

**PEEL HALTON WORKPLACE DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO HOST FIRST ANNUAL  
NCON CONFERENCE**

MISSISSAUGA, ON (August 30, 2009) – The Peel Halton Workplace Development Group is honoured to be hosting the first annual NewComer Organization Network (NCON) Conference on September 24, 2009.

This conference will continue to address the need for newcomer serving organizations to form partnerships and receive industry-specific training. Geared towards frontline workers and middle management, this conference will feature two workshops and lectures pertaining to client motivation and stress management.

Prior to NCON, agencies serving newcomers were isolated within their separate organizations – limiting referrals, partnerships and knowledge sharing between them. Established in 2004 by the Peel Halton Workplace Development Group, NCON now serves as a platform for newcomer serving organizations by facilitating the NCON Conference hosted by rotating organizations.

Through the professional development series of conferences, NCON will provide a learning environment in which the various organizations that support newcomers within Peel and Halton can build relationships. These ties are crucial to providing the best services possible to newcomers in Canada.

Beyond the network of connections available at this year's conference, NCON acts as a first point of contact in newcomer research identifying high-need areas relevant to assisting newcomers. The findings of a preliminary survey conducted by NCON group meetings resulted in focused training topics chosen for the NCON Conference.

The upcoming NCON Conference will serve to benefit employees of newcomer agencies, building lasting relationships between organizations, but ultimately will result in better services for the newcomer in Canada.

The NCON Conference is made possible by the Ontario Trillium Foundation as part of a three year grant ensuring the positive reaching impact of this annual conference until 2011. The Peel Halton Workplace Development Group would like to thank the volunteers Terri Weber of Sheridan Job Connect, Lisa Pagani of the Region of Peel, Nitin Dhora of the Peel Mentoring Partnership Program and Antony Vadakkanchery of the Halton Mentoring Partnership Program.

**About the Peel Halton Workplace Development Group**

The Peel Halton Workplace Development Group (PHWDG) is a non-profit organization that works to improve labour market and training issues within the communities of Peel and Halton. Governed by a Board of Directors the PHWDG is one of 21 local training and adjustment boards funded by Employment Ontario and the Individual Work Info Net.

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