



TRICALA TRI-COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING & LITERACY ASSOCIATION





There is no power for change
greater than a community
discovering what it cares about.

Margaret J. Wheatley

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Tri-Community Adult Learning and Literacy Association (TriCALA)

Within our communities learners are searching for further education, but they face many challenges and barriers to access this. There are colleges, universities, and local outreach programs, TriCALA exists to serve those who feel they are unable to further their education.

We support the newcomers who struggle with the English language and therefore are not successful finding work in a field they are passionate about.

We support the learner who is financially hindered to participate in educational opportunities with subsidized programming.

We support the learner who hides their literacy challenges; the learner who pretends they have poor eyesight, when in fact they can't read the menu, etc.

The Tri-Community Adult Learning and Literacy Association (TriCALA) is one of 120 community adult learning councils throughout the province who serve mostly rural populations. TriCALA coordinates the part-time non-credit learning needs of adults in Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, and all of Parkland County. We are supported by a grant from Advanced Education.

Members of TriCALA work cooperatively to identify adult learning needs in the area, encourage development and implementation of quality programs, and promote the concept of lifelong learning.

WHAT IS A LEARNING CITY?



A learning city promotes lifelong learning for all. UNESCO defines a learning city as a city that:

- effectively mobilizes its resources in every sector to promote inclusive learning from basic to higher education;
- revitalizes learning in families and communities;
- facilitates learning for and in the workplace;
- extends the use of modern learning technologies;
- enhances quality and excellence in learning; and
- fosters a culture of learning throughout life.

In doing so, the city enhances individual empowerment and social inclusion, economic development and cultural prosperity, and sustainable development.

Why learning cities?

Lifelong learning lays the foundation for sustainable social, economic and environmental development. The idea of learning throughout life is deeply rooted in all cultures. However, it is becoming increasingly relevant in today's fast-changing world, where social, economic and political norms are constantly being redefined. Studies have shown that lifelong learners – citizens who acquire new knowledge, skills and attitudes in a wide range of contexts – are better equipped to adapt to changes in their environments. Lifelong learning and the learning society therefore have a vital role to play in empowering citizens and effecting a transition to sustainable societies.

While national governments are largely responsible for creating strategies for building learning societies, lasting change requires commitment at the local level. A learning society must be built province by province, city by city, and community by community.

Learning cities are Drivers of inclusion and sustainability

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VISION FOR THE REGION AS LIFELONG LEARNERS



- Create a region of lifelong learners through the lens of community building, stakeholder engagement and J.E.D.I. (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) principles.
- To create a space people seek out to increase their literacy and numeracy skills, volunteer or connect to share their learning goals.
- To make TriCALA a leader in community development and programming, building a reputation that they are the organization to collaborate with, connect into and support.





VISION

A VIBRANT LEARNING COMMUNITY WHERE ALL LEARNERS IN THE TRI-AREA ARE PARTICIPATING FULLY AND ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LIFELONG LEARNING.



TriCALA gets its core funding to support adult literacy and numeracy in our community from Alberta Advanced Education. We have been in operation for over four decades and look forward to scaling our program to further support the community.

The lifelong learning program is only one of the ways we hope to increase our presence and value to community members.

2 years program to develop a region of celebrating lifelong learning

- 36 small community events a year at a cost of approximately \$400 and event. Some may cost more or less but this is the average amount needed per session= \$14,400
 - \$1500 in prizes and rewards given out in the community annually
 - \$3000 spent annually on marketing
 - \$4500 cost of main annual event on Sept 8th, International Literacy Day
- Investment into lifelong Learning in the region is \$23,400 annually for 2 years
\$7800 annually for each municipality.

All work done with the lens of equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging.

Create learner centered experiences that are driven by community.

Additional funds will be applied for through other grants as well as looking for private sponsorship. Utilizing other streams of income will allow us to scale the existing plan as well as working towards sustainable programming beyond 2024.