



A CONFERENCE ON INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER & SOCIAL WORK DIPLOMA EDUCATION

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF ACCESS
JUNE 2 TO JUNE 4, 2013



Key Note Speaker: Eva Olsson

Standing Up to Injustice

Over 10 workshop selections can be made the day of the conference! Details inside.

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New
On-Line
Registration!

Diploma education in the social service field prepares graduates to work with a wide variety of people who are faced with challenges in their personal lives, families and communities. ACCESS is the only national forum dedicated to offering networking and professional development for college (and now in some locations in Alberta) university professors in this subject area.

This conference will provide an opportunity to celebrate excellent and innovation.

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CONESTOGA COLLEGE

299 Doon Valley Drive
Kitchener, Ontario

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Standing Up to Injustice

<http://www.evaolsson.ca>

For over 12 years, Eva Olsson has spoken to over one million people in schools, service clubs, churches, on armed forces bases, at police force conferences, at Queen's Park, and the United Nations. The focus of her message is bullying and the importance of not being a bystander to injustice. She uses her life experiences, primarily in the holocaust, to illustrate the power of hate and the importance of standing up against forces of racism, bigotry and intolerance. Her experience as an immigrant, widow, single mother, outsider, survivor and advocate has resulted in an honorary doctorate and her induction into the Order of Ontario. Now 82 years old, Eva has

authored two books and a film about her life was made called *Stronger than Fire: The Eva Olsson Story*. She wrote another book with her son, Jan who teaches in a Social Service Worker program in Ontario.

Eva is an incredible inspiration and we are pleased that she can join us at our ACCESS conference!

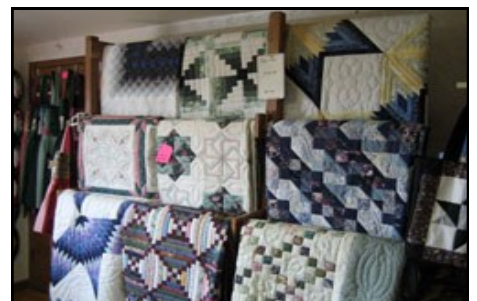
Information about Community Networking & Excursion

St. Jacobs Village

St. Jacobs is a friendly community where horse and buggies are a common sight and all the pleasures of modern life are right at your fingertips. Appreciate artistry of all kinds in the Village of St. Jacobs studios, galleries, shops and theatres. Learn something new at historic and cultural exhibits.



We will be planning an afternoon trip to this location for networking opportunities and to engage in a landmark destination for anyone visiting our Region.



10th ANNUAL ACCESS CONFERENCE

“Celebrating Innovation and Excellence in Social Service Work and Social Work Diploma Education”

June 2 — 4, 2013 at Conestoga College

Sunday, June 2, 2013

4 PM Registration (Cowan Health Sciences Building)

5 PM Panel Discussion: Celebrating and Honoring Social Work and Social Service Work Education
(Includes Community Partners and Graduates)

Building a Respectful Educational Community : Ryan Connell

6 PM: h'orderves and cash bar

Monday, June 3, 2013

8:00 AM Registration Cowan Health Sciences Building (door 7)

8:15 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Opening Ceremony
Greetings : President John Tibbits
Manager Aboriginal Services (Elder),
Myeengun Henry

10:00 AM Keynote : Eva Olsson

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Workshops A

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM Workshops B

4:00 PM Workshops C

6:30 PM Oktoberfest Dinner (Edelweiss Tavern) Optional

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

8:00 AM Breakfast

8:45 AM Workshops D

10:00 AM Workshops E

11:00 AM Annual General Meeting for ACCESS & lunch

1:15 PM Community Networking & Eversion

Workshop selections can be made the day of the conference, choices include:

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

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Conestoga College
Doon Campus (Main Bldg., Door 7)
299 Doon Valley Drive
Kitchener, Ontario

REGISTRATION FEE:

The \$250.00 registration fee includes all conference events; keynote address, panel presentation, reception, workshops and community networking including morning breakfast and lunch on Monday and Tuesday.

WAYS TO REGISTER:

To register for the 10th Annual ACCESS Conference **ON-LINE**:

Log on to <https://www.conestogacommunity.ca/10th-annual-access-conference> or click on the “Register Now” icon to directly link to the on-line registration process.



CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION:

On-line registration will have an automatic confirmation sent upon completion of registration sent directly to the e-mail address provided at the time of registration. If you have not received confirmation within 24 hours an error could have occurred in inputting the address. Please contact the conference planning committee so they can look into the matter: Patrice Butts Pbutts@conestogac.on.ca (519)748-5220 ext. 3260, Linda Juodvalkis Ljuodvalkis@conestogac.on.ca ext. 2423 or Steven Shadd Sshadd@conestogac.on.ca ext. 3290

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Registration is now open and will remain open until Monday May 20, 2013.

REFUNDS/CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION:

All fees are non-refundable after May 15, 2013. Only substitutions will be permitted after that date. Cancellation prior to May 15, 2013 will incur a \$25.00 processing charge per registrant. Telephone cancellation is not accepted; please send written requests to Pbutts@conestogac.on.ca

REMINDER:

As per our tradition please bring a gift from your college for the gift exchange at the annual meeting. Thank you from the ACCESS Conference Planning Committee

Workshop A Choices: (Monday, June 3rd 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)

A1.) Aboriginal Doll Making Workshop

Rose Moses

This doll making workshop will provide a kinesthetic approach for the transfer of knowledge about aboriginal history and social issues. Participants will bear witness to the intergenerational trauma that has occurred because of the residential schools. During the workshop, in the oral tradition of native peoples, Rose will share stories of how indigenous peoples lived and what they experienced. The workshop itself is an example of how social service work can occur through activity based learning/healing.

A2.) Innovative Approaches to Inclusivity in the Classroom

Jassy Narayan

In this workshop, Jassy will share/celebrate best social work practices in a holistic and multi-layered model of inclusion, which she developed and implemented as the Executive Director of the Better Beginnings Better Futures Program in the Willow Road neighbourhood of Guelph, Ontario.

Citizen leaders and service providers worked together as equal partners providing leadership and sharing the responsibilities of governance. These best practices led to a range of positive results which included: immigrants and refugees who had settled in the neighborhood assuming roles as staff, board members, program participants and citizen leaders and has been sustained for over 20 years.

This will be a participatory workshop with dialogue and discussion.

A3.) Integration of Mental Health Issues in the Classroom

(Re-defining the use of self – experiences gleaned from SSW student placements in a peer support organization)

Allan Strong

In this workshop, participants will hear the field supervisor at the Self Help Alliance and the field supervisor from Conestoga College discuss the learning opportunities and challenges of having students placed within a peer support organization. The Self Help Alliance is a consumer organization located in the Kitchener- Waterloo area of Ontario. The staff of the Self Help Alliance self-identify as individuals that have used mental health services; staff being open and talking about their experiences is a day to day reality within the Self Help Alliance. Self-disclosure is expected and valued as an important component of the work of the staff. For the past two years, the Self Help Alliance has had the opportunity to have placement students from the Social Service Worker program offered by the local College. The Self Help Alliance requires that placement students are open and willing to share their personal experiences with mental health issues. This expectation of self-disclosure has created a unique and challenging learning opportunity for the placement students as it challenges their understanding of professional boundaries and the appropriate use of self in a therapeutic setting.

All workshop registration will be available the day of the event.

Workshop B & C Choices: (Monday, June 3rd 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.)

B1.) Twitter Clients: A Creative Assessment Tool using Social Media

Kirstin Parry, BSW, MSW, RSW, CYC

In this presentation, Kirstin Parry will share how she has utilized Twitter as a creative assessment tool with her students. In 2012, Parry was introduced to the concept of using Twitter as a creative assessment tool by a professor for college level students wanting to work in the child and youth field. The professor setup a number of profiles called 'Twitter Kids' where students had to use their knowledge of the field and engagement strategies to interact with each 'kid' played by different faculty members over a period of a year. Parry adapted the assessment calling it 'Twitter Clients' and implemented it in January 2013 with students in their third semester Social Service Work Practice in Mental Health and Addiction course. Client profiles were designed based on field experience and text case studies and faculty members participated as clients. Students are then evaluated on their level of knowledge and skill when responding to a 'Twitter Client' as well as their ability to critically analyze their personal and professional reactions.

B2/ C1.) Integration of I-Pad Technology: A Review of Our Experience (B1.French/ C.1 English)

Sylvie Martelli and Elaine Sauriol

This workshop will presented in both English and Frensh, the presenter will share some of the Apps that she uses at Collège Boréal in the Social Service Worker Program and the possibilities they offer, more precisely in an online course of Community resources and in field placement supervision. She will also discuss some of the difficulties she has encountered in this first phase. Elaine Sauriol has used the I-pad in the production of simulation videos with Interventions courses and in field placement supervision.

B3/ C2.) Use of Simulation in Clinical Practice - Tour of F-Wing and Health Sciences Building at Conestoga College

Join us for a guided tour of the Cowen Health Sciences Building and how simulation in these intentional teaching spaces impact our students and faculty in practice.

Workshop D Choices (Tuesday, June 4th 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)

D1.) What's in Your Circle? (or getting to A-ha): A model for purposeful integration of practice and theory

Dr. Carolyn Anderson, MSW, RSW; Kathy Jarrell MSW, RSW

In this interactive workshop, it will be demonstrated the ways that various themes of practice can be used to help students, practicum supervisors, and faculty understand how theories and practice issues can be bridged in the work world. 'Join this workshop for a challenging and lively hands-on opportunity to experience how we are using our model to help practicum seminars become meaningful opportunities for peer debriefing and learning.'

Workshop D Choices (Tuesday, June 4th 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.) Continued...

D2.) Take a Walk in My Shoes: The Poverty Maze

Lisa Shaw-Verhoek and Joanne Desormeaux and SSW students

The Social Service Worker Program at Algonquin College in Perth in partnership with the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit will be sharing an interactive workshop template called, “Take a Walk in My Shoes,” with those who may wish to run the workshop in their communities. The event aimed to raise awareness about the barriers people experiencing poverty face, and the day to day stigma that is often associated with poverty. Participants navigated through a maze where they experienced the challenges of trying to secure some of the most basic necessities in life. SSW students facilitated focused discussions about service gaps and barriers and ideas for the future.

D3.) The 1st Field Placement: Innovation and Formative Partnership in the Health and Social Services Sector (French) *Marie-Josée Girouard, BSW*

As we all know, the first field placement experience is crucial in determining whether one student belongs to the social work field or not. At the same time as supervisors and mentors we have to insure that every student gets an equal opportunity to experiment the first steps of the social work intervention process. With that in mind, 4 years ago our department has initiated a partnership with our local social service institutions to create an innovative 1st year field placement in our public residences for the elderly with different cognitive deficits, such as Alzheimer.

Workshop E Choices (Tuesday, June 4th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

E1.) Recordkeeping for Social Workers and Social Service Workers

Penny Earley, MSW, RSW; Ronald Tough, BSW

This presentation will provide practical guidance for educators who teach courses on recordkeeping. Also it will be useful to Social Workers and Social Service Workers in any social service agency setting. With a solid foundation of practices that promote professional recordkeeping, the practitioner will be better equipped to meet the specific recordkeeping requirements of the agency. The book, “Recordkeeping for Social Workers and Social Service Workers; an essential framework for professional practice” will be available for delegates to examine. The book will be used as a resource for the presentation.

E2.) The Road Less Travelled: The Innovative Use of Creative Writing in the Social Service Classroom

Martine Wizman

This workshop will explore the use of creative writing to stimulate our students to think creatively and develop empathic skills in line with their future profession. Martine Wizman will share some of the activities she has developed in the classroom to stimulate students to be invested in the writing process and thus to develop their writing and thinking skills. The workshop will include some writing activities for participants so bring a sharpened pencil! There will be an opportunity to brainstorm together to develop useful writing exercises to bring to the classroom to help our students in the development of their professional ‘use of self.’

Annual General Meeting for ACCESS & Lunch 11:00 AM

The AGM followed by lunch will be provided at this time.



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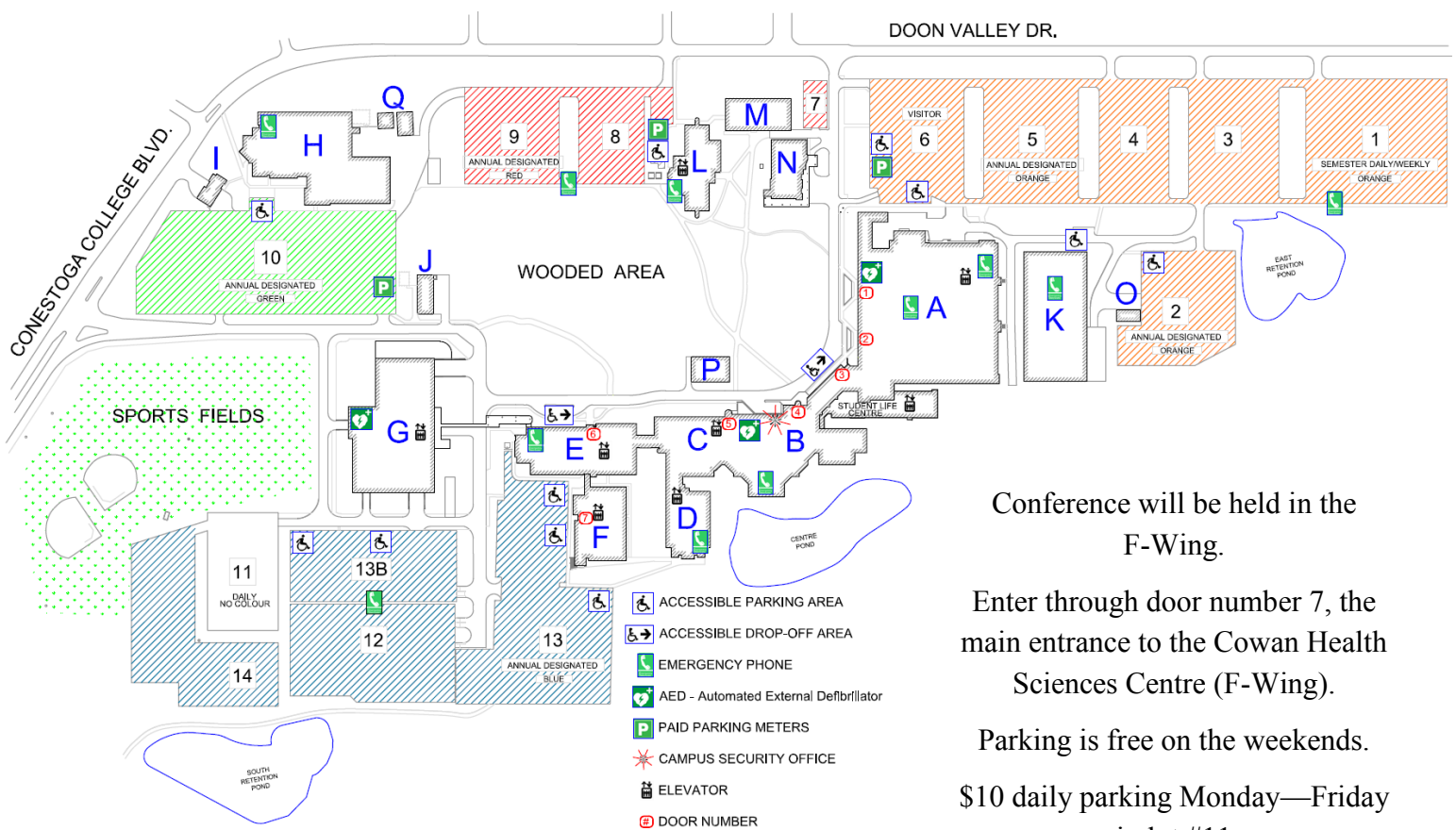


How to get to Conestoga College:

If coming from Toronto take 401 to exit #275 Homer Watson Blvd. Keep to the right.

If coming from London take 401 to exit #275 Homer Watson Blvd. Keep to the left. At the lights directly at the ramp turn left. Merge into middle lane. After the next set of lights you will need to merge right with the traffic coming off the ramp exit.

Keep to the right onto Conestoga College Blvd. Take the first right into the campus. Parking is available in lots 10 or 13.



Conference will be held in the F-Wing.

Enter through door number 7, the main entrance to the Cowan Health Sciences Centre (F-Wing).

Parking is free on the weekends.

\$10 daily parking Monday—Friday in lot #11

Registration will begin Sunday at 4 PM, and reopen Monday at 8 AM.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's 10th Annual ACCESS Conference !

