



# ONTARIO DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS NETWORK

*Official Quarterly Newsletter*

## Spring Updates

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The Ontario Digital Literacy and Access Network (ODLAN) was incorporated on January 5, 2021. This initiative began as a Mitacs research project on how the digital divide was impacting 2S-LGBTQ+ older adults during the global pandemic. In just four short months our vision to address the digital divide in 2S-LGBTQ+ communities has become a reality through the development of our website, educational tools, and resources. Our team has created infographics, 'how to' video guides, and a resource list that will assist organizations in creating queer-friendly digital solutions. Our quarterly newsletters will keep you up-to-date on our progress as we continue to expand our network and resources.

ODLAN began with three network partners, which quickly grew to six.

We are proud to welcome our newest network partners: Connected Canadians, AlphaPlus and Max Ottawa. We look forward to hosting a networking event this summer that will allow all our partners to connect.



## ODLAN at RightsCon 2021

ODLAN has been accepted to the RightsCon 2021 virtual conference. RightsCon is hosting their 10th annual world-wide conference focused on human rights in the digital age. Our co-founder, Hannah Maitland is presenting the ODLAN initiative through a pre-recorded lightening talk on how the digital divide is impacting 2S-LGBTQ+ communities. We are honored to have this opportunity to share our project internationally. We invite you can join us at RightsCon, on June 7th - 11th. Click the link below to learn more.



Learn more at: <https://www.rightscon.org/>

## Volunteer Spotlight



Viktor Zhuang (He/Him): Content Creator

Viktor Zhuang is an undergraduate student at the Department of Computer Science at University of Toronto. He is passionate about advocating for diversity and accessibility within the tech field. He has experience volunteering with 2S-LBGTQ+ student communities and both academic and work experience in web design and programming. Viktor joined ODLAN in February 2021 where he designs and creates graphical content to provide educational resources on digital literacy and access for 2S-LBGTQ+ organizations.

ODLAN appreciates all of our volunteer contributions and we look forward to introducing our network to the rest of our team in the near future.



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