



Silvia Bégin

I am pleased to announce that **Silvia Bégin** has just joined **Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association (ECALA)** as our **Professional Development Specialist**. This new position will provide one-on-one and group support to ECALA member agencies in preparing ECALA Funding Proposals, understanding ECALA funding guidelines, sharing of resources, convening communities of practice and training in all areas we fund courses and programs.

Silvia was born in Argentina, but has been living in Canada for many years. She has a graduate degree in Adult Education as well as credentials in second language acquisition, intercultural communication and international relations.

Silvia brings with her over 25 years of experience working in the Edmonton community with newcomers to Canada, adult literacy learners and international students. Over the years, she has worked extensively in the field of adult education in various capacities as an instructor, curriculum developer, project manager, program director and consultant in post-secondary institutions (NAIT, the University of Alberta, MacEwan University and NorQuest College), professional associations (Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Alberta), non-profit organizations (such as the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers and the Mediation and Restorative Justice Centre), the public sector (Edmonton Public Schools Continuing Education), and the corporate sector (Enbridge, Sherritt and ATB Financial). She has also served in leadership positions at ATESL, TESL Canada, TEASOL, SIETAR AB (the Society Intercultural Education Training and Research), and LCCC (the Latino Canadian Chamber of Commerce).

Silvia has a true passion for life-long learning and an insatiable desire to serve the community. She will be a real asset to ECALA. Agency staff will have an opportunity to meet Silvia as she will join me at course visits and will facilitate sessions for member agencies to assist in the development of an ECALA Learning and Training Plan later this year.