

Outcomes, Timetable, and Agenda

Expected Outcomes

- Present the findings of the Project's field and literature reviews to create a shared understanding of accountability issues and challenges
- Funders and practitioners will begin the process of identifying common ground about the purpose and impact of various accountability measures on adult literacy practice
- Recommendations that identify concrete ways to sustain a dialogue between funders and practitioners about improving accountability systems and outcomes for Canada's adult literacy learners

Timetable

Note: There will be at least one health break in each half day block of time.

May 13, 2008

7:15 – 8:15 Breakfast (2nd floor, Hotel du Fort)
8:30 Meet and Greet
8:45 Morning session begins
(Du Fort Room)
(LaSalle College, 8th floor)
12:15 Lunch
13:15 Afternoon session begins
16 :30 Adjournment

May 14, 2008

7:15 – 8:15 Breakfast (2nd floor, Hotel du Fort)
8:30 Morning session begins
(Du Fort Room)
(LaSalle College, 8th floor)
12:00 Adjournment and lunch

Agenda

May 13, 2008: Day 1

Morning session:

I. Opening

1. Welcome and purpose of this symposium
2. Review of process & agenda
3. Participant introductions

II. Accountability: What is it? To whom? For what?

1. What does the literature review say?
2. What do the field reviews say?
3. Participants' perspectives on the definition of accountability and its implications
(Small group discussions followed by plenary debrief and discussion)

Afternoon session:

III. Accountability Today: What's Working and Not Working

1. What did the Blue Ribbon Panel say?
2. What did the field reviews reveal?
3. What do YOU think is working and not working
(Small group discussions followed by plenary debrief and discussion)

IV. The UK Experience (Dr. Janine Eldred, National Institute of Adult Continuing Education, UK) *(The UK experience, their unique circumstances and approach as well as what challenges have they encountered and how they addressed these.)*

Housekeeping items and Adjournment

May 14, 2008: Day 2

V. Moving Forward

1. Overview of the day
2. Food for thought: Recommendations from the interviews
3. Food for thought: Intelligent Accountability
(Gilles Paquet, Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa) *(Reframing the issue to allow for the exploration of solutions and approaches from a new perspective.)*
4. What do YOU think needs to happen?
(Small group discussions followed by plenary debrief and discussion)

VI. Closing

1. Summing up the key messages heard
2. Next Steps
Introduction of action research team members
What the Project will do with your work
3. Evaluation and travel expenses

Adjournment and Lunch