



PRESS RELEASE

TCLC receives funding to address employment shortage in the transportation industry

Tri-County Literacy Council (TCLC) is happy to announce it has received a Sector Partnership Planning Grant from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to examine challenges related to employment in the transportation industry in the Eastern Region. According to Trucking HR Canada "A long-term, chronic shortage of qualified truck drivers has been recognized in recent reports by the Canadian Trucking Alliance and the Conference Board of Canada".

Tri-County Literacy Council, in partnership with Literacy Link Eastern Ontario, will identify workforce challenges and create a comprehensive Strategic Plan to address the regional issues identified. This plan may include literacy learner supports and training program development, and/or partnerships with truck driving schools and employers. The project will develop new partnerships and strengthen existing partnerships between local employers, Employment Ontario service providers, and literacy networks, with the goal of creating proactive and cost-effective measures to implement the solutions identified within the Strategic Plan.

"This grant enables TCLC to make, what it believes will be, a significant contribution to the transportation industry. As the agency continues to venture into various forms of occupational training, it can seek with employers more ways of opening the field to adult learners and women who in the past may have felt reluctant to pursue this interest" said Dina McGowan, Executive Director.

Tri-County Literacy Council is a community-based, non-profit, charitable organization. Our mandate is to enrich both our community and individuals by addressing literacy needs. To do this, we assess adult learners, help them set goals and provide necessary Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) upgrading; General Educational Development (GED) preparation; apprenticeship preparation; basic computer courses; and occupational training for entry-level positions. We recruit volunteers to assist learners in meeting their employment, personal, and social goals. This method of private instruction can be one-on-one with a tutor or in a small group classroom. Call 613-932-7161 for more information about our free programs and services.

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