



The Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford
Local Training Board

Commission locale de
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d'Elgin, de Middlesex et d'Oxford

Monthly Update

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Building Employable Skills

The economy and our workplaces are becoming more complex and demanding. Communication, problem solving and decision-making are just some of the essential skills that employers identify as lacking in the workforce. The EMOLTB, in conjunction with Literacy Link South Central, is conducting an essential skills survey. Your input is critical. Please click on this [link](#).

National Biotechnology Week Launch

TechAlliance and its partners are proud to host the London component of National Biotechnology Week. They will host a Power Breakfast on September 18th from 7:30 - 10:00 am at the London Convention Centre featuring entrepreneur, scientist and media guru Adam Bly on the topic of "Fusing Science & Society." For more information and to register, visit www.techalliance.ca

Integrating Literacy and Employment

The Employment Sector Council of London-Middlesex (ESCLM) and Literacy Link South Central (LLSC) are working together to more effectively plan literacy services, identify literacy needs and more effectively integrate literacy into pre-employment programs within the context of Employment Ontario. For more information contact coordinator Jennifer Kirkham: jenkirkham02@gmail.com

FarmzOnWheelz



FarmzOnWheels

The Ontario Farm Animal Council (OFAC) has taken the lead on a new interactive exhibit, FarmsOnWheelz. The first of its kind in Canada, the \$950,000 exhibit was designed and built by the Ontario Science Centre. FarmzOnWheelz will help teenagers and their families get an up-close and personal look at what's cool about farming. As visitors make their way through the 400 square foot exhibit, they can explore the interactive components. From *Farming Fuels the Future* to *What's On Your Plate*, visitors can experience for themselves how science and technology impacts agriculture. Funding was provided in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and enhanced by industry sponsorships. www.ofac.org

Canadian Apprenticeship Forum Forum canadien sur l'apprentissage



Apprenticeship: IT WORKS: The CAF-FCA believes that investing in apprenticeship training is an effective way to produce the highly skilled and productive workforce Canada needs to stay globally competitive. Some documents to help communicate the findings of their work can be accessed on-line. [A Glimmer of Hope](#)

[Net Benefits of Apprenticeship Training](#)

[Return on Training Investment \(ROTI\)](#)

[ROTI Fact Sheet](#)

[ROTI PowerPoint Presentation](#)

[Business Case for Apprenticeship Training](#)

Sand Plains Community Development Fund (SPCDF)



Administered by Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations, the Sand Plains Community Development Fund is a program designed to assist rural communities in the tobacco-growing region of the Sand Plains region (counties of Brant, Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk & Oxford) to transition to a non-tobacco based economy. Visit www.ontcfdc.com or www.sandplains.ca for more information.