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CURRENT INITIATIVES

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Coming soon!!!! From Roma Chumak-Horbatsch at Ryerson

“I have set up a website here at Ryerson University called mylanguage.ca. (It will be available in the middle of October.) Its purpose is to provide L1 info to minority language parents, to educators, child minders and even to children!”

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RESOURCES

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SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS SWIS

SWIS in Ontario continues to come up with support documents.

Your Child's First Week in High School

Your Child's First Months in High School

Peter Dorfman, Provincial Coordinator

Settlement Workers in Schools SWIS

416 534 7319

See our resources at www.settlement.org/edguide

VOLUNTARY GATEWAY

Visit www.voluntarygateway.ca for interesting news, activities and events for the community-based sector, including a notice on the 2008 Governor General's Leadership Conference, which occurs every four years, a splendid "brainforming" opportunity for about 200 leaders from all sectors of Canadian society. You can link to news about the opportunity online or contact Ian Anderson at 1 (877) 388-4427 to learn about the application process for the two-week Study Tour in June 2008. The deadline for applications is 30 September 2007.

GRASS ROOTS PRESS

If you don't know Grass Roots Press, which specializes in books about and for adult literacy work, you might check out their website www.literacyservices.com. Pat Campbell, who runs this publishing company and distribution centre, is a previous student of mine of whom I'm immensely proud. Recently she has been doing a lot of research on adult student assessment, and I highly recommend her new book.

Pat Campbell (ed.). (2007) *Measures of Success*.

You can, of course, find it on the Grass Roots Press website.

REFERENCES ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

First, for those of you, like me, who have trouble with new terminology, here are some new references on English Language Learners from the Ontario Government.

Two new articles on ELLs are posted on Inspire, the electronic journal of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/inspire/equity/index.html>

ALSO FROM ONTARIO: THE NEW POLICY HAS BEEN RELEASED!

August 29, 2007

ESL and ELD Programs and Services

ESL and ELD Programs and Services sets out policies and procedures for the development and implementation of programs and supports for English language learners in English language elementary and secondary schools in Ontario, from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

View the complete text: English: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/esleldprograms/>

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NEW ONLINE RESOURCE CENTRE FOR IMMIGRANTS

The Canadian Centre for Environmental Education (CCEE is a partnership between ECO Canada and Royal Roads University) now offers a new product to help newcomers integrate into the Canadian job market, the **Online Resource Centre for Immigrants!**

According to Statistics Canada, 52 % of newcomers end up underemployed due to poor language skills and lack of Canadian qualifications. Labour market studies conducted by ECO Canada found that many immigrants lack the necessary information to assist them in finding employment. The Centre can help minimize the effects of these barriers to those wishing to enter the environmental labour market.

What does the Online Resource Centre provide?

- A database of environmental job postings so you can see available opportunities
- Up-to-date research on industry trends to get you up to speed
- A network of over 2,000 employers
- Information on how to prepare a resume, make the right contacts, and ultimately be "job-ready!"

What else does the CCEE offer?

- The Certificate in Environmental Practice
- An advanced education program based on industry standards, so your education meets the needs of environmental employers
- A flexible distance-based format that allows you to schedule your courses around work or take the program abroad before you arrive in Canada!
- Recognition of foreign credentials
- Up to 50% of the certificate can be awarded based on relevant work experience and training

The Online Resource Centre can help you avoid barriers:

"I think it's an excellent idea to set up such a resource for newcomers. There is a lot of helpful

information about what newcomers can do to overcome barriers and having a Canadian qualification will help to navigate those barriers that exist here for people with foreign qualifications and experience."

- Michelle de Cordova, newcomer, CCEE Certificate Student

Learn how to visit the Online Resource Centre at <http://www.ccee.ca/immigrantcentre.aspx>.

If you have any suggestions and/or feedback for the New Online Resource Centre for Immigrants or would like to have your organization included in the Online Resource Centre, please contact us at info@ccee.ca.

This message was sent out through ECO Canada:
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EVENTS

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EQUITY & LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Anti-Racism, Emotional Intelligence and Peacebuilding, Nov. 1-2, 2008 in Toronto

Have you ever felt that traditional approaches to equity education are useful but also limited? Interested in a training program that integrates innovative approaches to diversity *and* cutting edge leadership skills to better serve your organization? Need practical strategies to create inclusive environments and work through difference?

If any of these statements relate to you, then this two-day course may be of interest! By integrating anti-racism with emotional intelligence and conflict resolution, a unique approach has been developed to help create inclusive organizations and environments. Canadian Race Relations Foundation and Anima Leadership are teaming up to offer a training process that has been developed and tested in national and international settings. The Equity Leadership Institute program will challenge and support your current equity strategies.

You have until **October 26, 2007** to register.

The Fees are: **\$750 plus GST** (sliding scale for non-profit agencies available)

For more information about the Award of Excellence or the Equity Leadership Institute contact:
The CRRF: Sandy Yep, Director of Education & Training
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STEPPING UP FOR TORONTO'S COMMUNITIES

A Provincial Election Forum on issues of concern to Toronto's non-profit community sector.
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Metro Central YMCA Auditorium
20 Grosvenor St., 2nd Floor, Toronto

THE CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION RESEARCH NETWORK

announces its next conference with a call for papers. "Daniel Schugurensky"
dschugurensky@oise.utoronto.ca

Call for Papers and Presentations
Learning Democracy by Doing
Alternative Practices in Citizenship Learning and Participatory Democracy

An international conference organized by the Transformative Learning Centre (TLC)
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto (OISE/UT)
October 16-18, 2008
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto
252 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Canada

THE CANADIAN COUNCIL ON LEARNING has issued a request for research proposals in **Early Childhood Learning:**

<http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Research/RequestforProposals/RFP20070601EarlyChildhood2007.htm?Language=EN>

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