

Perspectives on Local Workforce Development: From Best Practice Models to Workable Systems

**Wednesday, October 31, 2007, 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Rooms 308/309.**

Agenda

- 8.30-9.00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9.00-9.05 Welcome and Introduction: **Enid Slack**, *Chair, ICE Committee*
- 9.05-9.10 Opening Remarks: **Heather MacVicar**, *General Manager, Toronto Social Services*
- 9.10-10.20 Keynote Speakers
- 9.10-9.35 **Tom Corbett**, *Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
9.35-10.00 **Kurtis Kitagawa**, *Principal Research Associate, Conference Board of Canada*
- 10.00-10.20 Questions and Discussion
- 10.20 – 10:40 Refreshments
- 10.40 – 11:55 Panel Discussion: Local Perspectives on the Real World of Workforce Development
- Session Moderator: **Barb Simmons**, *Director Central Region, Employment and Training Division, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities*
- Panelists:
- **Service Delivery Perspective: Kay Blair**, *Community MicroSkills Development Centre*
 - **Employer Perspective: Stephen H. Diamond**, *DIAMONDCORP & Partnership to Advance Youth Employment (PAYE)*
 - **Labour Market Perspective: Deena Ladd**, *Workers Action Centre*
 - **Service User Perspective: Andrew Mitchell**, *Social Assistance in the New Economy (SANE) Project, University of Toronto*
 - **Audience Response and Discussion**
- 11.55-12.15 Keynote Responses
- 11.55- 12:05: **Kurtis Kitagawa**
12:05 -12.15: **Tom Corbett**
- 12.15-12.30 Closing Remarks – **Enid Slack**