

**OYAP / PAJO Conference
November 18 and 19 2008
Windsor ON**

SCHEDULED WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

INNOVATIVE OYAP PROGRAMS

Workshop No. I0100

**TOWARDS TOMORROW TOGETHER – BUILDING A CAREER IN THE
TRADES – WHERE LEARNING COMES TO LIFE**

Presenter: Sharon Orlak, OYAP Project Manager and colleagues, Rainbow District School Board

This workshop emphasizes the importance of integrating the OYAP experience with new Ministry of Education initiatives to help more students succeed and graduate from high school through apprenticeship training.

Co-presenters will highlight five innovative partnerships aimed at providing students with enriched curriculum, registration as general carpenter apprentices, industry placements and level one in school training.

YMCA John Island – A work experience placement at the John Island Youth camp building cottages combined with level one in-school training and registration as general carpenter apprentices

Welding Project – A work experience placement in industry combined with level one in school training and registration as welder apprentices

RECONNECT – An outreach program for early school leavers – Students are invited back to school to complete missing credits through a work experience placement in the trades. Students complete the requirements of co-operative education outside of the regular classroom environment.

Mining Specialist High Skills Major - A program that integrates OYAP work experience placements and apprenticeship registrations for students interested in the apprenticeship pathway along with a highly specialized secondary school curriculum in mining

Dual Credits through the School College Work Initiative

Students participate in apprenticeship training and postsecondary school courses earning dual credits and level one in school training that count towards their high school diploma, college diploma and apprenticeship certification in combination

with a work experience placement in industry as apprentices in the cook and baker trades.

Attendees at this workshop will receive a wealth of materials developed by the Rainbow District School Board including a comprehensive RECONNECT Pre-placement and Integration Binder, RECONNECT Brochure, OYAP Magazine profiling successful student apprentices, OYAP EXIT Guide and OYAP Student Guide.

Workshop No. IO200

BUILDING CAPACITY: A DELIVERY MODEL FOR OYAP

Presenter: Suzanne Cass, OYAP Coordinator, Grand Erie District School Board

Suzanne Cass, OYAP Coordinator for the Grand Erie District School Board will share her board's unique delivery model for OYAP that has been developed to meet the needs of both small and large schools. In addition, resources developed to promote OYAP and enhance implementation will be shared.

Workshop No. IO300

HOMEBUILDING – CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION

Presenter: Steve LeBel, OYAP Coordinator, Greater Essex County District School Board, Home Building Program

The Greater Essex County District School Board launched their homebuilding program in September 2008. It has been a great success providing an opportunity for students who have an interest in pursuing a construction trade / apprenticeship and working full-time on a jobsite. This initiative often appeals to students who are disengaged in a typical school setting allowing them to experience the real world of work while adjusting to working outdoors. Students earn co-op construction credits, may be registered as apprentices and get advanced standing at the college level.

EMPLOYER AND LABOUR INVOLVEMENT / ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Workshop No. ELI100

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR THE CHANGING WORKPLACE

Presenters: Marion Bruce of Centre for Education & Training, Joan McKay of CON*NECT

Materials available in French

To succeed in technical training and on the job, apprentices need solid practical skills, a good understanding of their trade and good “Essential Skills” such as trade-related reading, calculating and thinking skills. Learn how Essential Skills and related HR tools can help employers build their workforce and ensure company success.

Workshop No. ELI200

BUILDING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR APPRENTICESHIP

Presenters: Emily Arrowsmith, Canadian Apprenticeship Forum

Materials available in French

Presentation will share results from recent CAF-FCA work:

- Survey with employers about costs/benefits of apprenticeship
- Employer Engagement Forums (dialogues about business case)
- Survey with Apprentices in College and private institutions
- Update on ongoing Survey with Employers about costs and benefits

Workshop No. ELI300

DEVELOPING A UNION PARTNERSHIP

Presenters: Jo-Ann McCabe (Waterloo Catholic District School Board) with Susan McPhedran (Wellington Catholic and Upper Grand District School Boards), Gary Berscht (Waterloo Region District School Board) and Sean Strickland, Waterloo, Wellington, Dufferin & Grey Building and Construction Trades.

This workshop will outline the relationship between four regional school boards and the local Building and Construction Trades Council. Topics include: past involvement, current initiatives underway and future direction. The workshop will be jointly presented by the OYAP Coordinators from Waterloo, Wellington/Dufferin and Sean Strickland, a consultant to the Trades Council.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Workshop No. HS100

NEW RESOURCES FOR COOPERATIVE EDUCATION: LIVE SAFE! WORK SMART!

Presenter: Sue Boychuk, Project Manager, Ontario Ministry of Labour

Updated and comprehensive – the Live Safe! Work Smart! For Cooperative Education is an essential tool for teachers of Experiential Learning programs. You've used the old one – come see the new one! This FREE, ready-to-use guide has multiple resources all in one place in an easy-to-use format that will help you deliver your eight co-op health and safety expectations. As well, does a "safety certificate" a student receives through SHSM, co-op or OYAP mean that the student is truly certified? If a student receives a WHMIS certificate through the school, does that mean the employer doesn't have to provide WHMIS training? Does taking a fall prevention course mean that the student is trained? Not sure? You will leave this session with what you need to know about safety certification.

OTHER TOPICS

Workshop No. OT100

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS – AN INTERACTIVE GAME FOR STUDENTS

Presenter: Karen Mingay, Bizzbuzz Communications

This workshop will present an overview of "Pathways to Success" - a fun, half-day program based on an original, interactive boardgame which was launched in schools across Windsor Essex County in February 2008. It was designed to engage students in thinking about career choices and education requirements for their own future. It is intended to build awareness and anticipation of the many learning opportunities available in Secondary School and beyond.

The key messages of the program are:

- Each individual has unique Talents and Interests
- SUCCESS in one's career can be measured by the extent to which the individual's Talents and Interests are utilized
- There are many different Pathways to Success
- Learning comes from both Knowledge and Experience
- Secondary Schools provide many Opportunities for Learning
- Earning a Grade 12 diploma is only the beginning of Lifelong Learning

Workshop No. OT200

**ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND LEGAL ISSUES FOR CO-OPERATIVE
EDUCATION AND OTHER EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAMS.
(Provided in English and French)**

Presenter: Janet Doyle, St. Clair Catholic District School Board

This workshop will provide an overview of the document, Ethical Guidelines and Legal Issues for Cooperative Education and Other Experiential Learning Programs. Using case studies relevant to OYAP situations you will learn about appropriate actions, the related legislation and other resources that are useful in our role as OYAP coordinators.

Cet atelier propose un survol du document intitulé 'Guide d'éthique professionnelle et questions juridiques de l'Éducation coopérative et autres formes d'apprentissage par l'expérience'. À partir d'études de cas illustrant diverses situations du programme PAJO, l'atelier présente les mesures à prendre en pareils cas, les considérations légales et diverses ressources utiles dans l'exercice de nos fonctions de coordonnatrice ou de coordonnateur du programme PAJO.

Workshop No. OT300

"CREATING THE VISION" – Making Appropriate Career Choices

Presenter: Brian Harris, Canadian Guidance Services

"Cherish your dreams because they are the blueprints of your future". This entertaining, yet informative research-based workshop provides practical activities and insights for helping students to create a more appropriate personal vision that includes all career possibilities including apprenticeships. Brian's career planning resources have been used by more than 450,000 students across Canada.

Workshop No. OT400

A STRATEGIC OUTLOOK ON OYAP – THE FUTURE OF EVALUATION

Presenters: Dr. Sylvie Albert, Planned Approach Inc. and Robin Porter, ResolutionsTech

Participants will be provided with some key trends on the labour market and will engage in small group discussions around the expected impact on OYAP and its evaluation systems. This interactive session will also explore the current level of readiness for current and upcoming market changes and explore possible approaches for ensuring system capacity to meet future challenges.

Workshop No. OT500

GO DIGITAL .. WORK LESS!

Presenters: Doug Sadler and Colleagues, Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board

Tired of the paper chase? Want to save time and provide better access to your OYAP materials? Deliver a "greener" program and reduce paper and photocopying by creating your own presence on the web with a Wiki. Teachers involved directly with OYAP will want to attend this workshop to find out how technology and web based applications can make your job easier and your program more attractive to your students. Learn how to set up a user-friendly interactive webpage (Wiki) to market your program and communicate easily with your students. Examples of existing board developed wiki's for continuous intake Co-op and traditional Co-op will be demonstrated. Remember ... Wikis are free!