

ONTARIO DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS NETWORK

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the ODLAN newsletter. We are excited to update our network on our recent accomplishments and current initiatives. With the help of new network partners, university student initiatives, digital summits, and grant funding we hope to expand our work and build our resources to help close the digital divide.



New Horizons Seniors Program Grant

ODLAN is pleased to announce that we have received funding under the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program for our project Combating Digital Exclusion: Mobilizing Educational Resource to Remove Digital Access Barriers.

This federal grants and contributions program supports projects that are led or inspired by seniors who are making a difference in the lives of others in their communities. The funds will be used to educate service providers on the challenges 2S-LGBTQ+ older adults experience when accessing remote service provisions.

Thank you to the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program for the funding support provided to ODLAN. It will make a significant difference in improving the lives of 2SLGBTQ+ older adults in our community.

For more information, visit [New Horizons for Seniors Program – Community-based projects.](#)

York University Student Initiative

In January 2022, ODLAN partnered with Dr. Melanie Baljko's computer science students at York University. ODLAN served as a case study for Critical Technical Practice: Computer Accessibility and Assistive Technology (EECS6330). This project allowed students to apply their skills in a non-profit setting and led to a proposed strategy for an improved resource database for ODLAN. We would like to thank the EECS6330 students for their hard work this semester and we are looking forward to improving the functionality and accessibility of our expanding database!



Summer Webinar's Schedule

Network Partner's Meet & Greet
May 27, 2022 at 12 PM.

Strategies for Fostering Inclusive
Intergenerational Digital Spaces
July 28, 2022 at 10 AM.

2SLGBTQ+ older adults'
experiences with digital exclusion
June 16, 2022 at 1PM.

Empowering Community Solutions
for Digital Inclusivity
August 19, 2022 at 12PM

RightsCon 2022



Learn more at www.rightscon.org

Hannah Maitland, Viktor Zhuang, leZlie leekam, and Stephanie Jonsson are participating in RightsCon 2022. This year our lightning talk focuses on strategies for fostering inclusive intergenerational programs. We look forward to sharing this presentation on our website in the summer of 2022.

Meet our New Network Partners

We welcome our newest community partner the Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre. They are a multi-service, community-based organization with a strong focus on poverty reduction through resident engagement, capacity building, and anti-oppression.



ODLAN is continuing to expand our community network. We invite network partners to refer organizations that ODLAN can collaborate with to remove digital literacy and access barriers for 2SLGBTQ+ communities.



Volunteer Spotlight



Helen Martin is an undergraduate student in Sexuality Studies at York University. She joined ODLAN in Fall 2021 as our Media Officer. With her assistance, we have been able to expand our social media presence. After graduation, Helen hopes to continue her learning in sexual and reproductive health. One day she hopes to open her own clinic specializing in compassionate women's care.

ODLAN appreciates all of our volunteer contributions. It is their knowledge and expertise that help grow the ODLAN initiative.

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