



# ONTARIO DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS NETWORK

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## Winter Updates

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Happy New Year from the ODLAN Team! We are celebrating our one year anniversary on January 5th. For 2022, we've updated our mission and vision to align with our core objectives. ODLAN's mission is to remove digital literacy and access barriers by working with service providers to establish digital strategies that address the challenges marginalized communities face when accessing online service provisions. Our goal is to empower service providers with the resources, tools, and knowledge to build digital strategies that use an intergenerational approach to remove access barriers to digital programs and related services. We look forward to continuing our growth as an organization and establishing our operations so we can better serve our network partners.

## 2021 Milestones

Our first year was filled with action-based initiatives driven by our dedicated volunteers and network partners. Notably, last spring Hannah Maitland (co-founder) and Alex Latter (Digital Facilitator) both presented a lightening talks at RightsCon, In the summer, Stephanie Jonsson (founder) moderated the Age and Access Panel for PrideTO. In August, Viktor Zhuang and Stephanie participated in the QueerTech Hackathon. In the Fall, ODLAN collaborated with Connected Canadians to provide nine tablets to community members. Additionally, we have connected with over 20 service providers to educate them on 2SLGBTQ+ older adults experiences with digital literacy and access barriers.

## Our Key Objectives Highlights for 2022

- Expand our Online Resource Directory
- Launch the ODLAN Podcast
- Launch the ODLAN Accreditation program
- Create Educational Resources on Digital Inclusion and Access
- Expand our Network to 25 partners
- Grow our Mailing List
- Host 3 Networking Events
- Host 3 Educational Webinars

## Meet our Board of Directors

We are excited to introduce our Board of Directors: Stephen Low (Chair), Sarah Westerhof (Secretary), Melissa Silber (Treasurer), Sarah Quinto, leZlie lee kam, and Vivian Lee.

## Volunteer Spotlight



Angela Stanley is a PhD. Candidate in Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies at York University. Her research focuses on disability, desirability, and queerness. At ODLAN, Angela is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act and other legislation that pertains to accessibility. Her knowledge and expertise has been invaluable to our organization. You can connect with Angela for accessibility related inquiries at [Angela@ODLAN.ca](mailto:Angela@ODLAN.ca)

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