

Edmonton City of Learners Community Steering Committee – Call for Members

The City of Learners is a community-led initiative that lives at the Edmonton Public Library. It works collaboratively with partners to develop inclusive learning experiences for all Edmontonians.

We are looking for **3 members** for our Community Steering Committee for the Edmonton City of Learners Initiative. Individuals representing organizations focused on specific demographics (e.g. Indigenous, senior or early childhood populations) or those representing public or corporate entities (e.g. post-secondary institutions, private corporations) are encouraged to apply.

The City of Learners Community Steering Committee guides the work of the City of Learners. The Community Steering Committee serves as a consultative advisory resource, and establishes strategic directions support the Edmonton Public Library and to enhance planning and decision making with the City of Learners Initiative. As a panel of community representatives, the Committee includes representation from both formal and informal lifelong learning communities in Edmonton. The Committee is chaired by the Manager, Learning and Development.

How you can contribute:

What you will do:

- Provide strategic perspective to the City of Learners by establishing and routinely reviewing strategic directions
- Participate in quarterly steering committee meetings
- Use your networks to foster connections between EPL and community members or groups whose interests and resources are related to lifelong learning.
- Contribute to the planning, implementation, oversight and leading City of Learners events.

Your qualifications include:

- Belief in the importance of the City of Learners and commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning
- Ability to leverage community and organizational contacts to the benefit of City of Learners activities and events
- Skill or knowledge in board and/or committee work and experience with community engagement
- Ability to commit up to 4 to 6 hours per month, including attendance at quarterly meetings and City of Learners events, for at least a two-year term.
- Resident of Edmonton

Spread the words.

How to apply:

Expressions of interest should include the following:

- A statement of why you are interested in serving as a member.
- A statement of how your organization, and/or your own experiences, knowledge, and skills will contribute to the Committee.
- A brief statement on your perspective of the importance of inclusive formal and informal lifelong learning opportunities.
- Any other information which you would like to add that would assist in our selection decision.

Please submit applications via email to Suzanne Robitaille, Administrative Assistant, Public Services Department, Edmonton Public Library (Suzanne.robaille@epl.ca). Applications should be in Microsoft Word or pdf format.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

Background:

In 2008, then Councillor Don Iveson led a group of learning sector stakeholders to explore the idea of a learning city project. Based on stakeholder discussions and input from community dialogues, the *Edmonton City of Learners Initiative* developed the *Community Foundational Learning Plan*, with three priority focuses: early learning, health and learning, and literacy. The intent was that local collaborating agencies and individuals would implement each of these focuses. In brief the plan charged partners to:

“...elevate the importance Edmontonians attach to learning in all aspects and stages of their lives. The focus of the initiative is to create a network of organizations to stimulate a culture of continuous learning available to all Edmontonians. Embracing learning as a foundational principle in our community will better prepare us to meet the challenges of our complex and competitive world”

As the initiative moved forward, the network of organizations, which included the Edmonton Public Library, formed under the “City of Learners” banner. In 2013, the City of Edmonton established the Edmonton Public Library as the ‘home’ of the City of Learners.