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Webinar #3 - Working together to support learners during a pandemic - the good, the bad and the unexpected...

Thursday, August 27, 2020 - 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST

Are you wondering how other literacy programs have been handling the unexpected shift to remote teaching and learning during the pandemic? What tools and resources have they been using? What has been working well and what hasn't? What are they planning for the fall?

Join Monika Jankowska-Pacyna and Alan Cherwinski from AlphaPlus to hear what they have been working on and learning from their coaching programs when it comes to using technology – such as video meeting tools, online classes, connecting via mobile apps, texting and much more – during these uncertain times.

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Webinar Presenters



Monika Jankowska-Pacyna, AlphaPlus Development Consultant – Education and Technology

Monika supports adult education service providers to identify and implement technologies and tools that improve their work in the classroom and reduce administrative burden. With AlphaPlus since 1998, she specializes in applied education technologies, marketing and communications, social media, digital tools, apps and customized websites to help LBS clients better support adult learners. She loves using a brief solution focused approach in her coaching practice.



Alan Cherwinski, AlphaPlus Executive Director Executive Director since 2015, Alan promotes professional learning and innovation at AlphaPlus that empowers its education consultants. He has been with AlphaPlus since the beginning and has worked continually to develop its capacity to help adult learning organizations make the best use of technology.

Webinar Moderator



Barb Glass' teaching career began in the (then) York Region Board of Education. In 1990, she relocated to North Bay and spent 23 years at Canadore College. There she taught and coordinated adult upgrading and pre-apprenticeship programs. From there, Barb moved to Conestoga College as Chair, Preparatory Programs, followed by a 3-year tenure at Niagara College as Associate Dean, Access Programs. In 2016, Barb began her current position as Executive Director of the College Sector Committee for Adult Upgrading.

Webinar #4 – SkillsAdvance Ontario and LBS

Thursday, October 22 – 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST

The SkillsAdvance Ontario (SAO) projects continue to grow in number across Ontario. Already, there are over 40 underway, covering many different sectors. Every SAO project has a skills development component. Join us as we discuss the SAO program and how we can leverage the expertise of LBS programming in supporting SAO projects across the province.

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Webinar Moderator

Since 1996 **Tamara Kaattari** has been the Executive Director of Literacy Link South Central. She has an Honours degree in English and further credentials in Teaching English as a Second Language, Adult Education as well as Editing and Evaluation. Tamara recognizes the changing nature of literacy and education. She is committed to building a dynamic and effective literacy system.



Webinar #5 – Canada’s Essential Skills Framework: Updates, Changes, and Implications

Thursday, November 26 – 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST

This webinar will be of interest to LBS managers, instructors and staff who would like to learn about the recent work of the federal Office of Literacy and Essential Skills (OLES) and their release of the updated Essential Skills framework. The full launch of the new framework was impacted by COVID-19, but OLES has been releasing preliminary information to support a variety of stakeholders including trainers, educators, and creators/users of Essential Skills assessment tools. Guests at this session will include

- a representative from OLES,
- Michael Herzog, Partner, Essential Skills Group (based in Calgary)
- Sandra Hennessey, Essential Skills Consultant for Ontario’s College Sector Committee for Adult Upgrading.

Join us to learn about the changes and timelines for implementation of OLES’ newly developed ES framework. The webinar will also cover related implications for various Essential Skills assessment tools currently in use.

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Webinar Co-Presenter



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Representative from the Office of Literacy and Essential Skills

Sandra Hennessey, Essential Skills Consultant, College Sector Committee for Adult Upgrading Sandi has worked with the College Sector Committee for the last 13 years after working in adult training in the college system for 30+ years. She has used her training in Essential Skills research and development initiatives nationally, provincially, and regionally. This has included working





with the CSC to lead the development of ES web applications which combine ES assessment with career research and online learning activity plans.



Michael Herzog is the founder of the Essential Skills Group Inc. (ESG), the company best known for developing revolutionary online assessments in the field of essential skills. He works with governments, educational institutions, non-profits, and the private sector to develop practical solutions aimed at assessing and building skills that are critical to employment and educational success. In the past decade alone, ESG has delivered more than 600,000 online assessments. Michael takes pride in the fact that he and his team are changing lives and opening doors to opportunity for people who often encounter barriers to success. Michael holds an MBA and is a certified essential skills profiler. He also earned a certificate in Non-profit Management.

Webinar #4 – Workforce/Workplace Resources and Best Practices in LBS Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST

As a result of the ES transformation initiative and the MLTSD's interest in LBS service providers' practices and experience with workplace delivery, a growing number of LBS providers are seeking information to enhance their knowledge and awareness of workforce/place resources and best practices currently being used by LBS providers.

A committee was formed with representation from COFA, Contact North, Literacy Network Northeast, Literacy Northwest, and the Mid North Network, to gather information and prepare a bilingual compendium of workforce/place resources and best practices to share with the LBS field. This webinar will outline the steps taken and introduce the draft compendium to interested LBS practitioners. Based upon participants' feedback, revisions will be made prior to distributing the compendium province-wide in March 2021 via the Learning Networks of Ontario.

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Webinar Presenter

Annemarie Wesolowski, In 1990, Annemarie became acutely aware of the correlation between employees' level of literacy skills and the workplace's health and safety environment while managing a Workplace Education and Basic Skills (WEBS) project in collaboration with a number of mining and forestry workplaces in the Red Lake District. This insight sparked her interest in adult literacy, which led to a 28 year career in the field, with the past 20 years as the Executive Director of Literacy Northwest.

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