



EAST YORK LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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Computer Basics Level I Participants

Letter from our Executive Director

In May 2025 I joined EYLE as its new Director. Throughout the year, I have witnessed the dedication of our volunteer tutors, whose commitment creates the foundation for so much of our work. Their willingness to show up, listen, and support learners week after week has a lasting impact that extends far beyond the classroom.

I have also seen the determination of our learners. Many are balancing work, family, and other responsibilities while pursuing literacy goals. They continue to move forward with perseverance and courage.

I have been reminded, too, of the importance of community support. Our funders understand that literacy changes lives and that investing in learning creates ripple effects for individuals, families, and communities. Their support allows us to deliver programs that make a meaningful difference.



Carolyn Poplak, Executive Director

Behind the scenes, our Board of Directors provides thoughtful leadership and guidance, helping us stay focused on our mission and future growth.

And every day, I am fortunate to work alongside Jo and Amanda, whose creativity and commitment helps our learners reach their goals.

As I look back on the year, I am struck by the collective effort behind every success story. I am excited about what we will continue to achieve together in the year ahead.

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Community News



Carolyn and Amanda met with the Warden Woods leadership team.

Strong community partnerships are at the heart of our work. Through referrals from employment agencies, settlement services, community organizations, and educational institutions across the east end of the city, we are able to connect adult learners with the literacy and essential skills training they need to achieve their goals.

We are grateful to our community partners, whose collaboration is pivotal in identifying learner needs, reducing barriers to participation, and ensuring adults have access to the support and training they need to thrive. Together, we are creating stronger pathways to learning, employment, and lifelong success.

Our Impact this Year

Every hour invested in literacy creates opportunities for greater independence, workforce participation, and community engagement.

This year, through the dedication of volunteers, learners, staff, and partners, we continued to translate community support into measurable outcomes that help individuals build the skills and confidence needed to achieve their goals.

Our numbers demonstrate both the reach of our programs and the significant value generated through learner-centred tutoring by our excellent volunteers.





Upcoming Workshops

In-person Workshops

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| Computer Basics Level 1 | July 6,7,8,9 | 10AM - 1PM |
| Computer Basics Level 2 | Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10AM - 12PM |
| Pop-up Computer Cafe | July 16 & Aug 20 | 1PM - 4PM |

Online (access to Zoom is required)

Write to Win: Crafting a Resume That Gets You Noticed

Tuesday July 14th 12PM - 1PM

Cover Letters Made Simple

Tuesday August 11th 12PM - 1PM

All workshops are **free**. Registration is required. To register please email Amanda amanda@eastyorklearningexperience.ca

Call for Computer Tutors!

Volunteer with Carolyn and Amanda at our Pop-up Computer Cafe (we're A LOT of fun!)

We are looking for two tutors who are available for part or all that time slot who would like to run the **pop-up Thursdays from 1PM-4PM.**

Please email your interest to carolyn@eastyorklearningexperience.ca

Donation items needed!

1. High School Biology textbooks
2. High School Chemistry textbooks
3. College/Post Secondary Biology textbooks
4. College/Post Secondary Chemistry textbooks
5. Framed Art





Volunteer Appreciation Event

Wednesday, September 16th 7:00 - 8:30PM

Join us for our Annual Members Meeting, Wednesday September 16th from 6PM to 7PM. A party for volunteers to follow from 7-8:30PM.

Come enjoy drinks, snacks, mingling, and the chance to connect with fellow tutors and community members. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Please let us know if you are coming by emailing Jo at jo@eastyorklearningexperience.ca



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Wilma's Story

Wilma came to EYLE three years ago with the goal of improving her reading and writing skills. She is employed as a health care worker and travels to her client appointments using the TTC (often starting very early in the morning).

Our weekly routine includes Wilma reading books aloud as well as reading and talking about some daily news items. Wilma recently enjoyed reading an extended novel for adult learners (over two-hundred pages!) about immigrant experiences in a New York neighbourhood.

Her reading and writing have been improving steadily, and she is sounding much more confident and flowing when she reads aloud. Even when she is in the middle of long work shifts, Wilma is always ready to learn and make progress.

Wilma is an amazing positive force who helps everyone around with her smile, and it's been a highlight of my week to meet with her at EYLE.

Thank you for reading!

Summer/Fall Closures

July 1
August 3
September 7
October 12



For any questions, please contact us:

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Hours of Operation

Mondays 9AM - 9PM
Tuesdays 9AM - 9PM
Wednesdays 9AM- 5PM
Thursdays 9AM- 5PM
Fridays 9AM- 5PM



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