Join DCO at the Oakville Golf Club on Friday, June 22, 2018, for Networking Day. Click [here](#) to register! Immediately following the day is our AGM at 5:00 pm. We will honour our Spirit of Volunteerism (SOV) and Program and Service Recognition (PSR) volunteers with a special dinner and presentations that evening. For tickets, please click [here](#).

**May 2018**

**We've Connected with Our Membership and They Have Some Interesting Things to Say About Learning**

DCO is a recognized provider of quality online education, and the time has come for an update to our learning services. The Learning Forums online learning portal has been a solid educational tool for over eight years, and the Learning Forums team thinks it is time to make it more interactive, engaging, and current. We also understand that on-line educations is changing.

We reached out to our responders, call takers, staff, and volunteers, and are having a dialogue about their learning preferences and preferred learning styles.

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**DCO's June Networking Day, AGM and SOV-PSR Dinner**

DCO will host our member organizations for a day of networking and programming at the Oakville Golf Club on Friday, June 22, 2018. The day's program is currently in development, but we will continue some discussions from our April conference, address important association matters, and allow time for learning and sharing.

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**Millennial Impact Series Part 2: A New Era of Cause Activation and Social Issue Adoption**

Millennials are altering today's models of giving, and society's perceptions of how to create change locally, nationally, and globally. They are the first generation to grow up with digital outlets for their voices and turning them into megaphones for good.
Learning Forums Webinar: Focus on Aging and the Elderly Part 2: Elder Abuse

On the DCO Learning Forums website comment section, members expressed interest in learning more about the issues faced by elderly persons in our communities. This spring, a very dynamic and informative session was presented on elder abuse as part of the recent Learning Forums webinar, Focus on Aging and the Elderly.

Looking Towards 2020: DCO 2018 Spring Conference and Networking Forum

The agenda was full and the sessions very dynamic at the recent Distress and Crisis Ontario Spring Networking Conference held on April 24-25, 2018. Delegates from our DCO member organizations met at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton to participate in two days of interactive presentations, discussion groups, and networking.

Scanning the Sector: DCO 2018 Spring Conference

Key issues and trends that can impact the work of DCO and its member organizations was a focus of discussion at the recent DCO Spring Conference held on April 24-25 in Hamilton, Ontario.

Introducing Scarlett Hartleyn, DCO's New Program Support, ONTX

It is our pleasure to introduce Scarlett Hartleyn, the new ONTX (Ontario Online Text and Chat Service) Program Support. Scarlett met many of you at the April Networking Day and looks forward to meeting the full DCO membership. Thank you to Downtown Mission Windsor Distress Line for sponsoring Scarlett in this position.
DCO 2018 Upcoming Events and Schedule of Meetings

DCO Board of Directors
Wednesday, June 13

Finance Committee Meetings
Monday, June 11
Wednesday, October 17
Friday, December 14

DCO Annual General Meeting
Friday, June 22
Location: Oakville Golf Club, Oakville, Ontario

Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition (SOV)
Friday, June 22
Location: Oakville Golf Club, Oakville, Ontario

Program & Service Recognition Presentation (PSR)
Friday, June 22
Location: Oakville Golf Club, Oakville, Ontario

News from our Member Centres

Distress Centre Halton has supported the Halton region and surrounding communities for over 40 years. On June 23, please join the community in a 5 km walk through Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park to fundraise and raise awareness for our service. Click here to donate.

Please email us to share your centre’s news and upcoming events in e-News & Views.