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1. **Webinar – Tuesday, May 8, 2012 – 11.30 EDT**
Very few spaces left - Registration limited to 25
Jay Derrick, Teacher Educator, and Researcher at Institute of Education, University of London, will present “Embedding literacy and essential skills in Workplace Training: Changing the Conversation”. Contact – paul.beaulieu@centreforliteracy.qc.ca to register. Check our website in early May for the posting of the discussion paper.
 2. **Summer Institute 2012 – June 27, 28, 29, 2012 in Montreal**
“Shaping a New Learning Culture” – Registration is filling
Early bird registration until midnight May 1, 2012
 3. **Research Brief – Stephen Reder**
The Longitudinal Study of Adult Learning: Challenging Assumptions

This research brief by Steve Reder will generate questions and discussion about factors that influence the impacts and results of adult basic education and seed new ways to think about the implications for workplace learning.
 4. **April Research Scan Online**
The April research scan includes brief descriptions of current research projects on topics such as workplace literacy and essential skills (WLES) and funding policy, many funded by the Office of

Literacy and Essential Skills (OLES). It summarizes research articles and reports on WLES, [partnerships between businesses and adult educators](#), family literacy and professionalization of the adult literacy field.

Full list of research scans

5. FRIENDS Campaign

Twice annually, we appeal for help from our FRIENDS to sustain the community projects which we have created. Please check your mail for your letter and donation form or visit our website ([link](#))

6. Place based learning communities – June 10 – 12, 2012

The Centre for Literacy is proud to be associated with *Réseau pour le développement de l'alphabétisme et des compétences* (RESDAC) and their event co-sponsor, the Canadian Literacy and Learning Network (CLLN), in promoting an innovative approach to learning.

RESDAC is offering a course on place-based learning communities by Professor [Ron Faris](#), a renowned adult educator from the University of Victoria. The course starts June 10, 2012 from 19:00 to 21:00, continues all day June 11 and finishes at noon on June 12, 2012.

Participants will learn about place-based learning communities as a lifelong learning conceptual framework that draws on community assets, and gain know-how and understanding of the key elements to develop place-based learning communities. Topics include identifying and motivating literacy learners at Levels 1 and 2, creating a data-based community profile, making an inventory of local resources, and more.

The course will be given in English with simultaneous translation in French.

For more information and to register, please visit the RESDAC [web site](#).