

LBS Regional Networks

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Introduction to GLA



Good Learning Anywhere provides free online distance learning opportunities for adult learners in Ontario to assist them in upgrading their reading, writing, math, computer and other Essential Skills



Executive Director & Team Leaders



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Jonathan Baum – Executive Director

Linda Wright – Director of Online Distance Projects

Warren Butler – Marketing & Communications Team Leader

David Morris – Finance & I.T. Team Leader

Online Educators & Mentors



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1st row – Stephanie, Nida, Julie

2nd row – Diane, Cyd, Clara

Support Staff & Volunteer



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Leah, Sue & Robyn

James (Volunteer)

Target Audience



Good Learning Anywhere works with Aboriginal communities, organizations and individuals to identify and meet their learning goals in our flexible online learning environment.

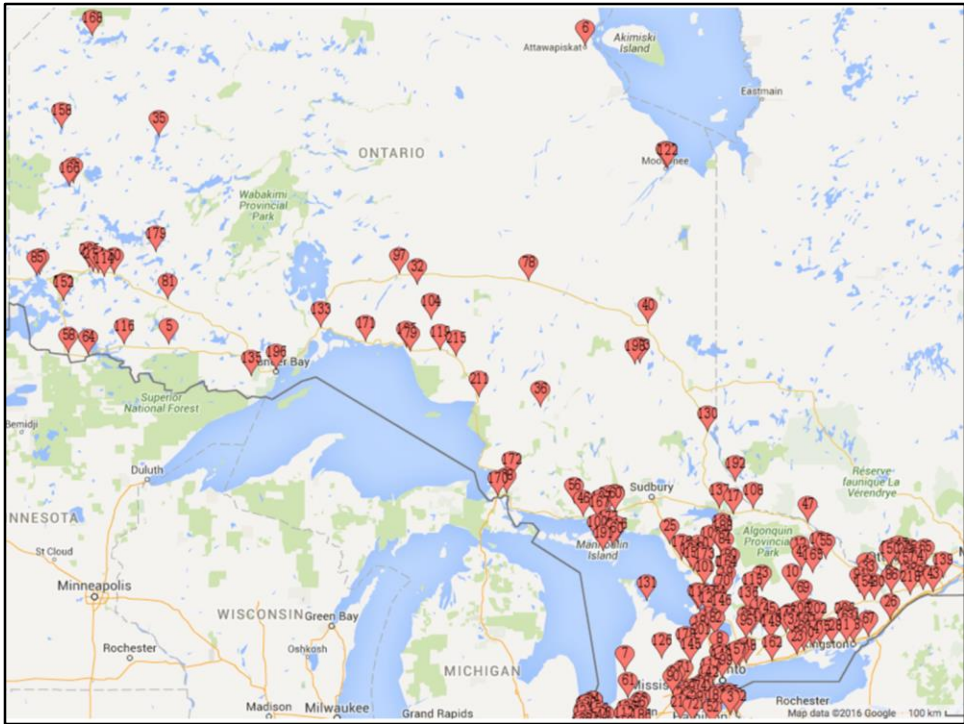


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Please note that learners do not have to be Aboriginal to take courses with GLA.



220 communities served in 2015-16.

Sharing Circles



January 16th @ 10:30 am EDT



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Cathie Jamieson - Cathie is an Anishinaabe Artist from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. She is a lifelong learner who has experimented with various forms art such as oil paintings, drawings, sculptures, photos, poems and songs.

Excellent opportunity for learners interested in online learning to experience the online classroom in Saba. It's also a great opportunity for learners to learn about First Nations people and culture. Learners will be motivated and inspired to learn after hearing some of the remarkable stories and experiences from out guest speakers.

Registration



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Registration is open through our website. New learners can register directly through our website. If there are any registration issues, please give us a call. Current registered learners can reach out to their online mentors to discuss their course options.

Important points – each learner requires their own email address for communication and access to the learning systems (usernames and passwords etc), please complete all the required fields (these are requirements for GLA reporting requirements to Ministry and it assists in keeping the registration process running smoothly), please have learners complete the Consent to Share Information section should the learners want to share information like their attendance, registration info etc with CN practitioners, after the registration form is completed the learner will be directed to an intake assessment page where we ask about learning styles, how much time the learner can commit, their short and long term goals etc.....this is a requirement for the learner to receive their login credentials.....learners should receive their login credentials within 2 business days.....September and January are our peak months so there could be delays with this as it is a manual process...we ask for your patience during these peak times.

Instructors & Mentors



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It is important for learners to be in contact with GLA mentors while they are taking courses. Our mentors are there to provide support, answer questions, assist with their learning plan, make suggestions and recommendations for courses, give referrals to other service providers and be another support person for the learner.

Mentors will be contacting learners a minimum of once every 2 weeks. When learners are not active in their courses and are not responding to mentors emails and phone calls, we will begin to exit the learner from the program after a reasonable amount of attempts to make contact. We find that a learner will have more success when they are active in their courses and communicate with their mentors. Our mentors can help clarify things for a learner as we have seen too many people get confused and discouraged with the entire process.

OALCF & Milestones



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Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework - Milestones

GLA does follow the OALCF and administers milestones online. LBS programs can work with e-Channel leads as partners where both agencies can take credit for administering a milestone to the learner. This is an easy way to ensure that LBS programs are getting credit for the work they are doing with the learners too.

Consent to Share



With consent between learners and programs, LBS programs and e-Channel leads can share learner plans and work together for the learner to ensure the learners' needs are being met. It avoids duplication and redundancies and ultimately helps the learners achieve their goals more quickly.

Upcoming Courses



SABA (LIVE)

Beginners Guide to the Internet

Nov. 15 to Dec 1, Tues & Thurs, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm EST

Getting to Know Mobile Devices

Nov 16 & 23, Wednesdays, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm EST

Preparing for a Zombie Apocalypse & Real Emergencies

Nov. 15 to Dec 1, Tues & Thurs, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm EST



Moodle (courses are available 24/7; start anytime)

Office Administration Essential Skills

Ready For Work

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Office Admin Essential Skills – communications skills, customer service skills, computer skills and many others required for an office admin job

Ready For Work – this is for the person applying for their first job or possibly returning to work. Course talks about your rights and responsibilities as an employee, time management, work ethics, lateral violence and more.

Plato Career Introduction Courses



- Career Explorations
- Child Development and Parenting
- Computer Programming
- Drafting and Design
- Essential Career Skills
- Game Development
- Graphic Design & Illustration
- Introduction to Accounting
- Introduction to Fashion Design
- Introduction to Finance
- Introduction to Social Media
- Marketing, Advertising, and Sales
- Medical Terminology
- Music Appreciation
- Personal Finance
- Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Principles of Architecture & Construction
- Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications
- Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance
- Principles of Engineering and Technology
- Principles of Health Science
- Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
- Principles of Information Technology
- Principles of Manufacturing
- Principles of Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics
- Professional Photography
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Web Technologies

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These have been very popular courses for those learners that have good time management skills, specific career goals, a strong work ethic, and can commit to the learning. Each of these courses are rather lengthy and could take a few months to complete – it all depends on the learner and the pace they want to complete the course. We find that it's important for a learner to dedicate an hour a day or 5 hours a week at a minimum to get ahead in these courses.

Sometimes we will have learners that want to learn about specific topics in these careers. Please have those learners contact their mentor and we can look at potentially customizing these courses for the learners. For example, we can assign only specific units.

Plato Career Introduction Courses



Independent Learning

Essential Skills -None-	Pre-GED -None-
Ready for College -None-	Workplace Skills/Other -None-

Short Courses (Hold Ctrl, or Command if on a Mac, for multiple selections)

- Essential Skills – Office Administration
- Ready for Work
- Create a Blog
- Complete an Online Job Application

Comments

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Plato Career Introduction courses can be found on the registration form under the Independent Learning heading - Workplace Skills/Other.

The Comments section is also a good place to let us know any additional information not captured on the registration form.

Website



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Good Learning Anywhere website. At the top left is the logo and name "Good Learning Anywhere Sioux Hudson Literacy Council". To the right are links for "Register", "Login", "Need Help?", and "Chat Now!". Below this is a navigation menu with "Home", "Learners", "Courses", "Sharing Circles", "Blog", "About", "Contact", and "Help", along with a search bar. The main banner features a hand on a computer mouse and the text "Helping **Aboriginal Adults**, in Ontario, achieve their **online learning goals**." with a "View Our Courses" button. Below the banner is a "Celebrating 10 Years of distance and online learning in Ontario!" message and a "Register Today!" button. Three featured sections are shown: "Learners" with a photo of a woman and a "Read More" button; "Courses" with a calendar image and a "Learn More" button; and "Sharing Circles" with a photo of a woman and a "Guest Speakers" button.

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Fall Calendar



Fall 2016 course calendar is posted online

Please download most recent version from website before distribution



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Our goal is to upload the course catalogue about a month before each term starts. We try to offer different LIVE classes each term and spread them out as much as possible. Sometimes we don't offer the same courses in the fall and winter so if you see a course in the fall, it's best to sign up now as there are no guarantees it will be available in the winter.

Our winter catalogue will be posted in early in December with courses starting in January.

Mailing List - Newsletters



Enter your email address to receive relevant news updates, information on upcoming Sharing Circles, online course information, and general announcements from Sioux-Hudson Literacy Council & Good Learning Anywhere!

When you subscribe to this e-newsletter, you are giving us permission (consent) to send you email communications.

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Email Address

First Name

Last Name

What is your connection with our literacy program?

Adult Learner
 Literacy Educator
 Literacy Organization
 Literacy Supporter

Consent
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This is an excellent way to keep up to date with registration, course updates, and other general announcements – sign up through our website.

Questions



Ask if they have any questions about any of the material you have covered in the presentation.

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