

Essential Skills “Who’s Who in PEI”

Workplace Learning PEI

To work productively in today's economy, employees must have high levels of technical skills as well as Essential Skills such as reading, oral communications and problem solving. Effective work-related learning programs can help.

Lori Johnston leads the team at Workplace Learning PEI. She has been instrumental in establishing workplace learning opportunities in workplaces and for the workforce. Workplace Learning PEI has developed a unique approach to skills enhancement that strengthens people's confidence in their ability and inspires them to take action.



The Workplace Learning PEI team from left, Lori Johnston, Mark Douglas, Jeremy MacEachern and Pat Sargent.

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PEI Literacy Alliance

Catherine O'Bryan is the Executive Director of the PEI Literacy Alliance. With funding from the Office of Literacy and Essential Skills, the Alliance promotes the essential skills that are the building blocks for success at work and at home.

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PEI Trucking Sector Council

Brian Oulton is Executive Director with the non-profit Prince Edward Island Trucking Sector Council. His organization is steered by a group of volunteer industry stakeholders looking to improve the Human Resource issues that are facing the PEI trucking industry. As a result, Brian, along with the Sector Council have made great strides in improving both the essential skill requirements of the industry and the essential skill levels of the industry itself.

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Literacy Secretariat

Barbara Macnutt has been directly involved with ensuring literacy and essential skills learning opportunities in PEI since 1996. She is a vocal supporter of adult learners being afforded the opportunity of essential skills assessments. Knowing their strengths while at the same time understanding how they would benefit from a little extra training to fill a gap that may exist. "It is amazing how excited people are once they understand that they do have strong skills but would be stronger with some help." As well as her involvement with helping establish learning opportunities in the workplace, Barbara is also Chief Examiner and Administrator of the GED Testing Service in PEI. Every year over 200 adult Islanders write the GED tests that lead to the PEI Grade 12 Equivalency Certificate.



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Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning Apprenticeship Training



Susan LeFort is the Manager of Apprenticeship for the Province of PEI. Apprenticeship is a method of learning the skills and knowledge necessary to become a skilled worker and a certified journey person. Apprenticeship combines approximately 80 per cent paid-on-the job training with 20 per cent technical/in-school learning. Having strong Essential Skills such as reading, writing, document use and

thinking can help apprentices succeed in their training and in the workplace. A series of tools have been developed to support apprentices in understanding, assessing and improving their essential skills. These tools can be used independently or with the assistance of a tradesperson, trainer, employer, teacher or mentor.

There are over 350 Essential Skills Profiles which describe how workers in various occupations use each of the essential skills; 45 of the profiles are specific to the Red Seal Trades. All of the profiles are available through a searchable database.

www10.hrsdc.gc.ca/es/English/all_profiles.aspx

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