



2024 EYLE March Campaign

We first begin with a huge note of thanks to our donors. Due to loyal and new supporters – from individuals and organizations – EYLE remains financially stable. In this regard, we must acknowledge Charity Intelligence, the independent charity watchdog that assesses the effectiveness of charities for social value. CI has once again ranked EYLE among the best charities in Canada this year. We have no doubt that donations have come our way due to this ranking.



We continue to put all these monies to good use in pursuit of our Mission of transforming lives and enhancing self-worth by empowering individuals to reach their full potential. For instance, some new initiatives we are now able to offer include:

Extended Hours of Operation: We are now open on Fridays from 9am-5pm.

Student Workshop Series: We have developed a series of student workshops around a variety of topics: Time Management & Organizational Skills; Test Taking Tips; Essay Writing (2 part); Internet Safety (2 part); Soft Skills for Employment.

Computer Basics Class: We have developed a 6 weeks/2hrs per week small group class covering: Computer operations and terminology, email, internet, internet safety and the basics of Microsoft Word. These are offered quarterly.

Learning Disabilities Assessments: We are now able to cover the cost of a proper, documented Learning Disability Assessment by a psychiatrist for students on an as-needed basis.

Certificate Costs: We can cover the costs for low-income or unemployed students completing certificates needed for employment in certain fields such as a Food Handler Certificate, CPR etc.

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MISSION STATEMENT

EYLE’s adult literacy, numeracy and digital literacy programs transform lives and enhance self-worth by empowering individuals to reach their full potential.

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As a charity, and certainly one that has known past lean times, we are always in need of donations. Even though we currently are financially stable, we are respectful of the adage “save for a rainy day”. We constantly seek to improve our operations and at the same time try to balance this with retaining the essence of EYLE – a small team of employees lead by a dedicated Managing Director, who guide an army of volunteer tutors from a quaint East York venue.

So, we propose from a sense of good fortune, that you consider EYLE in your donation strategy and also share your donation monies with another charity or charities. Just as we do good work – and we do - so do other organizations. For guidance, please visit our website to learn about EYLE and link to Charity Intelligence for their charity reviews.

Donations – for those rainy days - may be sent our way via: For online donations, visit our website: <https://eastyorklearningexperience.ca> and click on the ‘donate now’ button, or by cheque made payable to East York Learning Experience at 266 Donlands Ave., Toronto, ON M4J 5B1.

Thanks for your support!

Success Story

FE first joined EYLE by registering for our new computer-basics, small group class. The course is set up to teach: basic computer operations and terminology; email; internet and internet safety; and the basics of Microsoft Word.

FE and another participant were both on the employment goal path, but were unable to apply for jobs online. After our 2nd class, and as we got to know them and their struggles better, we set up an additional employment-related session for them with Amanda who has been assisting with the classes.

During that session, Amanda was able to:

- Set them both up with an Indeed Canada profile;
- Register both with the Dress for Success and New Circles programs;
- Teach them how to send their resume as an email attachment;
- Teach them to complete and submit online applications;
- Teach them both how to scan their resumes and certificates onto a flash drive for future use.

Through the work that they did that day, FE had a job working in the shelter system, 5 weeks after entering the program.

Since the end of the computer classes, FE has continued with the program working with a tutor to further develop her writing and computer skills. She is now also registered in an Early Childhood program at George Brown College, continuing her work here at EYLE and working night shifts in the shelter.

FE works so incredibly hard and with her upbeat, positive personality, we have no doubt that she will be successful in all her endeavours.

Keep up the great work FE!



Learners' Conference

May 31st 9am – 3pm – **FREE EVENT**

Centre for Social Innovation, 192 Spadina Ave, Ste 403

EYLE Students, you are invited to the 21st Annual Literacy Conference hosted by Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy.

The event theme is Building Success: Learners' Perspective and will include workshops, refreshments, lunch, and sharing successes.

It's a great opportunity for Professional Development and a chance to meet other literacy Students from across the city.

If you'd like to register for the event, talk to staff and we will help you with the online registration.



MTML Learner Achievement Awards

EYLE students are invited to write about their literacy and learning successes and to submit their written piece for entry in the MTML's Learner Achievement Awards. This award aims to honour the dedication, perseverance, and progress of individuals who have demonstrated commitment to their literacy journey.

Tutors: *you may assist your learner with their written piece.*

A committee will review and select 6 stories for the awards. Winners will be announced at the Learners' Conference on May 31st.

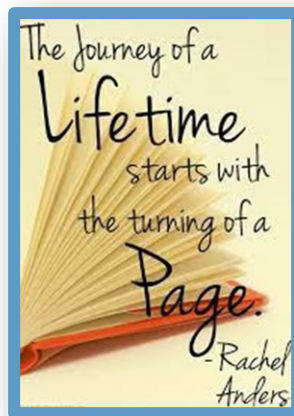
Tutors' Corner

We have a few reminders:

Tablets – For tutors that are teaching digital literacy, we do have Tablets available with educational apps installed. Some of those apps are; **Numbers, Times-Table, Khan Academy, Multiplications, and Pocket Rice** that students will find useful. If students require help in installing some these apps on their personal device(s) we can help with that as well.

Books – we have hundreds of readers that are available for students to sign out. These are the only books that should leave the centre. Students can sign them out and sign them back in when books are returned. Please talk to us if you are unsure of which books you can borrow.

Laptops - Laptops are available for student and tutor use. We ask that you do not change the settings or install additional Apps or software without talking to a staff member first. We would also remind you to log out of any personal emails or sites visited, and emphasize this with students.



March Break

EYLE will be closed for tutoring as of Monday, March 11th and will re-open Monday, March 18th.
Happy March break to all!

Volunteers Needed

Our next Tutor Training takes place in May. If you know someone who might be interested in volunteering, please pass along our contact info (eyleliteracy@gmail.com/416-425-2666).

Thank you!

Thank you....

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