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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 are excited to be building a Learning Canada through gathering and informing a lifelong learning community. A Learning Canada needs Canadians who know how to learn and who keep on learning, whether you have been a Canadian for a long time or are a new Canadian. We call new Canadians those who are either new to Canada or new to being of a majority - which is when you can vote in Canada.

We've set up a place on the Canadian Learning Trust website called **New Canadians Learn** for these special Canadians. Depending on where you live, if you are 18 or 19 years old, you are allowed to vote in your province or territory. In the New Canadians Learn at https://canlearntrust.org/new-canadians-learn there's a list for your reference.

We believe that informed Canadians who keep on learning will be successful citizens. Being informed about Canada helps you to be a citizen who participates well. You can start this learning journey at any point in your adult life. Some of us who have been Canadians for a while, might benefit from a jog back down this road to remember why it's important to be a good Canadian citizen particularly when a vote is called.

There will be a double focus on this site. One for communicating well; the other for participating in the voting process. One of the most important things to do as a Canadian is to **communicate** well with others. This site will help you find out where to find courses about how to speak, to read and to write in both official languages, English and French. This will be added to regularly, so keep watching. This learning will result in an understanding of the cultures and laws in Canada.

Another important responsibility of being Canadian is to **vote** at the local, provincial and federal level. That means voting when there is an election called for the place where you live, the province or the federal level. There are local municipal elections too, such as for Chief and Council on a First Nations. Elections Canada tells us that they are always looking for people to help with the voting process as well. We'll be keeping this part of the website updated as well so visit often.

We welcome those who offer ESL, FSL and Citizenship courses for all Canadians at all ages, to post to the Canadian Learning Trust's <u>New Canadians Learn webpage</u>. Please contact info@canlearntrust.org for more information. Most postings are welcome; links cost a nominal amount.

SHOUT OUT!!! It's the month of graduations from all kinds of learning organizations. Congratulations to all who reached their goal of graduating. A special SHOUT OUT to those who accomplished graduation at great personal sacrifice. Media highlights those whose learning has taken longer than usual because of the challenges of time, distance, finances, family and medical issues. KUDOs to those who persevered!

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

Put together by all of us at the CLT