

***CCCO OFFERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY  
For  
ARTS SERVICE ORGANIZATION DIRECTORS***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 10, 2007: Cultural Careers Council Ontario (CCCO) is pleased to announce *The Peer Learning Circle Pilot Project*, an innovative participatory approach to professional development, for executive directors of arts, cultural and heritage service organizations.

This pilot project will give 10 individuals the chance to take part in a learning circle to address the complex issues they face as leaders in the cultural community. This pilot is one element in a new multi-faceted project, *Career Development for Cultural Workers*, recently announced by CCCO, that will strengthen professional development for people working in the cultural sector.

CCCO is committed to addressing human resources issues within Ontario's cultural sector through its research and information, services, career development programs and publications. CCCO's job board and website – [www.workinculture.ca](http://www.workinculture.ca) – are among the most popular cultural web tools today. *The Peer Learning Circle Pilot Project* builds on previous research by CCCO.

*CCCO's Peer Learning Circle Pilot Project* will provide selected executive directors with a confidential and supportive group learning approach in which they can share experiences, challenges and ideas with a like-minded community of learners. The circle draws on the collective insights of the group to further individual goals and will be led by an experienced facilitator and consultant, Carrie Brooks-Joiner.

Executive Directors who participate will benefit by

- expanding their network of colleagues
- identifying workplace issues and action-based responses
- increasing their critical problem solving skills

Participation is confidential, but the outcomes of this pilot will be shared with the broader cultural community. CCCO wants to acknowledge the generous support of The Sectoral Initiative Fund of Ontario's Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities for the *Peer Learning Circle Pilot Project*.

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