

# LONDON COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION

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**MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** March 18, 2014

**Place:** Goodwill Town Hall, 255 Horton Street East, London, ON

**Topic:** General Meeting, with speaker Deanne Kondrat, London Arts Council

**Present:** Kristen Caschera (LPL); Amanda Burdick (LLSC); Donna Moore (UWO, Toastmasters); Beverley Payne (TVDSB); Linda Speers (Goodwill Career Centre); Heather Jeffery (Hutton House); Colleen Amatruda (LPL); Ashley Patterson (WIL); Alison Sims (NokeeKwe); Teresa Kwissiwa (NokeeKwe); Trish Taft (CCLC); Pauline Andrew (Middlesex Social Services); Ann Walker (Independent); Monica Giorgini (Independent)

Ann Walker welcomed and introduced the guest speaker, Deanne Kondrat from the London Arts Council.

**Presentation:**

Deanne provided an overview of the London Arts Council, including some background history and the various initiatives it is involved with around London.

Key points:

* was incorporated in 1995; known as the “hub” of the London Arts Community
* Currently there is a staff of 7; it is a non-profit charitable organization

London Arts Council events include:

* Doors Open London & London Culture Days (September 28 & 29)
* In partnership with the London Heritage Council
* 100 participating organizations; one of the largest “culture days” in Canada
* Citizen Culture
* a new program in the last few years for newcomers to Canada (new citizens)
* free pass to visit local cultural and historical sites once Canadian citizenship is received
* London Artist in Residence
* this program is in its 2nd year
* funds London based artists to collaborate with local school boards to deliver integrated arts-infused projects, providing opportunities for youth to develop artistic skills
* applications are accepted in May
* Visit their website:[www.londonculture.ca](http://www.londonculture.ca) for more information

Kristen Caschera thanked Deanne for her presentation on behalf of the members of LCAE.

**Member Agency updates:**

Ashley Paterson (WIL Employment Connections)

* announced she has accepted a new position in Marketing role at WIL; Nancy Griffiths will replace her as LCAE representative from WIL
* GED program is very busy at this time

Beverly Payne (TVDSB)

* Spoke about new programs at Wheable: Hairdressing - students can take this program once ESL requirements are completed; Childcare - to qualify, students must be over 18 years of age; High School Diploma
* $50.00 book deposit; $20.00 for 1 term of ESL; costs of materials for hairdressing course unknown; Terry Allen is the contact person for these programs
* Adult & Continuing Education courses are open to anyone over 18 years of age

Linda Speers (Goodwill Career Centre)

* Announced a new program as of January, 2014 – Hospitality Training Program
* The Environmental Service Worker and Customer Service Training Programs continue to run

Colleen Amatruda (London Public Library)

* New ACCESS magazines are now available, showing Spring courses
* TFSA seminar is being held - April 12
* 2 Phases of Retirement Planning – May 10
* Many other courses / seminars are available (including topics like job search techniques & empowering women)

Heather Jefffery (Hutton House)

* One on one tutoring is ongoing
* There are different computer classes to choose from
* Group classes with a variety of topics such as healthy living, job search, fitness, adult education, and many more

Pauline Andrew (Middlesex Social Services)

* Their office is moving by end of March into the Strathroy Library
* Very busy at this time as employment opportunities are available out in the county
* Referrals to other local community partners like Community Employment Services and Leads

Donna Moore (Toastmasters / Western University)

* Many students are referred to Toastmaster to develop speaking skills, boosting confidence levels which are helpful with presentation and interview skills and impromptu speaking
* There are 1000’s of clubs around the world
* For more information, visit <http://www.toastmasters.org/>

(Western University)

* There will be a workshop Thursday, March 20th for mature students (Western’s SAGE group) to address job search topics

Monica Giorgini (Western University)

* Career Counselling services at the Student Success Centre are available to all Western alumni between May and August, during the summer break

Trish Taft (Cross Cultural Learner Centre)

* New cultural business programs are available
* Intercultural Competency training (workshops of 19 hours in length)

Alison Sims (NokeeKwe)

* Master Auto Advisor Group has been set up on LinkedIn
* Referrals now being accepted for the Certified Service Advisor program, an 8 week long skills training course, including a placement; this is the 4th group and the course has been quite successful so far
* 6 new JCP (Jo Creation Partnership) participants started recently at NokeeKwe in various roles; 2 students (Fanshawe & Western) are completing their placements there
* It’s very busy at this time; the Literacy Skills Program is at capacity

Amanda and Kristen thanked everyone for attending. The next LCAE general meeting is April 8th at Central Branch, London Public Library.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm