

Ontario Digital Literacy and Access Network

Quarterly Newsletter

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A Spring Update

Welcome to the 7th edition of the ODLAN newsletter. We are excited to update our network on our recent accomplishments and current initiatives.

The ODLAN team has been busy over the last few months executing the Digital Citizen Contribution Program project. We look forward to sharing the results of our research with you over the next few months. We also want to thank this community for their enthusiasm and continuous engagement with our webinar series, Mitigating Queerphobic Online Hate!

Thank you for your support of ODLAN and the ODLAN mission!



New Team Member Alert!

Meet Hanna J, our new Volunteer Coordinator!

Hanna Jalal (She/Her) is the volunteer coordinator at ODLAN, and an incoming Master's student in Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies at York University. She is passionate about issues of accessibility and the development of creative feminist-grounded solutions to said barriers. A people-person, at ODLAN she works with volunteers, providing the necessary support and guidance for those who are also passionate about 2SLGBTQIA+ rights and looking to get involved. Outside of school and work, Hanna enjoys playing with her friend's cats and watching RuPaul's Drag Race.



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



Our Latest Project

SOME UPDATES ON OUR PROJECT "POSSIBLE PRACTICES FOR PROTECTING ORGANIZATIONS FROM QUEERPHOBIC ONLINE HATE"

Over the past four months, ODLAN has been working with Wisdom2Action (W2A) to conduct research on 2SLGBTQIA+ professional experiences of online hate. W2A hosted six focus groups to gain insight into this topic. Our findings from this study are being reviewed and anonymized. In June, we will be hosting roundtable discussions to get feedback from community leaders on the digital safety strategies we develop from our findings. We will be hosting a launch of our final report this summer. Thank you the Department of Canadian Heritage for making this research possible through the Digital Citizenship Contribution Program.

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New Network Partners



[Hamilton Trans Health Coalition](#)

Hamilton Trans Health Coalition is a non-profit coalition of health care providers, advocates, and community members working to increase the capacity of health systems in Hamilton, Ontario to meet the needs of trans, gender-diverse, and non-binary people.



[Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity](#)

The CCGSD intersectionally promotes diversity in gender identity, gender expression, and romantic and/or sexual orientation in all its forms on a national level through services in the areas of education, health, and advocacy.

YWCA Canada News Feature

Read ODLAN's recent news feature with YWCA Canada:

[We Can't Stop All the Bigots and Trolls: Protecting 2SLGBTQIA+ organizations from Online Hate](#)



Our New Board Member

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jennifer Silk - Co-Chair

Jennifer is extremely passionate and has been working in program development, capacity building and community engagement for close to 20 years in the non profit sector. Jennifer loves connecting with people, building relationships and collaborating. Jennifer loves working with the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and being able to listen to community members feedback in implementing programming to make programming the most impactful. Jennifer is a strategic thinker, always planning ahead and looks forward to helping ODLAN continue to grow and expand, while increasing digital access.



Connect with us today

We are always looking to grow our network and find new people to collaborate with. If you think your organization might be a good fit, reach out to us!

Additionally, if you are looking to volunteer with ODLAN please email vounteer.coordinator@odlan.ca

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