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## *Sharing Knowledge Unlocking Potential*

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**Research Brief** – Uncharted Territory: Can Social Innovation Revitalize Literacy & Essential Skills Programs?

This [research brief](#) is a summary of the full-length paper by the same title posted in February. It highlights what is known about “Social Innovation”, describes and analyzes the different forms of social innovation, and considers if and how it might apply in the context of literacy and essential skills in Canada.

**Glossary** - This [glossary](#) serves as an “aide memoire” for terms related to social finance and social innovation. It was originally created by John McLaughlin and Ron Samson for the background paper they wrote for the 2012 Fall Institute on Social Finance and Innovation for Adult Basic Learning and published in February 2013 as Uncharted Territory: Can Social Innovation Revitalize Literacy and Essential Skills Programs?

### **Recent Webinar - Posted**

Now you can listen to the audio recording and view the power point presentation of the [webinar](#):  
"Uncharted Territory: Can Social Innovation Revitalize Literacy and Essential Skills Programs?"  
You can also view the [pdf version](#) of the power point presentation.

### **Research Scan – April 2013**

The [April 2013 Research Scan](#) includes summaries of:

- OECD working papers on the PIAAC component “problem-solving in technology-rich environments”
- Updates on and critiques of Social Impact Bond pilot

- projects
- A study of recruitment and retention of learners in workplace programs in New Zealand
- and more...

## REMINDERS

**Summer Institute 2013:** Learning from IALS, Preparing for PIAAC – June 26 – 28, 2013.

Two more days until the deadline. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for early bird registration! 18 spaces left. [Register now!](#)

**Institute d'été 2013:** Apprendre du passé, préparer l'avenir – 26 – 28 juin 2013

Le rabais consenti aux participants qui s'inscrivent à l'avance prendra fin le 1<sup>er</sup> mai prochain. Ne ratez pas cette occasion et [inscrivez-vous dès maintenant!](#)

## Take the survey. Mapping the LES Workforce –One day left! Deadline April 30, 2013

This national survey of the Literacy and Essential Skills Workforce sponsored by CLLN is available until April 30, 2013. Its focus is to help identify the needs, concerns and future implications for this profession in Canada. If you are a teacher/instructor/facilitator, assessor, program/curriculum developer, administrator, coordinator or manager, you are eligible to participate. Visit [www.lesworkforce.ca](http://www.lesworkforce.ca) to learn more and access the online questionnaire in English or French.



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