



# ONTARIO DIGITAL LITERACY AND ACCESS NETWORK

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## Fall Updates

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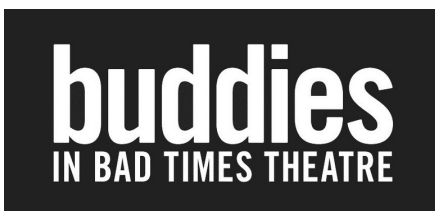
The Ontario Digital Literacy and Access Network (ODLAN) was incorporated on January 5, 2021. This initiative began as a Mitacs research project on how the digital divide is impacting 2S-LGBTQ+ older adults from accessing online service provisions during the global pandemic. Our team has created infographics, '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.

We spent this past summer applying for funding, growing our volunteer team, and expanding our network.

ODLAN welcome our newest network partners:

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre and Pride at Work.

We postponed our summer networking event but intend on hosting one in the winter of 2022.



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## ODLAN at PrideHacks 2021

Queertech organizes an annual hackathon that brings together Canada's tech ecosystem to design, build, and implement technology solutions for nonprofit organizations that serve the LGBTQ2S+ community. ODLAN participated in Pridehacks 2021 which assist us in connecting with tech industry insiders who helped us re-imagine future tech gifting initiatives.

## Connect Canadians Free Devices & Digital Support



Connected Canadians has partnered with Ride to Connect and the Bruyère Foundation to offer free devices to older adults who are experiencing technology access barriers. Organizations who serve older adults can apply for devices by completing the [Device Program Application](#) on the Connected Canadians website.

## Volunteer Spotlight



Alexandra Latter is an Honours graduate of York University's Sexuality Studies BA program, as well as the Gender & Women's Studies certificate program. She has volunteered for a several organizations including the Senior's Pride Network, the Sexual Assault Support Line & Leadership Group, Victims Services Toronto, and more. Currently, Alex applies her skills in tech and communication as an Enterprise Account Manager at OnCall Health, a video conferencing and practice management platform for healthcare workers across Canada and the United States. At ODLAN Alex helps with creating educational videos and resources.

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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