



RECENT ACTIVITIES

Abacus Data Study

TAG will be working with Abacus Data to generate findings that public legal education and information providers can use to better enhance the development and delivery of their materials. The research design is currently in progress however emphasis will be placed on collecting cultural and linguistic data. Findings from this study will inform the work of TAG clusters and will be available to advance the Law Society's strategic priorities.

Maytree Foundation Connecting for Change Conference

On December 10th Sabreena Delhon facilitated a session on the Digital Divide at the Maytree Foundation's Connecting for Change Conference. Held on International Human Rights Day, the event included 350 policy-makers, academics, journalists and representatives from non-governmental organizations. The aim was to create new connections and explore ways to develop innovative anti-poverty solutions. Links made on this day will inform the work of TAG's Inclusive Technology cluster which is looking at ways that technology can be used to enhance access to justice for marginalized populations.

CLUSTERS

Libraries and Justice: Innovative Access for Rural and Remote Communities

Building on the success of the Libraries and Justice: Innovative Access for Rural and Remote Communities event that was held in the fall, TAG will be working with the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) to collect data about the needs of library staff and patrons. Over the next few weeks, library staff will be surveyed about the access to justice needs of their patrons. SOLS will assist with extending the survey to its northern equivalent, Ontario Library Service – North. SOLS recently reported that its blog post about the fall libraries and justice event had nearly 800 readers which makes it their most popular post in 2015. See links to that post along with others about the event from the PLE Learning Exchange below:

- *Libraries and Justice*
<http://www.sols.org/index.php/blog/entry/libraries-and-justice>
- *Establish, Enhance, Engage: Reflections on a libraries and justice partnerships event*
<http://www.plelearningexchange.ca/establish-enhance-engage-reflections-on-a-libraries-and-justice-partnerships-event>

- *Build on This and Take It Deeper: Reflections on a libraries and justice partnership event*
<http://www.plelearningexchange.ca/build-on-this-and-take-it-deeper-reflections-on-a-libraries-and-justice-partnership-event/>

Public Legal Information (PLEI)

This cluster held its second meeting on December 10th and discussed the different purposes and audiences that motivate the production of PLEI materials. This cluster is looking at ways to reduce duplication and improve links among PLEI providers. The ultimate aim is to find a collaborative way to ensure a level of reliability in the way that these materials are produced and circulated.

Family Law Online - Shared Steps

A pilot version of Steps to Justice was released in early December. The content which is currently available on the CLEO website includes common questions about family, employment and housing law. This is considered a soft launch to capture feedback about format, navigation and structure. A formal launch of the broader vision where content is presented on multiple legal and community websites is scheduled for the coming months. Learn more about Steps to Justice here: <http://www.cleo.on.ca/en/projects/steps-justice-collaborative-online-project>