



# Step Up and Succeed In the Skilled Trades

## Skilled Trades: We've Got Your Back

**Happy New Year and Welcome Back to the latest edition of our Step Up and Succeed In the Skilled Trades newsletter!**

In this edition, we

- Feature our Provincial Apprenticeship Navigator coaching service
- Recount the great time we had at Literacy Link Niagara's Getting Connected event
- Share information about the Step Up and Succeed and ARISE projects at Literacy Link South Central
- Give details about Connexus26 event, where both projects and more will be featured
- Highlight the "6 Steps to Sponsoring an Apprentice" guide
- Announce the launch of the new Apprenticeship Hub website!

We are excited to share these stories with you and hope you enjoy reading them.

**If you know of a skilled trades business, apprentice, or LBS success story that you think deserves to be featured in an upcoming issue, contact us at [literacylink@llsc.on.ca](mailto:literacylink@llsc.on.ca).**

## Featured Employer Service: Provincial Apprenticeship Navigator

Are you an employer struggling to find, train,  
or keep great apprentices?



Contact our  
**Provincial Apprenticeship  
Navigator** to help you  
access curated resources,  
tools and information  
based on your needs.

Contact [sally@llsc.on.ca](mailto:sally@llsc.on.ca) to get started.



### Employers – We're here to support you!

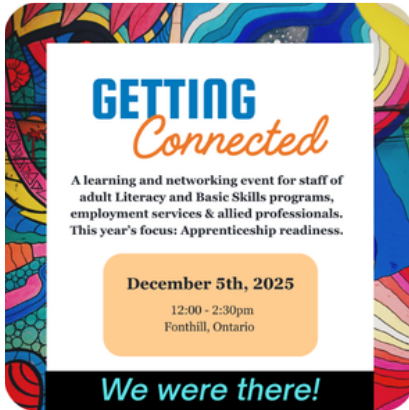
Do you want to grow your business this year, but need help attracting, training, or retaining apprentices to do so?

Book an appointment with a Provincial Apprenticeship Navigator today!

Contact [sally@llsc.on.ca](mailto:sally@llsc.on.ca)

**[Read on to learn more.](#)**

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## What We've Been Up To

### Lunch and Learn at Literacy Link Niagara's Getting Connected Event

On December 5, 2025, Literacy Link South Central was thrilled to be the keynote speaker at Literacy Link Niagara's Getting Connected Event.

The 2025 'Getting Connected' event focused on Apprenticeship.

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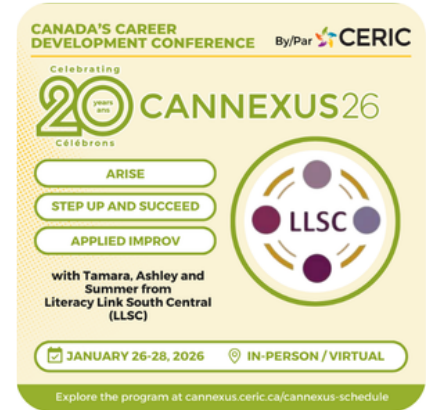
## Success for ARISE & Step Up and Succeed

### Two LLSC initiatives presenting at Cannexus26

Literacy Link South Central is thrilled to be showcasing ARISE and Step Up and Succeed at Cannexus 26.

Between them, these projects support all aspects of the apprenticeship journey – from readiness, to hiring and retention.

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## Upcoming Events

### Cannexus26: Canada's Career Development Conference

#### COMING SOON:

Cannexus is Canada's largest bilingual conference focused on career and workforce development!

Being held January 26–28, 2026, virtually and in-person at the Rogers Centre in Ottawa, Canada.

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## Recommended Resource: 6 Steps to Sponsoring an Apprentice Guide

This useful document provides detailed instructions and links to relevant forms and resources on the process and considerations for sponsoring an apprentice in Ontario, including options for group sponsorship and steps for successful apprenticeship management.

[More info and full resource here.](#)

### 6 Steps to Sponsoring an Apprentice

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#### Evaluate Your Readiness

Consider - is your workplace prepared for an apprentice?

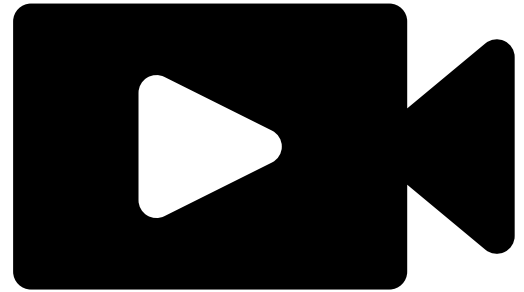
- ✓ Do you have the space, time and equipment you need?
- ✓ Can you save time and money and hire an existing employee? You have access to a highly skilled pool of talent within your workforce.
- ✓ Are you a **registered** sponsor with Skilled Trades Ontario? (If not, see page 4)

# Step Up and Succeed in the Skilled Trades

## Video Spotlight

Join us for our video series designed to help your employees Step Up and Succeed in the skilled trades! This month we feature our Employer training video: "Upskilling Your Workforce"

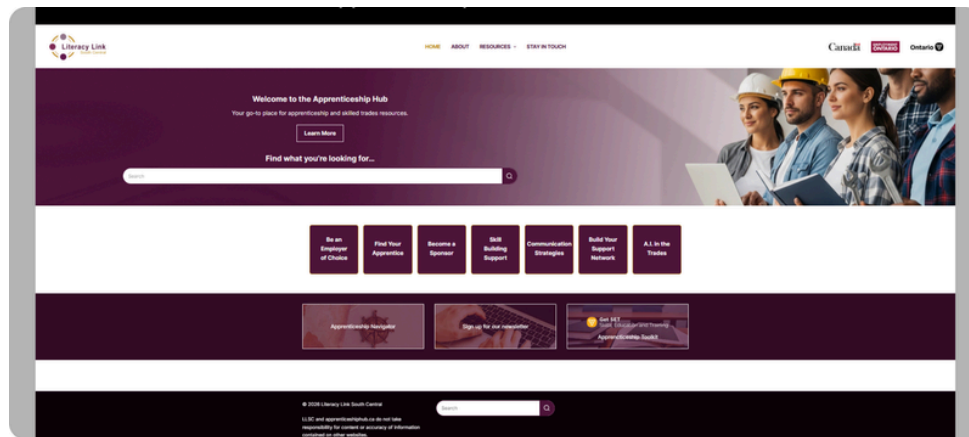
[Click here to view the video](#)



## More Resources to Help You Get Ahead with **ApprenticeshipHub.ca** – now LIVE!

Want to dig even deeper into the tools and strategies the apprenticeship hub has to offer? Access ApprenticeshipHub.ca today! Get the tools designed to help you stay productive, train and retain your workforce, and become an employer of choice!

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**We hope you enjoyed this issue of the Step Up and Succeed in the Skilled Trades Newsletter!**  
**We look forward to seeing you again with the next issue coming out in February 2026!**

Do you know somebody who you think would benefit from receiving our newsletter?  
**Have them visit our [signup form](#) to register today!**

**Tell us your story! We would love to hear from you. What resource did you use/find most helpful?**  
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**Your quote may be featured in a future issue!**

