

# **Ontario Learns: Strengthening our Adult Education System**

(See the full report at [www.edu.gov.on.ca/adultedreview/report.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/adultedreview/report.html))

## **Background**

- Review was launched in Spring, 2004
- Headed by Kathleen Wynne, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education
- The goal of the review was to “propose a policy framework for adult education and to recommend actions that would support and improve adult education”.
- A discussion paper posted on the Ministry’s website invited responses by email, or by submission, to six key questions
- Kathleen’s office organized “town hall” style meetings around the province
- In addition, the report included a literature review
- The final report was a reflection of Kathleen’s information gathered from “20 meetings held in five communities across the province, 50 written submissions and 175 website responses.”

## **Proposed Policy Framework**

An adult education policy framework requires attention to six key areas:

1. investment in skills development
2. learner pathways
3. accessibility and inclusion
4. innovation and excellence in teaching and learning
5. funding and accountability
6. research

## **Recommendations for Action** - Group Activity

1. Review the recommendations assigned to your group.
2. Summarize the essence of each assigned recommendation.
3. Discuss the local (London and area) implications for each assigned recommendation.
4. Commit a brief summation to chart paper to be shared with the entire group.

## **Next Steps**