

ONTARIO DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS NETWORK

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the ODLAN newsletter. After a warm and rejuvenating summer we are feeling motivated to get back into the daily routine of school and work. With the cooler weather upon us we encourage everyone to take care of themselves and take the proper precautions to protect themselves and those around them.



New Horizons for Seniors Grant Update

Over the summer Stephanie Jonsson and Hannah Maitland oversaw the development of our new resource database. We also created educational materials and hosted three webinars to educate the public on digital inequities and inequalities along with potential strategies to strive for digital inclusivity. This project would not have been possible without funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. We are thrilled with the hard work of all of our volunteers and cannot wait to continue working with our network to close the digital divide. Special thanks to Raechel Kula @ REKdTech, Daniel Brown, Thalia Godbout, and Harrish Thasarathan for building our new database.



Resource Portal Now Available

Our new database launched on August 1, 2022 to help combat digital inequality in our community. It features resources on digital literacy programs, hardware lending initiatives, refurbishing services and much more. We are continuing to add relevant resources. We truly believe this will improve the lives of 2SLGBTQ+ older adults in Canada. We highly encourage our network to visit the resource portal [here](#). Please feel free to share it with those who may find it helpful. We would love to hear your feedback or suggestions for new resources.



Fall Webinar Schedule

Possible Practices for Mitigating
Queerphobic Online Hate

Date: November 17, 2022 @ 12:00PM

Digital Strategies for Organizations:
Brainstorming Policies and Protocols

Date: December 7, 2022 @ 7:00PM

Meet our New Network Partners

We are excited to announce that Minute Skill, Cyber-Seniors and Partners Bridging the Digital Divide have joined us as network partners. With the help of these partnerships we hope to continue on our mission to close the digital divide



We would like to give an especially warm welcome to Bridging the Digital Divide as they have generously donated significant funding so that we may continue our educational community webinars into this fall season. We have been astounded by the support given to ODLAN by the community.

Funding Support



A special thank you to the York University Graduate Student Association for approving our submission to their Community Outreach Support Program. These funds will support our resource portal maintenance and outreach.



Volunteer Spotlight



Alexandra Latter is an Honours graduate of the York University Sexuality Studies BA program, as well as the Gender & Women's Studies certificate program. Presently, she is the Director of Account Management at OnCall Health, a Toronto-based health tech platform which enables healthcare companies to eliminate barriers of time and distance in their patient care via a suite of virtual care and automation tools. She has volunteered for a number of different organizations including the Senior's Pride Network, the Sexual Assault Support Line & Leadership Group, Victims Services Toronto, and more. Add Alex on LinkedIn here, or reach out with any questions about health tech, telehealth, or virtual care operations.

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

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