

30th Annual PLAR Conference Agenda

“Celebrating 30 Years of Adult Learning Practice and Recognition of Prior Learning”

May 22 – 24, 2019
Travelodge by Wyndham
Belleville, Ontario



WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

12 – 4 pm

Registration

Sara Kelleher
Second Floor Foyer

1 – 2 pm

Opening Ceremony

Dustin Brant, Maria Hueichaqueo & Heather Green
Park Room

Welcome

Ann Drennan, Senior Vice-President Academic & Chief Learning Officer,
Loyalist College

Words of Greeting

Warren Thomas, President of Ontario Public Service Employees Union

2 – 3 pm

Plenary Session:

i. A Tribute to Deb Blower

ii. A Reflective Dialogue on Where We've Been in the Past 30 Years and Where We're Going with PLAR/RPL and Adult Learning Practice

Panelists: Paul Zakos, Carolyn Mann & Mark Gallupe

3 – 3:15 pm

Refreshment Break

3:15 – 4:45 pm

Workshops #1

A Introduction to Portfolio-Assisted PLAR (Part 1)

Rosie Reid & Neil Kerby

B PLAR and Portfolio Development: Strengthening Indigenous Cultures & Languages, Promoting Healing & Social Justice

Kahehtō:ktha' Janice Brant & Paul Zakos

C Portfolio Development at the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre: A Bridge From Military to Civilian Life

Liz Nicholas

D The Key Role of the PLAR Advisor

Mark Gallupe

7 pm

Plenary Session: The Role of First Nations Technical Institute & the Canadian Association for Prior Learning Assessment in the Development of PLAR

Bruce Millar & Bonnie Kennedy

8 pm

Wine & Cheese Reception

Sagonaska Room

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8 am

Registration

Sara Kelleher
Second Floor Foyer

8:45 – 10:15 am

Workshops #2

A Introduction to Portfolio-Assisted PLAR (Part 2)

Rosie Reid & Neil Kerby

B The Kairos Blanket Exercise (Part 1)

Heather Green & Bruce Weaver

C Getting Our Stories Straight: A Meditation on PLAR & the Present

Bill Pigrim

D Quality Assurance in Adult Learning Practice: Examining the CAPLA Principles for RPL within the Adult Learner Friendly Institution (ALFI) Framework

Glen Brouwer & Paul Zakos

10:15 – 10:30 am

Refreshment Break

10:30 am – 12 pm

Workshops #3

A School, College, Work Initiative: Portfolio Development with Youth

Ruth Forget & Sarah McIntyre

B The Kairos Blanket Exercise (Part 2)

Heather Green & Bruce Weaver

C Community of Practitioners: Sustaining PLAR Practice

Rosie Reid, Brittany Thompson, Leah Morgan, Lorraine Hogan, Lisa McEwen, Lynda Carr-Mulholland, Kelly McGuire-Smith, Liz Nicholas & Joanne Leith

D Assessing Experiential Learning

Mark Gallupe

12 – 1 pm

Lunch

Park Room

1 – 2:15 pm

Plenary Session: The International Indigenous RPL Collective

Chair: Paul Zakos

Panelists: Karihwakeron Tim Thompson, Maria Hueichaqueo & Sharon Hobenshield

2:15 – 2:30 pm

Refreshment Break

2:30 – 4 pm

Workshops #4

A Documenting Your Journey with E-Portfolios

Tricia Bonner

B Anchoring Many Positive Life Experiences

Kelly McGuire-Smith & Lisa McEwen

C Tunsyuw'en': The Canoe of Life Model of Indigenous Portfolio

Janet Sinclair

D PLAR Learners Panel: Reflecting on the Impact of PLAR
Moderator: Carolyn Mann
Panelists: Andrea Graham, Lori Huston, Mike Kinsey & Neil Kerby

6 pm **Cash Bar Opens**
Park Room

7 pm **Dinner**
Park Room

8 – 12 pm **Entertainment: The Fade Kings**
Park Room

12 pm **Cash Bar Closes**
Park Room

FRIDAY, MAY 24

7:45 – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**
Park Room

8 – 8:30 am **Registration**
Sara Kelleher
Second Floor Foyer

8:30 – 10:15 am **Plenary Session: Sharing Our Learning & Sustaining Our Practice: Using PLAR to Improve the Quality of Life in Our Communities- A Call to Action**
Ruth Ingersoll, Rosie Reid & Paul Zakos
Park Room

10:15 – 10:30 am **Refreshment Break**

10:30 – 11:30 am **Closing Ceremony**
Dustin Brant, Maria Hueichaqueo & Heather Green
Park Room