

Getting Across

Newsletter of the Halifax Community Learning Network

October 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS



October

7th
Tutor Orientation
At Spring Garden
Road Library
7pm – 8:30pm

9th
HCLN Meeting

14th
NS Tutor & Instructor
Training begins

November
3rd – 8th
Literacy Action Week

13th
HCLN Meeting

29th (tentative)
Literacy Solutions
Professional
Development
Workshops

December
11th
HCLN Annual
General Meeting

*For more information
about these and other
events, call 422-7648.*

HCLN Celebrates 10th Anniversary!

In February of 1994, a meeting was held of organizations and individuals committed to providing adult upgrading and literacy programs in the Halifax Community. That meeting resulted in the formation of the Halifax Community Learning Network, which began programming in September of that same year.

The 2003-2004 delivery year, running from September to June, marks the tenth year of the Network's operations. This is an exciting time for the Network, for the board of directors and staff, as well as for the volunteers and students working in the programs. Recent years have seen tremendous growth in the activities of the organization and we look forward to celebrating our tenth anniversary with various activities throughout the year. One of the ways we are doing this is through this newsletter, the first copy of which you hold in your hand right now.

In *Getting Across* ..., you can expect to see many regular features as the newsletter develops. We hope to include learner stories, highlight individual achievements, and provide tips and resources for tutors. On top of that, it will provide you with a means of keeping abreast of what's happening in the world of adult education.

In between issues, you can keep up with what's going on by visiting the Network's website at www.hcln.ca.

Network Partners



If you want to know more about the Network and how to become involved, call 422-7648.

The Network office is located in suite #523 of the Roy Building (1657 Barrington St.)

Featured Website
Key News
<http://www.keynews.org>



The Key, published out of Wisconsin, is a newspaper written specifically for adults with limited reading skills. It is eight pages long and published online every month. Its goal is to provide people who are working to improve their reading skills with access to the main flow of information.

(taken from *Ready, Set, Know: A Handbook for New Tutors*)

You can check out other valuable on-line resources at the HCLN website, www.hcln.ca.

If you know of other helpful websites, let us know by e-mailing hcln@ns.sympatico.ca.



Other Literacy Organizations in the HRM

Bedford – Sackville Literacy Network

869-3838 bsln@chebucto.ns.ca
<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Education/BSLN>

Dartmouth and Area Literacy Association

464-3444 dln@dartmouthliteracy.net
www.dalaliteracy.org

Deaf Literacy Nova Scotia

492-3864 dlns@ns.sympatico.ca
<http://deafliteracynovascotia.ca>

Eastern Shore & Musquodoboit Valley Literacy Network

889-2243 readnowlit@mail.com

HRM Literacy Association

464-3141 read@hrmliteracy.org
www.hrmliteracy.org

Provincial Black Literacy Network

424-7036 clicordinator@hfx.eastlink.ca

Western HRM Community Learning Network

225-6320

Projects: Past & Present

The Halifax Community Learning Network not only provides direct programming for adult learners but we also propose and administer special projects that support our programs and others within the Halifax Regional Municipality. Our first project, approved in 2001, was a Community Outreach Project and involved a partnership between the HCLN and the Dartmouth & Area Literacy Association (DALA).

In previous years, we have continued to work closely with other organizations towards improving the quality of the services we provide. Most recently, working with the Bedford-Sackville Literacy Network (BSLN), we were able to design and publish the 'Ready, Set, Know' Handbook for New Tutors. This tool was created in order to provide volunteers with all the essential information and resources necessary to excel as tutors in our programs. Early responses to the finished product indicate the project was a huge success. Special thanks to project coordinator Dave Caulfield and to Denise Morley, BSLN Network Coordinator, as well as to all the volunteers who assisted with the project.

This year, the Network is continuing its administration of a project on behalf of the NSSAL Regional Planning Team. Last year's project saw many professional development events and information sessions which promoted the Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning as well as the design of a poster and directory to assist agencies in providing appropriate and accurate referrals. We hope to build upon those successes this year as we move into a new year of programming and service delivery.

Volunteer Opportunities with the Halifax Community Learning Network

Tutoring is not the only way you can help out with the Network. Volunteers are needed in others areas, including:

- working with the Board of Directors
- assisting in the administrative office
- maintaining the website
- volunteering for special events and functions