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BUSINESS AWARENESS SURVEY ON CANADA JOB GRANT LAUNCHED

(Dartmouth, NS) COMMUNITY LEARNING ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH BUSINESS SURVEY ON CANADA JOB GRANT

After almost seven weeks of trying to obtain detailed information on the proposed Canada Job Grant Community Learning Organizations in Nova Scotia have taken matters into their own hands by launching a survey that gages the business communities understanding of the Canada Job Grant.

"The government's consultation process on the development of the Canada Job Grant Program has led to more questions than answers for Community Learning Organizations in Nova Scotia and there has been no feedback from Minister Finley's office, says Lesley Dunn, Executive Director of the Dartmouth Learning Network.

"Community Learning Organizations were not invited to, or informed about, recent Canada Job Grant stakeholder sessions offered by HRSDC, so it seems reasonable to assume that we are not deemed and 'eligible training institution' [for delivering the CJG]. It is important for us to gain an understanding of what the business community knows and understands about the Canada Job Grant; as Minister Finley's office is not responding to our requests we took the consultation process into our own hands by launching an online survey, says Dana Atwell, Chair of the Board, Dartmouth Learning Network.

The current federal Labour Management Agreement (LMA) ends in March 2014 and will be replaced by the Canada Job Grant program as announced in the 2013 federal budget. The goal of this "short duration training" is to ensure that skills training funds are being used to help Canadians obtain qualifications they need to get jobs in high-demand fields. This is a significant change in focus from the original intent of the LMA, which was designed to help provide training to those who need it, including under-represented groups.

The business community across Canada is being asked to take a few moments of their time to answer the nine questions relating to the Canada Job Grant. **Click on the following link to view the Association of Nova Scotia Community Learning Organizations (ANSCLLO) Business Awareness Survey on the Canada Job Grant**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NGVZS8N>

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ABOUT

DARTMOUTH LEARNING NETWORK

Originally founded in 1985 by the former Premier of Nova Scotia Dr. John Savage, The Dartmouth Learning Network offers free literacy and essential skills programming in classroom/small group and one-on-one environments; daytime and evening programs are held on site, and at community partner locations throughout Dartmouth. We offer basic adult literacy programs, math upgrading, computer basics, and employment readiness program in addition to a General Education Development (GED) program.

ANSCLLO

The Association of Nova Scotia Community Learning Organization (ANSCLLO) is an umbrella organization representing 27 Community Learning Organizations (CLO) in Nova Scotia. CLOs across Nova Scotia use Federal/Provincial Labour Management Agreement (LMA) funds to provide programs that address literacy and other essential skills to help their learners obtain new or better jobs. Many learners attending CLO programs funded under the LMA are either unemployed or under-employed.