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“Research is prodding and prying with a purpose”

- Norah Zeale-Hunston

What can research and reflective practice offer over-worked literacy practitioners?

How can it help you improve your literacy work?

How can it help learners?

Can it help us think and feel differently about our programs?

Our Literacy Research Workshops have been piloted this year in North Bay, Guelph, Ottawa, and Toronto. A 2-day Research Workshop Series took place in Toronto in April and May. On the first day the morning was called **Research, Knowledge, Practice** and the afternoon was called **Starting Questions**, facilitated by Guy Ewing and Sheila Stewart. On the second day the morning was called **Methods for Gathering Information** and the afternoon was **Making Sense of Research Information** and was facilitated by Ellen Long.

Stand-alone workshops gave us a chance to go to different parts of the province and get to know a variety of practitioners. **Building on Our Own Knowledge: Learning About Research-in-practice** was held at the Ontario Native Literacy Coalition (ONLC)'s conference in North Bay and facilitated by Katrina Grieve and Christianna Jones. Action Read in Guelph hosted a similar workshop, facilitated by Katrina, which explored the connection between how we learn about our work and reflective practice. The Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy (OCCL) hosted **Sharing Practitioners Knowledge** facilitated by Katrina. This workshop explored different ways to share and build on information about projects and program innovations.

Thank you so much to the ONLC, Action Read, and OCCL for working with us to pilot these workshops. We have enjoyed working with AlphaPlus on this project. Our hope is to do these workshops throughout the province and online. Please be in touch with your suggestions.



Adult Literacy Research Work in Ontario.

Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going?

with Maria Moriarty

Tuesday October 25, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at OISE/UT's South Peace Lounge, 7th floor



Learning in Communities of Practice: Rethinking Adult Literacy (AEC1131H F3 L0103)

Instructor: Guy Ewing

September 12 to December 12, at OISE/UT.

This is a graduate level course, but registration is possible through the Festival of Literacies as a community member.



Please visit our website

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for information about our courses and to read our evaluation report.

“Don’t get mad, get data”

We Ask Our Own Questions

On March 1 and May 11 adult learners and literacy practitioners gathered at OISE/UT to explore, through collage, questions about adult learning and hopes for the future of adult learning in Canada. Themes that emerged were about the values of nature, art, and community. We also asked what the numbers reveal and who counts in the International Adult Literacy and Skills Survey. Our celebration of learning on May 11 was a chance to showcase the lovely art that had been made, and to talk about the IALSS findings.

IALSS March 1 Event Photos:



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