



Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy

## The Update Bulletin

June 2014

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### Dates to Remember



June 11, 2014

**LPCC Meeting**, 1:00 – 3:30 pm  
Community Room, Heartwood House  
404 McArthur Avenue

June 11, 2014

**Annual General Meeting**, 3:45 – 4:45 pm  
Community Room, Heartwood House  
404 McArthur Avenue

September 10, 2014

**Board Meeting**, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Community Room, Heartwood House  
404 McArthur Avenue

September 10, 2014

**LPCC Meeting**, 1:00 – 3:30 pm  
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### In the News

#### **The Federal Government Cuts Funding for Adult Literacy**

National and provincial literacy organizations affected by the federal government's drastic funding cuts (effective June 30, 2014) are beginning to release statements about the impact on the sector. The Canadian Literacy and Learning Network published the following in-depth statement:

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=39df5130093c4d1a9b9dfb11b&id=9ad21dc663&e=018a1224d3>

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## Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF)

### Small Business Savvy from Literacy Link Niagara

Literacy Link Niagara has developed an exploratory curriculum called *Small Business Savvy* for people who are wondering whether starting a small business may be the right path for them. It is aligned with the OALCF. It can be used as a whole or the activities can be used individually.



<http://www.literacylinkniagara.ca/about-us/projects/small-business-savvy/>

### Aligning Ten Employment Services Workshops with the OALCF

In 2013-2014, Literacy Link Eastern Ontario (LLEO) received funding from Employment Ontario to align 10 Employment Services workshops with the OALCF. The project identified the Competencies and Levels required for adults to succeed in these workshops.

Three of the workshops (CPR/First Aid, Fall Arrest and Smart Serve) are certified and are recognized across the province. The following charts are posted on LLEO's website:

[Career Exploration & Labour Market Trends Workshop](#)

[Computers for Job Success Workshop](#)

[Fall Arrest Workshop](#)

[First Aid/CPR Workshop](#)

[Job Maintenance Workshop](#)

[Local Labour Market Workshop](#)

[Preparing for the Interview Workshop](#)

[Writing an Attention Getting Resume and Cover Letter Workshop](#)

[Smart Serve Workshop](#)

[Social Media & Email Workshop](#)

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## Resources for LBS Coordinators and Practitioners

### “by the cup”

Check out the latest issue of “by the cup” from Tech Soup (and subscribe to receive future issues). Of particular interest, Skype now offers free video group chats and of course you’ll want to check out the soup of the month, Egyptian Lentil.

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/372745/9dc53608a3/1701507733/46d3163c2e/>

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## Apprenticeship Resources in Ontario

**The College of Trades** - <http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/>



Apprentices must be members of the College of Trades (OCOT) throughout the duration of their apprenticeship. Compulsory trades must maintain their membership in order to work in the trade.

The College has the mandate and powers to regulate all approved trades in Ontario, and performs standard regulatory functions such as:

- issuing licenses and certificates of membership
- protecting the public interest through investigation and discipline mechanisms
- setting standards for training and certification
- conducting research and collecting relevant data to support future apprenticeship and certification policies
- removing barriers and increasing access for internationally trained workers

### Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)

What role does MTCU play in Apprenticeship?

- providing general information about apprenticeship
- assessing client and sponsor eligibility
- meeting with apprentices and sponsors to discuss training and completion requirements
- checking ratios
- registering training agreements

- issuing apprentice ID cards
- scheduling and planning for school
- monitoring on-the-job and in-school training
- issuing Certificates of Apprenticeship

How has MTCU's role changed?

- Group registration sessions are held at their offices on a regular basis but they no longer go out into the field
- Although they actively support apprentices as they move through their programs, much of MTUC's focus is now on the sponsor, providing them with guidance to ensure the successful completion of their apprentices.
- The Ministry finances student support services at Algonquin College that provide resources for apprentices with learning issues, including supports for learning, accommodation, when necessary, and workshops.

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/>

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## Essential Skills for Ontario's Tradespeople

Studies show that apprentices are eight times more likely to succeed in the trades if they have the Essential Skills they need. The website, *Essential Skills for Ontario's Tradespeople* may help potential apprentices to determine if the trades are right for them and help apprentices build Essential Skills.

At <http://en.esot.essentialskillsgroup.com> potential apprentices can:

- research Essential Skills for 53 Red Seal trades
- take online assessments to see how their skills measure up (there are assessments for each trade)
- build skills with customized learning plans using free online materials



This website is designed to help connect apprentices and employers across Ontario and is a free service operated by not-for-profit organizations and community agency partners in the province.

Registration on the database section of the website is open to employers and job seekers across Ontario. Anyone can access information and resources on the website.

<http://www.apprenticesearch.com/>

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## Employment Ontario



### [Subscribe to Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway Updates](#)

Recent postings in the *Literacy and Basic Skills* section on the Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway (EOPG):

April 2014

#### [Memo: Enhanced Milestones for one-on-one delivery and revised User Guide](#)

This bulletin provides information about new resources available on the Milestones Portal

#### [Reminder: Visual Identity and Communications Guidelines for Employment Ontario Service Providers](#)

May 2014

#### [2014-15 EO Data Reports for Release to the Local Boards](#)

A memo regarding the release of 2013/2014 CaMS data reports to the Local Boards. The release was delayed. Hopefully reports will be available to the boards by the end of June.

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