

Community Learning Network



Helping those who are helping learners

Annual Report
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Sherry Gagné

Chairperson

Message from the Chair

As Chair of the Community Learning Network Board of Directors, looking back over the last year, I see that the learning landscape in Alberta is changing. I am proud that the CLN continues to adjust and adapt to these changes in order to continue to meet emerging needs in the lifelong learning sector.

Over the past year, the CLN has had the exciting opportunity to look at renewing the organization to better meet the needs of those who help learners in their communities. The CLN remains committed to supporting grass roots learning and working with key partners to assist adult learners along their individual learning pathways. The Culture of Collaboration project has definitely been one of the year's highlights. With support and

funding from Enterprise and Advanced Education, we have been able to support community dialogues across the province; bringing people and communities together to form and strengthen those key partnerships so we can work together to address gaps and meet the needs of adult learners.

This year marks the end of my term with the CLN Board, and I am grateful for the wonderful opportunities and experience this role has given me. I am very excited about the future direction of the CLN, and the work that will be done in the coming year.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to lifelong learning and helping people along their learning journeys so that we can realize our vision where every Albertan is engaged in a rich and full continuum of learning. Keep up the great work!

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Support for our Network and our Partners

Training and Support for New Practitioners

Community Learning Network recognizes the importance of supporting learning and literacy practitioners who are new to the field. New Coordinator Training is an important part of the work we do. In partnership with Literacy Alberta, we offer "New Coordinator Training" twice a year. Participants are also invited back for follow up training six months later.



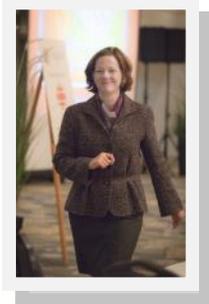
There were 60 registrations for training this year, from Community Adult Learning Councils, Literacy Organizations, Family Literacy Programs and other partner organizations.

Literacy and Learning Symposium 2012: Sharing Stories, Changing Lives



Once again in 2012, CLN partnered with the Centre for Family Literacy and Literacy Alberta to host over 300 delegates from across the province at the annual Literacy and Learning Symposium. Adult Learning, Literacy, and Family Literacy practitioners, along with many other partners, came together in Edmonton for this two-and-a-half day professional development event. This year's Symposium was also hosted in conjunction with eCampusAlberta's Community Access Symposium, as we continue to build and strengthen innovative partnerships.

The Honourable Alison Redford, QC, Premier of Alberta, gave welcoming remarks at the Symposium's opening ceremonies on October 17th. We enjoyed some great keynote speakers and a broad variety of workshops and sessions. It was great to connect and network with friends, colleagues and partners who are dedicated to literacy and learning for the benefit of all Albertans.



TULIP: Tooling Up for Learning, Innovation and Productivity



On February 19th, CLN hosted "TULIP: Tooling Up for Learning, Innovation and Productivity" - a one-day professional development mini-symposium. Over 100 literacy and learning practitioners, CALC staff, CCI staff, employment and newcomer settlement practitioners came together in Edmonton for a day of learning and connecting with colleagues. Participants in

almost a dozen communities also joined the sessions live online, thanks to the technical support of eCampusAlberta.

TULIP was sponsored and supported by the Closer2Home Initiative, with funding support from Rural Alberta Development Fund, and by Alberta Human Services. This mini-symposium was offered in collaboration with the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

Celebrating Service and Dedication



Recognizing Years of Service to our Communities

At our Annual General Meeting on October 17th 2012, we were proud to pay tribute to some of the veterans in the field. (pictured left: Charleen Schnick, Christine Hominiuk and Vera Calvert) Together, these three dedicated practitioners have given 88 years of service to their communities!

In 2012-13, we celebrated more than 240 years of service through the CLN's recognition program.

Outstanding Contribution to Community Adult Learning Award

Every year, CLN presents the Outstanding Contribution to Community Adult Learning Award. It's hard to imagine a more deserving recipient than the 2012 recipient—Carol Aubee-Girard, CEO of the Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association (ECALA). Not only do Carol's achievements include more than 25 years in the community learning system, she is also a founding member of the Edmonton Literacy Coalition, and a tireless community volunteer. Carol also served as the Chair of the CLN Board from 2009 to 2011.

(left: Ms. Linda Johnson, MLA, presents the award to Carol Aubee-Girard, with Dr. Robert Bruinsma, nominator and Chair of ECALA.)



Engaging Alberta's Communities

Building a Culture of Collaboration

With project funding from Alberta Enterprise and Advanced Education, Community Learning Network is supporting community learning organizations in order to engage their entire communities in meaningful dialogue. Looking at learners' needs, supports, resources, and gaps in the system, we are asking, "Who is not at the table?" The Culture of Collaboration is catching on, and shows no signs of slowing down!

(above: June 6th, 2013—Calgary Learns hosted over 50 people, representing 32 organizations, to discuss the importance, challenges and solutions to providing foundational learning opportunities.)

Growing the Community Learning Network

CLN is growing! This year, we welcomed ten new organizational members, including adult learning, literacy, further education and English Language Learning organizations; and a number of Alberta's colleges.



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