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Local Solutions for Upskilling Panel

on adult learning programs
(referred to in Ontario as Literacy and Basic Skills)

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Learner - Quote 1

**“My exam went well - I passed, and have
become a Millwright.**

I am almost on my second year!

I couldn't have done it without your help.

I am now on my way in a successful career.

Thank you!”

Learner - Quote 2

“I had been out of work for several months due to a plant closure. Almost every job I applied for was asking for experience with Microsoft Excel. Once I started the course, I changed my resume to include the fact that I was taking a night Excel course to improve my skills...

Learner - Quote 2 (cont'd)

**... I then started getting more interviews
and ended up landing a full time job.**

**Prior to being offered employment, I was
tested using Microsoft Excel,
and guess what?**

I passed with an above average mark".

Learner - Quote 3

“This is a great program in our community for people trying to upgrade their skills in order to become employed again, especially when you had worked in the same job for so many years.”

Learner - Quote 4

“I believe the opportunity to learn basic computer skills has given me the confidence I did not have before.”

Learner - Quote 5

“I will use my computer skills to communicate in a daycare setting to the parents whose children are in my classroom.”

Learner - Quote 6

“I will use the skills I learned here to help me find a much-needed job. The skills are very practical, and I found them a pleasure to learn.”

Instructor - Quote 7

“The Connect2Skills program (a SkillsAdvance Ontario project) is a uniquely powerful program. Participants are offered a chance to train for an entry-level position in a specific field ...

Instructor - Quote 7 (cont'd)

**... but are also given opportunities to
grow as a student and employee.**

**These opportunities are the product of
the collaboration developed by the
partner organizations. ”**

Instructor - Quote 8

“I have found it very rewarding working with learners in the Connect2Skills (a SkillsAdvance Ontario project). Many participants deal with various barriers to employment ...

Instructor - Quote 8 (cont'd)

... By participating in Connect2Skills learners work to reduce the impacts of these barriers. I commend them for taking steps to improve their personal situations."

POP QUIZ

What business decision produces all these results?

- ✓ Increased quality of work
- ✓ Lower error rate
- ✓ Improved health and safety records
- ✓ Better employee retention
- ✓ Increased profitability

POP QUIZ

ANSWER:

Enhancing your employees' Literacy and Essential Skills.

- ✓ Improved business decision making
- ✓ Better employee retention
- ✓ Increased profitability

Helping you achieve your business goals and success

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