

Learners' Voices @ Literacy & Learning Symposium 2026

Criteria:

We would like to thank the many learners who participated in sharing their voices and experiences for last year's event and look forward to hearing from new learners in 2026!

We are looking for submissions from an adult Albertan* who:

- has learned foundational skills (literacy, numeracy, skills for learning, basic digital skills, English language learning)
- attended any foundational learning opportunity (tutoring, family literacy programs, learning activities or courses)
- is a past or present CALP participant

*Submissions are open to individuals or groups of learners

Motivation:

We are excited to once again include learners' voices at the 2026 Literacy and Learning Symposium.

What's in it for learners? Here is our top 10 list of benefits to sharing their voice:

- increase your confidence
- celebrate you!
- practice your skills
- be a voice for change
- publish your work
- increase your audience (or gain a new one)
- show pride in your work
- share your creativity
- show other adults they are not alone
- it's fun!

This is a great opportunity to support a current learner by preparing them to answer the question or write about their learning experience. Or celebrate a learner who is CALP alumni and wants to reflect on their learning journey.

How to participate:

Why is learning important to you? Learners can answer this question and submit in any form they choose:

- video recording*
- audio recording*
- story
- poem
- art
- song
- photo essay
- graphic story
- and more (we are open to suggestions!)

*This year's question has been added to Vocal Video. Messages will be recorded using Vocal Video. Vocal Video is an easy-to-use online recorder that allows a person to answer questions using either an audio or video recording. The program allows you to edit after answering the question and is automatically sent to CLN. If the learner chooses to create a video or audio recording, we will send you a link to Vocal Video.

If the learner chooses to submit something other than a recording, **please take a photo of their creation** and send it as a jpeg or png file to Cheryl Lovstrom at CLN (central@calp.ca). Participants may also choose to include a photo of themselves to be displayed with their submission.

Deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 2nd.

We believe in empowering individuals to make their own choices. Please review the consent form with the learner and return it by email to central@calp.ca if they choose to share their experience at Symposium 2026.

Thank you for participating!