLO's Training Day & AGM 2016.
- Support Organization Corner
- Ontario Nonprofit Network's Employee Benefits Program
- Employment Ontario News and Information

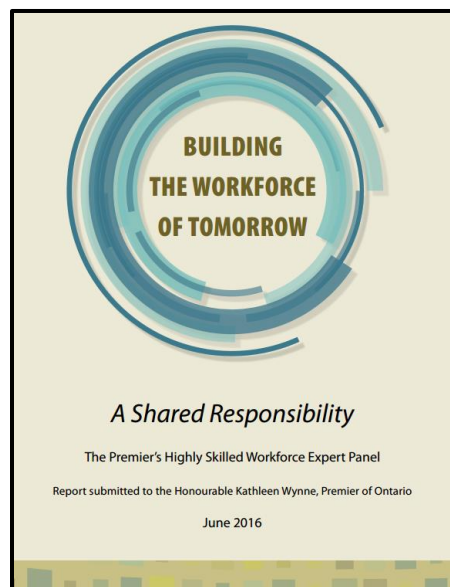
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"BUILDING THE WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW" REPORT

The Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel has shared its findings in the "*Building the Workforce of Tomorrow*" report. You can read the report highlights by clicking [here](#).

Ontario's LBS Support Organizations believed that it was important to craft a response to the "*Building the Workforce of Tomorrow*" report. Our response was sent to The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD).

In our response, we highlighted the strengths of the LBS program and how LBS has a role to play in meeting some of the needs identified in the report. The group believed that responding to this report will help to raise the profile of LBS within MAESD. We have also requested a meeting with Minister Matthews.



We have attached a copy of the LBS Support Organization's response to this e-communicue.



UPDATE ON CLO'S TRAINING DAY & AGM 2016

CLO's Training Day and AGM was held on October 17-18, 2016 in beautiful Barrie, Ontario. We were pleased to welcome over 30 participants from literacy organizations from across Ontario. On October 17th, we held our first workshop: "***Libraries of the Future***" by Vivien Keiling of the Barrie Public Library. On October 18th, the day started with our "***Feel the Power of Evaluation***" workshop by Anne Marie Curtin of Literacy Link South Central.



We were happy to hear an informative ***LBS update***, presented by Pam Koch, Senior Service Integration Advisor, Program Delivery Support Branch, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development. **We have attached a copy of the MAESD slides presented at our AGM to this e-communique.**

Next up was CLO's ***Annual General Meeting***. It was followed by a presentation on the ***Golden Oak*** program, by Meredith Tutching of the Ontario Library Association. Our final workshop of the day was "***Getting the Media Coverage You Deserve***" by Karen Luttrell. We thank our participants and presenters for an amazing time of inspiration, information, networking and renewal.

CLO bid a fond farewell to two retiring Board Members: ***Carol Risidore*** and ***Maria Reolin***. Thank you both so much for your unfailing support for CLO!

We are honoured to present CLO's 2016-2017 Board of Directors:

- Aly Velji – The Toronto Public Library
- Chris Beesley (our Secretary) – Community Living Ontario
- Gene Vallee – Red Lake District Adult Learning Centre
- Ginette-Comeau-Roy – Sudbury Vocational Resource Centre
- Kathy Kennedy, Prince Edward Learning Centre (Picton)
- Helen McLeod – Hamilton Literacy Council
- Patti Miller (our Treasurer) – Literacy London
- Pierrette Desrochers-Kavanagh (our Chair) – Iroquois Falls Adult Learning Centre
- Shannon Lee (our Vice-Chair) – Community Learning Alternatives (Belleville)
- Tracy Callaghan, Adult Language and Learning in Chatham
- Trisha Patrick, Literacy Council York-Simcoe of Bradford



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.

Literacy Link Niagara

Literacy Link Niagara is hosting an innovative "**Reverse Mentoring**" project. Literacy practitioners are seeing an increase in clients looking to upgrade their digital literacy skills in an effort to find jobs. Youth in Niagara may have these digital literacy skills, but may lack experience in volunteer/employment positions.

With proper materials and coaching, LLN hopes to pair 16 youth with those looking to increase their digital literacy skills, making both parties more equipped for employment and more attractive to employers. Learn more at: www.literacylinkniagara.ca/about-us/projects/



The Ontario Native Literacy Coalition

The Ontario Native Literacy Coalition has an interesting website with many helpful resources for Aboriginal students.

Be sure to check out what's available at: <http://onlc.ca/main-resources>



Literacy Link Eastern Ontario

Literacy Link Eastern Ontario has created a helpful online "**Literacy and Essential Skills Awareness Guide**" to inform community stakeholders about the potential literacy needs of their clients.

Click [here](#) to access this resource guide.



ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK'S EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAM

The Ontario Nonprofit Network has established an Employee Benefits Program, which is available to nonprofit organizations in the province (provided they are members of ONN).

For all of the details, visit: <http://theonnc.ca/services/purchasing/onn-employee-benefits-program/>



EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MAESD'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:

- [Questions and Answers for Service Providers about the Canada-Ontario Job Grant](#) (October 2016)
- [Apprenticeship Resource for Employment Ontario Service Providers](#) (October 7, 2016)
- [Memo to EO Network from ADM Fulford regarding the new EOIS External Reference Group](#) (October 14, 2016)
- [SP Connect/2016-5 Bulletin](#) (October 19, 2016)
- [Service Provider User Guide](#) (October 20, 2016)



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