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MESSAGE FROM ICCER

On behalf of ICCER, we wish our subscribers a joyous Easter and a delightful spring season!

With COVID-19 restrictions, we may not be able to celebrate Easter the way we have in the past. However with the vaccination roll out in Alberta, hopefully we will be able to connect with our family and friends during summer. Let's continue to stay positive and dream of a COVID-free future.

Thank you, take care and stay safe everyone!

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RESEARCH PROJECT: UPDATE

Canadianizing the Creating Conversations Dementia Activity Toolkit to Improve Quality of Life for Those with Dementia

We are delighted to share the news that Alberta Health Services has extended the deadline for this project to December 2022. The project delivery team at ICCER is grateful to AHS for this extension as COVID-19 had disrupted the original project timelines. A revised project delivery plan has been shared with the funder and project partners.

This project will play a significant role in improving quality of life of people with dementia as the purpose of this project is to help better meet the social, emotional, physical, and health needs of persons with dementia, as well as to assist caregivers in providing person-centered care.

PHOTO BY MARTIN SMITH

The prime objective of this project is to revise (Canadianize) an activity toolkit developed in Scotland for persons with dementia, then pilot and evaluate it in Alberta.

ICCER is currently working on Canadianizing the toolkit design in collaboration with its project partners, University of Stirling and Artlink Central. As ICCER has received funding approval from Mitacs, therefore a research intern has been recruited from the Social Work program at Norquest. The intern will be trained by the Research Office Team at Norquest College and will assist the project team in finalizing the Canadian version of the toolkit and implementing the initial pilot phase of the toolkit.

We will share regular project status updates in our future newsletters.



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JOIN OUR COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

ICCER started a Music Care Community of Practice (CoP) in fall 2016 and since then have added a CoP for Educators and Best Practice Leads in continuing care, as well as a collaborative working group for continuing care policies. All organizational members are welcome to participate! Associate members are invited to join the Music Care and Educators CoPs.

- **Music Care CoP** - To help members become more aware of the music care options and resources available to them, as well as discuss issues related to implementation.
- **Continuing Care Educators CoP** - An opportunity for members to share resources, discuss strategies for integrating knowledge to practice, and explore the connection between curriculum and clinical education/ practice.
- **Policy Working Group** - ICCER has started a collaborative working group for organizational members to work together on policies, procedures, and forms in hopes of making the audit process easier and more consistent.

MEMBERSHIPS

Become an Individual ICCER member! Individuals not associated with an ICCER organizational or associate membership can join the ICCER network for \$150/year.

Individual members get free access to ICCER events and webinars. If you are employed by one of ICCER's member organizations or associate members, you are already considered a member and are eligible for the related benefits! Individual memberships run April 1st to March 31st of each year.

Please note that refunds will not be provided under any circumstance. All payments will be through our automated payment system.



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RESOURCES

The **Ontario Centre for Learning, Research and Innovation in Long-Term Care** launched a new eLearning Hub offering free online courses designed to train the current and future LTC workforce, as well as family members and care partners. E-courses include:

- Communication at End-of-Life
- Nursing Leadership
- Eating Assistance
- Person-Centered Language
- Lifts & Transfers

Please follow the link for further information:
<http://learn.clri-ltc.ca>

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: SPECIAL ISSUE: INDIGENOUS ELDERS

Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association (CGNA) is inviting original manuscripts for a special issue focusing on Indigenous Elders. Please follow the link for further information: <https://cgna.net/special-issue>



Capital Care in collaboration with the Research Institute of Aging will host the **Walk With Me Webinar: Rethinking Senior Living: A new vision for family care partners**. This event will take place on April 13, 2021 (11:00 am - 12:00 pm MT).

Bringing their expertise to the discussion are:

- Lisa Poole, a family care partner and advocate
- Suellen Beatty, CEO, Sherbrooke Community Society
- Dr. Jasneet Parmar and Sharon Anderson, University of Alberta

Register today by following the link:
<https://the-ria.ca/events/family-care-partners-webinar/>

Two Streams Available

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