

Making CONNECTIONS PLAR & Career Development Knowledge Exchange Consultation

CAPLA Conference Oct 2006



Today's Session

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- 4. Competencies Standards & Guidelines
- 5. Discussions:
 - Good practice examples
 - Resources & professional dev possibilities
 - Contacts
 - Competencies
- 6. Next steps



Some basic PLAR assumptions

- All learning counts no matter how or where it was learned
- Individuals can be helped to identify their current Knowledge, Skills and Abilities/ Attitudes; how to state that learning; how to recognize the extent and depth of that learning, and how to prove that learning for their specific goal;
- Learners, educational institutions, counsellors and employers need tools- and training- to help them identify, assess, and recognize applicable learning through valid, rigorous, reliable, fair and authentic processes



Can Council on Learning Knowledge Exchange Project

- PLAR community
- Career Development community (CD)
 - HR Management community (HR)
- Identify PLAR applicability to CD and HR activities
- Identify existing and potential connections and knowledge exchange priorities between communities
- Provide limited e-learning and online exchange



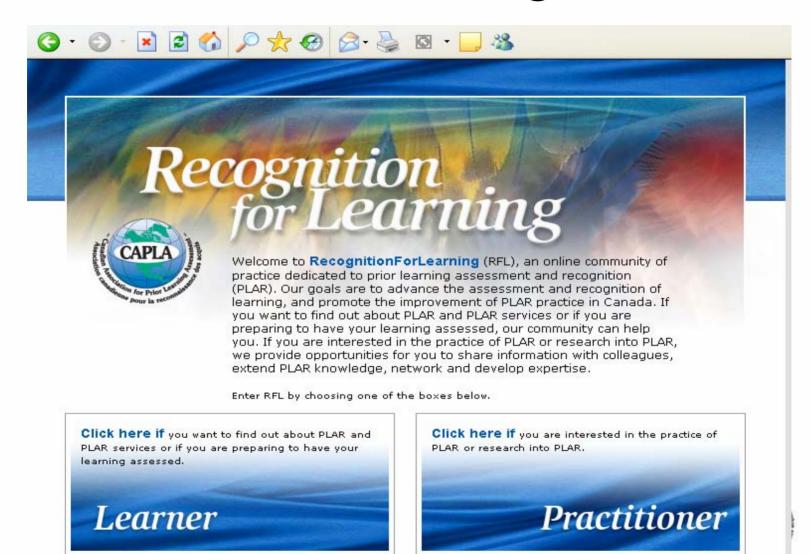
Key CD/PLAR Objectives

(Oct '06-Mar '07)

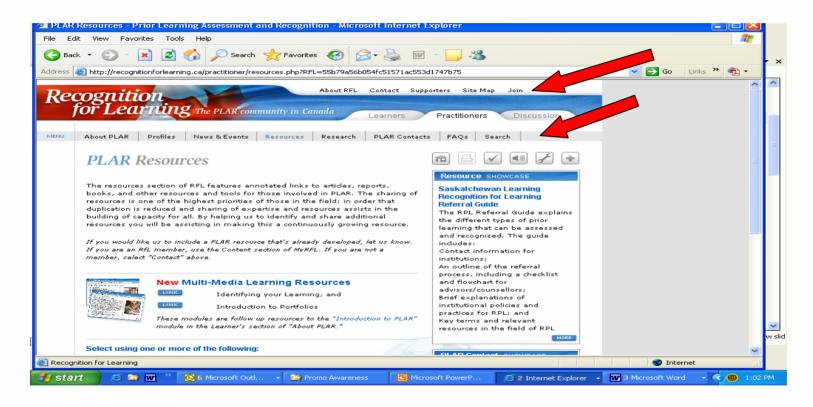
- Conference focus group and online feedback/focus group (RFL) to id key resources & tools
- Make available key resources & tools through RFL
- Initiate knowledge exchange discussions online:
 1 webcast, + podcasts
- Initiate consultation on common/transferable practitioner competencies



RFL – an Exchange HUB



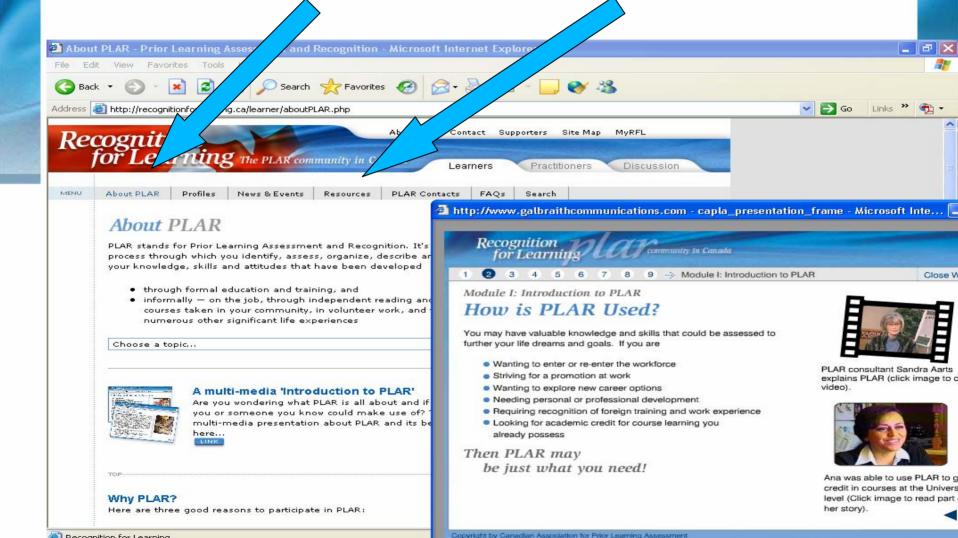
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Some limited variation in Learner/Practitioner information



PLAR Awareness & Resources



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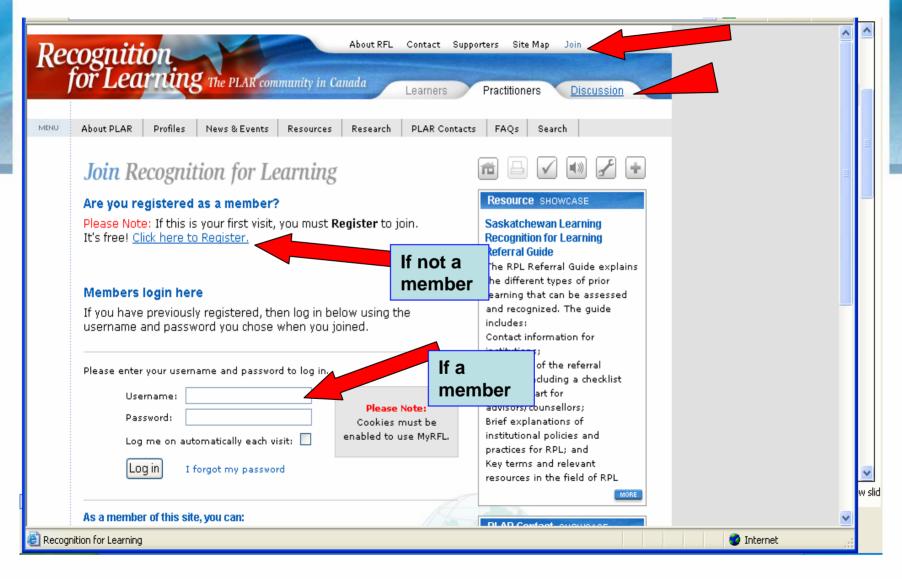
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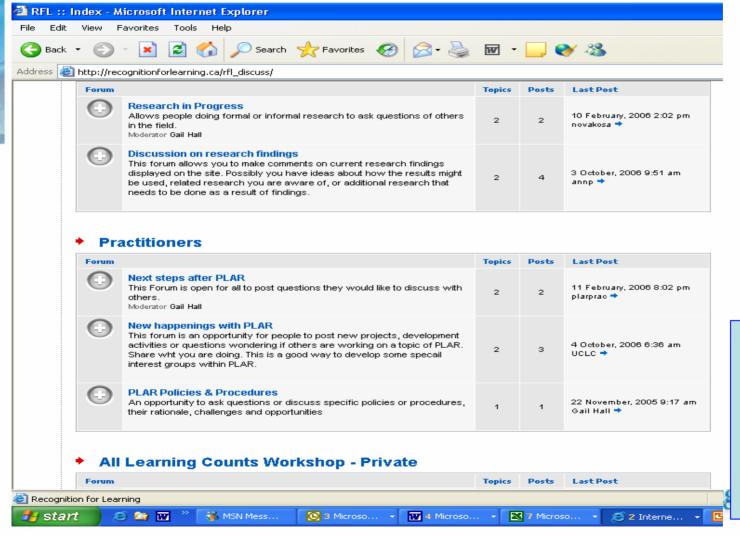
For the Practitioner



Must Join (it's free!) to see Discussion Forums & add Content



Discussions – Public and Private (must be a member)



Private Groups, or

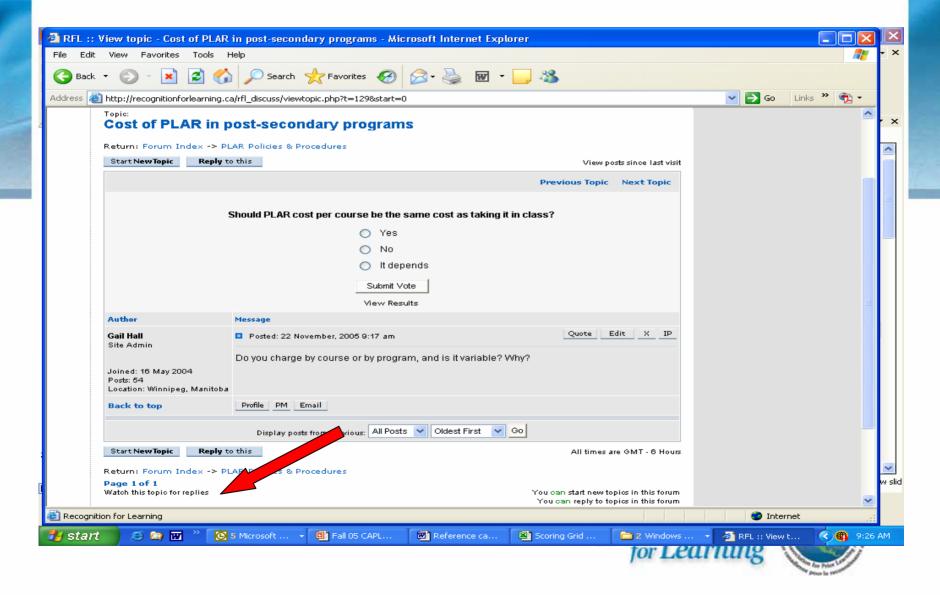
Public Topics

Add topics

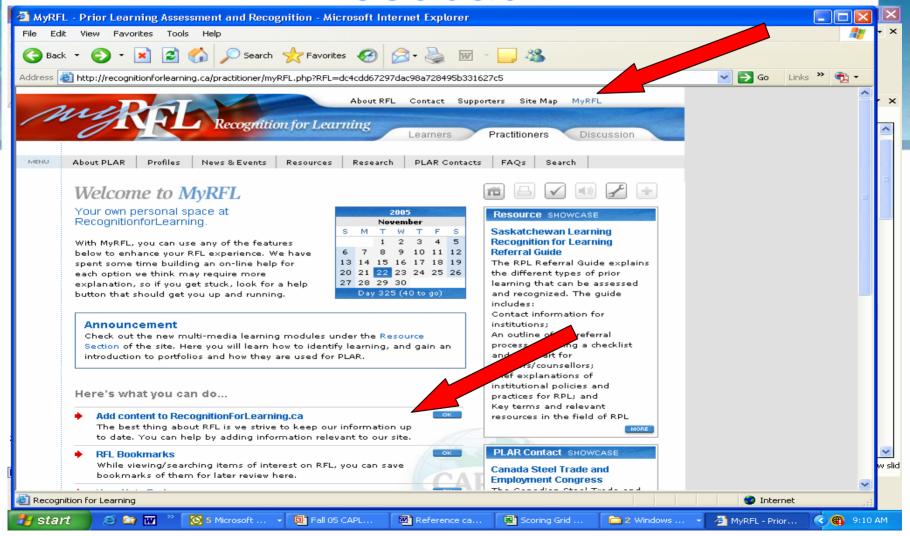
Respond to postings

Add polls

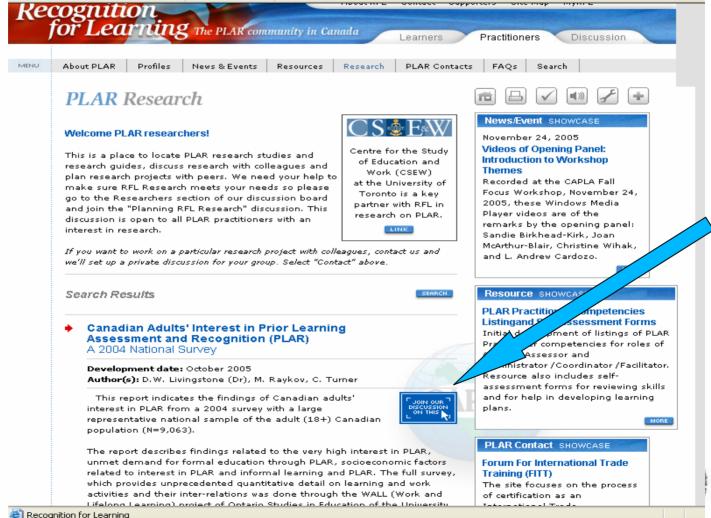
Discussions - keep up to date - easily



Add content to share or to ask for feedback



Link your content to a Discussion Topic you create



Webcast Focus Group

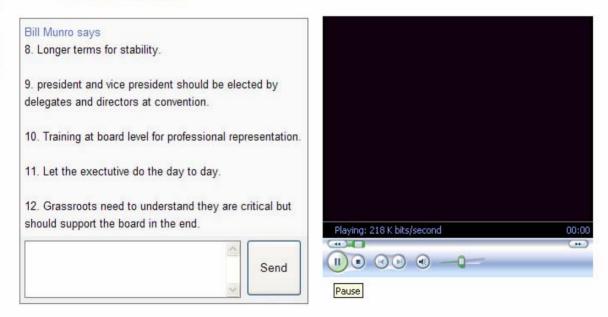


1. Focus Group Webcast (Video is 1 min 49 seconds)



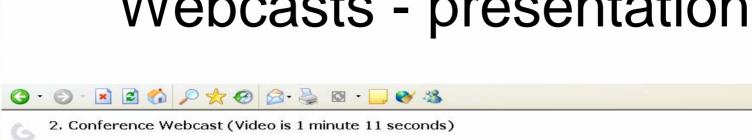


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How it Worked: The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) used GC Webcasting to conduct a provincewide focus group. A panel of experts in the OFA boardroom invited the audience to provide text feedback which the panel viewed on an overhead screen. The result? The Federation was able to obtain comments from all across the province used to help it improve its governing structure. Members were able to participate in the focus group process from the comfort and convenience of their home.

Webcasts - presentation



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Webcast Resources CHECK TIME ZONES WEBCAST PLENARY SCHEDULE WEBCAST TIPS

Slides and Handouts ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY Relevant Links STEWARDSHIP CANADA





How it Works: This interface shows a typical conference webcast page including the event logo, resources and downloadable handouts. The video illustrates how the audience is able to interact with the experts on stage. Also shown are slides while we hear the speaker's narration. If the web audience wants a copy of the slides, they can download them.

The interface can include logos and video greetings from conference sponsors. The sponsors can also show promotional videos before the webcast, during the breaks, at lunch and immediately following the live broadcast

Project Partners

- CAPLA, through RFL
- CCDF (Canadian Career Development Foundation)
- CCC (Canadian Career Consortium)
- CCL (Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks)
- IPMA-Canada (International Personnel Management Association- Canada)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT & PLAR

An Emerging Professional Partnership

L. Bezanson CCDF

TRANSFORMATION

- learning goals, labour market goals, social equity goals
- expanded access
- innovative and streamlined methods
- evidence-base

CAREER DEVELOPMENT & PLAR

- build motivation, hope, confidence
- increase participation in learning, relearning
- reach the vulnerable
- are foundations for a coherent lifelong learning system

Introductions

- Name
- Organization
- Comments/exploration of exchange between PLAR and Career Dev
- Possible/desired connectors (aim high!)



Practitioner Competencies -Transferable-?

- National Career Development S&G
- Draft PLAR Practitioner competencies
- Common core?
- Transferable modules for specialties?

Potential benefits and uses



Career Development S&G's

- UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS
- S&Gs are a voluntary code of practice
- S&Gs are based on what practitioners do
- There is a set of competencies needed for practice
- S&Gs embrace diversity of the field
- Multiple uses, both traditional and innovative, are possible

S&C BUILDING BLOCKS

Competency Clusters

Core:

Professional behaviours

Interpersonal competence

Career development knowledge

Needs assessment and referral

Specializations:

Assessment

Facilitated individual and group learning

Career counselling

Information and resource management

Work development

Community capacity-building

S&C BUILDING BLOCKS

Areas of Competency

- Each Cluster is broken down into Areas of Competency that career development practitioners need
- Each Area has several Functions, and each Function has many
 Competencies identified

REFLECTING ON SKILLS AND LEARNING

For Details of the Career
Development Practitioner
Standards & Guidelines, go to:

A GUIDE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS

www.career-dev-guidelines.org

Draft* PLAR Practitioner Competencies

Drawn from:

- Developing Benchmarks for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition – Practitioner Perspectives (CAPLA, 2000)
- PLAR Practitioner Competency Profile based on the PLAR Practitioner DACUM Occupational Analysis (Red River College 2002).
- International literature search

*Developed through a CAPLA/RFL project led by Mohawk College

http://recognitionforlearning.ca/practitioner/aboutPLAR.php



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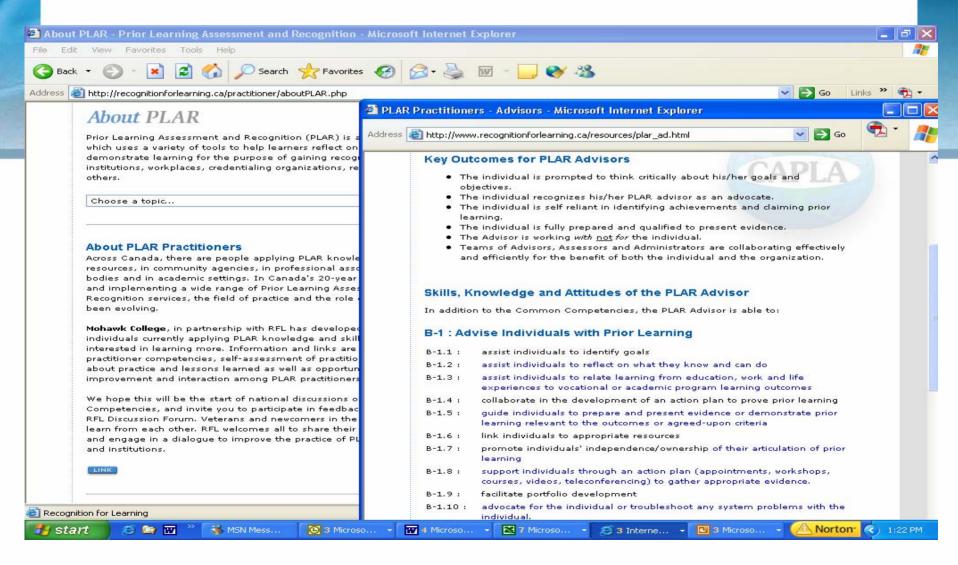
Common core competencies



- Advisor competencies
- Assessor competencies
- Administrator/Facilitator/Coordinator competencies



PLAR Practitioner Competencies



PLAR Practitioner draft competencies

Found at:

http://recognitionforlearning.ca/practitioner/aboutPLAR.php

(follow links at end of 'About PLAR Practitioners')



Discussions

- Good practice/innovative practices & programs (+ contacts) of integrated PLAR Career Dev activities and professional development of practitioners
- 2) Identify key resources (or types) for knowledge exchange of PLAR for CD (or vice versa)
 - How best provided?
 - (E-resources on RFL, e-workshops, webcasts, podcasts, other..)
- 3) Practitioner competencies PLAR specialty for CD?

CAREER DEVELOPMENT & PLAR PROFESSIONALS

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

- more influential collectively than separately
- more effective & efficient collectively than separately
- More (?)* collectively than separately!
- * fill in the blank

Next Steps

- Steering Committee
- NB Consultation paper
- Broader consultation online through RFL (& links)
- Add resources & contacts to RFL
- Webcast/podcasts
- Establish stronger linkages
- Develop plan for the future



What else would be helpful?

- For Career Dev Practitioners to use PLAR in your work
 - For PLAR Practitioners to know about Career Development
 - As resources for your clients

Contact us at info@recognitionforlearning.ca
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