

NCON Professional Development Conference

October 2012

The fourth annual NCON Professional Development Conference was held on October 12, 2012 at the Stage West All Suite Hotel in Mississauga. One hundred and two people attended, all frontline workers from immigrant serving agencies.

Julia Moulden delivered the opening keynote titled “How to Find Meaning in Our Work.” She was followed by simultaneous presentation of the two featured workshops, each delivered to half the audience in the morning, half in the afternoon.

Donna Messer taught her audience members to maximize their strengths, recognize the importance of their social capital and learn to work within their communication styles in “Networking vs Not Working – It’s the “E” for Effort”.

Paul Hill of Transition to Hired spoke on using social media as information sources rather than resume posting services in a workshop titled “From Disempowered Applicant to Empowered Candidate: How to Uncover the Hidden Job Market and Get Hired.”

Later in the afternoon, a panel discussion titled “Hiring Internationally Educated Employees: An Employer’s Perspective” was conducted. The panel members were all employer representatives. A hot breakfast, a hot lunch and coffee breaks completed the day.

QUOTES TAKEN FROM ATTENDEES AT THE 2012 PDCONFERENCE

“It’s a great conference. Lots of information, very helpful. Comfortable zone and very nice breakfast, lunch and tea. Thank you for putting such a wonderful conference together. This was my first time, but I would love to attend it every year.”

“This was my first time coming, will come next year.”

“The entire event was great. Kudos to all who worked hard to put this successful event together.”

“I enjoyed the PD; it was informative & worth spending the full day in learning with people of like-minded.”

“This was an excellent conference and presenters. I’ve learned quite a lot and it does help us serve our clients much better in the future.”

“Keep doing great work! Because of NCON, I know so many of community partner agencies and staff and the great work all of us do.”

“The conference was great, well organized and the guest speakers were fantastic. I’ve learned a lot today. Thanks for the great job done!”