



**The Canadian Learning Trust**  
KEEP ON LEARNING

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The Canadian Learning Trust (the CLT) is a lifelong learning community that encourages all kinds of learning by all ages of learners.

Our dream is of a prosperous Canada enriched with learning – a Learning Canada.

Hello fellow Lifelong Learners. We need your input. We are building a Learning Canada and we need people to join us. If you want to declare you value learning in your personal and work life and want to do more to encourage and celebrate lifelong learning, please join us. You can join as a Champion of Learning either as a lifelong learner, which costs \$25; or join as a learning organization which costs \$100. Easy to do from the link at ....

Here's where we stand with our thoughts on a Learning Canada:

Canada offers an amazing diversity of learning opportunities which Canadians intuitively know is directly connected to a healthy and prosperous Canada. While Canadians understand the positive impact that lifelong learning has on the quality of life of individuals, workplaces and communities, there remain challenges:

- The phrase 'lifelong learning' does not have a common spelling or connotation. The phrase "lifelong learning" is often mistakenly confused with adult learning and learning for a job rather than for learning for life.
- While learning is a responsibility of us wherever we live, there are silos between provinces having local jurisdiction for education and federal with Indigenous learning accountability.
- There are learners all across Canada that participate in lifelong learning but who do not or cannot communicate their successes or ask for advice from others.
- A growing learning industry in Canada encourages learning providers to compete often to the detriment of the learner, creating confusion in learners as well as countering any natural movement of learners through learning opportunities.
- The lack of finances to pay for the increasing costs of learning is often a significant barrier to learners.

So while lifelong learning is a framework on which the challenges of Canadian life are met by individuals, communities and organizations, our dream of a Learning Canada is not yet a reality. What do you think? Is this something you could get behind as we move forward?

**The GoldEye** service is now available to all who might be interested in a tool to aid employees with their professional development, students planning for learning and learners in general. This is a user-friendly learning planner and tracker. Free to all members of the Canadian Learning Trust, available to others for a donation to the Canadian Learning Trust.



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**A Shout Out** We will not be above doing a Shout Out to those lifelong learning opportunities that catch your eye so please keep on sending these in!

**The Gift of Learning** Looking to have your learning financially supported through crowd funding with a twist? Then, find out about our Gifting of Learning program  
<https://canlearntrust.org/gifting-of-learning>

**Lifelong Learning Merch** Keep an eye on our website, [www.canlearntrust.org/shop](http://www.canlearntrust.org/shop), as we will be launching our new CLT online store very soon!

**Almost-Free Learning** The CLT holds regular auctions of courses. If you would like to donate a course, please let us know. We'd be delighted to promote your course across Canada.

Put together by all of us at the CLT