

10 Tips to Stretch Your Professional Development Dollars

1. **Learn Online** – save travel expenses and days away from work. [Click here](#) for Life Strategies' fall e-learning schedule.
2. **Read and share relevant articles** – learning doesn't have to be in a classroom. When sharing articles provide a one or two sentence summary about why you think the article is relevant.
3. **Use help features and tutorials** – maximize productivity by recognizing when you're stuck and getting the help you need!
4. **Subscribe to inexpensive learning sites** like www.lynda.com
5. **We don't know what we don't know...**that's why teams are so helpful. We only move to the next level of learning after becoming consciously incompetent (i.e., we need to realize that we've got more to learn!).
6. **Learn by doing...**use new projects to raise the bar. Commit to learning at least one new skill with each project you work on.
7. **Learn together...**there's a spill over team strengthening effect from learning in intact work groups.
8. **Maximize investment by sharing what you've learned.** Life Strategies has created an internal "Keeping in Touch" blog to pass on tips, shortcuts, and relevant articles to members of our team.
9. **Access internal funding...**many employers have professional development funds that are rarely used. Roberta's attendance at the international symposium and NCDCA conference this summer was generously supported by Yorkville University, where she teaches part-time.
10. **Access government funding...**if your organization has less than 50 employees, check out the Workplace Training for Innovation Program. We accessed funding to provide customized training for the Life Strategies team this summer. Contact Jayne@lifestrategies.ca to discuss how we could customize training for you.

Coming September 2010



Life Strategies has been under construction all Summer. Watch for our **new website, updated newsletter, and re-designed LearnOnline site.**

We hope you'll join us in some of our upcoming courses:

"B" Level Assessment Qualification

Personality Dimensions Facilitator Training

Managing Diversity at Work

John Coward is teaching two courses: Proposal Writing and Placement & Monitoring.

If you're pursuing your CCDP designation, you'll be interested in Ethics and Theories courses; both are scheduled this fall.

We're especially excited about **Keeping Employees Engaged During Business Transformation: A 3 Day Series for Leaders, Managers, and Supervisors**

Contact Deirdre@lifestrategies.ca for details.

Of course, many other courses in the Career Management Professional program are coming up soon. If you want to choose your own start date, consider one of our many directed studies courses.



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