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**Uncharted Territory: Can Social Innovation Revitalize Literacy and Essential Skills Programs** 

This primer on social innovation prepared for <u>Fall Institute 2012</u> explains various forms of social innovations and types of social finance. The impetus for social innovations and the challenges involved leave the reader with thought-provoking questions. Read more.

Measures of Success - Sharing Findings from MoS Research Project

The Centre for Literacy and its research partner, the <u>Social Research and Demonstration Corporation</u>, have started to meet with interested governments and organizations to present the findings of the Measures of Success project. The findings have already been presented to the funder, the <u>Office of Literacy and Essential Skills (OLES)</u> and other meetings are booked for March. Measures of Success developed an evaluation model to measure the medium and long-term outcomes of workplace learning initiatives aimed to improve the literacy and essential skills of participating workers. Findings suggest that literacy and essential skills training in workplaces can produce gains and performance improvements in many areas, for workers and employers.

The full report will be available on our website by the end of March 2013.

**Research Brief - Ecologies of Learning** 

<u>This brief by Juliet Merrifield</u> summarizes research on the ways culture and context influence the outcomes of Workplace Literacy and Essential Skills (WLES) intervention, and suggests using a lens of social ecology to help us understand the critical factors.

Linda Shohet honoured as a Champion of Lifelong Learning

The <u>Quebec Association for Lifelong Learning</u> (QALL) will recognize Executive Director Linda Shohet and two other Quebec adult educators at its <u>2nd Annual Champions of Lifelong Learning Gala</u> on March 22, 2013. QALL is an English Language Association that supports those who support learners. This event recognizes and honours individuals who have contributed in their communities (link) A cocktail and dinner reception will be held. To attend, please contact: Malka Benjamin at 514-848-2424 ext. 2036 or <u>qall@qall.ca</u>.

This is the second recognition accorded to Linda this year. She was recently awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her work in adult literacy and essential skills.

### **UPDATES**

### Webinars

Now you can listen to the audio recordings of two recent webinars:

"Integrating Social Entrepreneurship into Adult Learning and Employment Programs"

"Current Research on Social Finance and Employment Training Programs"

### **Research Scan**

There is no research scan for February. We have used the time to produce a research database for the 200+ summaries we have created since August 2011. This will be launched the 1st week of March.