

**Summer Institute 2009: Workplace Literacy and Essential Skills - What Works? and Why?
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Presentations

[Summer Institute 2009](#) brought together over 90 participants from a number of countries to share ideas, stories, and research findings on issues relating to workplace literacy and essential skills. Some participants gave presentations on programs, research and policy they were involved in. This page features those presentations, indexed by topic, with links to presentation materials where available:

Essential Skills: Research, Policy and Practice

Canada

Distribution of ESS in the Labour Force and Labour Market

Mathieu Audet, Researcher, & Bagala Biswal, Senior Research Officer, Learning Policy Directorate, [Human Resources and Skills Development Canada](#)

- *Presentation not available*

Teaching Essential Skills: Linking Theory and Practice

[Lynda Fownes](#), Executive Director, [Julia Lew](#), [SkillPlan BC](#)

New Zealand

Capturing and Measuring the Outcomes of Workplace Literacy Programs

[Katherine Percy](#), Chief Executive, [Workbase NZ](#)

Do Workplace Literacy, Language and Numeracy Programs Work?: Results from the NZ Upskilling Project

[John Benseman](#), [Department of Labour, New Zealand](#)

United Kingdom

A Framework to Embed Basic Skills in Staff and Organizational Development

[Frances Graham](#), Head of Skills and Government Initiatives, [Investors in People UK](#)

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United States

Telling the same story: Quantitative and qualitative research: "Cast-off Youth" and "Mind at Work" -

[Tom Sticht](#), International Consultant

Presentation not available, but here are links to three of his reports:

- Sticht, Thomas G. (1997). *Functional Context Education: Making Learning Relevant*. Retrieved July 17, 2009, from <http://www.nald.ca/FULLTEXT/context/cover.htm>
- Sticht, Thomas G. (2005). *Functional Context Education: Making Learning Relevant in the 21st Century*. Retrieved July 17, 2009, from <http://www.nald.ca/fulltext/fce/cover.htm>
- Sticht, Thomas G. (1999). *Testing and Accountability in Adult Literacy Education*. Retrieved July 17, 2009, from <http://www.nald.ca/fulltext/sticht/testing/cover.htm>

Life Skills: Family, Community, and Work

Canada

[***Linking Family and Essential Skills to the Workplace***](#)

[Elaine Cairns](#), [Further Education Society of Alberta](#) (FESA)

[***Recognizing Life's Work: Linking life skills to work***](#)

[Cindy Davidson](#), [QUILL Network](#), Ontario

Minority Groups and Workplace and Essential Skills

Canada

[***Delivering Essential Skills to Hutterites via Interactive Television***](#)

[Roger Loewen](#), [Assiniboine College](#), Manitoba

[***Essential Skills for Immigrant professionals: The role of culture***](#)

[Leslie Levant](#), [Bow Valley College](#), Alberta

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Provincial Workplace and Essential Skills Programs

Manitoba

[Workplace Literacy and Essential Skills in Manitoba](#)

Sandi Howell, Coordinator of Essential Skills and Recognizing Prior Learning (RPL), Industry Workforce Development, Manitoba Competitiveness, Training and Trade

Nova Scotia

[Nova Scotia Workplace Skills Initiative](#)

[Joe Brown](#), Program Coordinator, [One Journey Initiative](#) with the [Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Workforce Development](#).

Skill Upgrade

Canada

[Employment Track Express: Who's on the passenger list?](#)

[Karen Coutts](#), [QUILL Network](#), Ontario

Unions

Canada

[Workplace Literacy and Learning: Lessons from CUPE](#)

[Maria Moriarty](#), [Canadian Union of Public Employees](#)