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We're helping form a teacher

MCLL is proud to announce the winner of second annual Fiona Clark Bursary. Sara is a mother of two who taught science to children in Egypt, and wants to improve her English so she can qualify to teach here. The bursary honours the principal founder of MCLL by providing support to a mature learner enrolled at the School of Continuing Studies. We wish Sara success in her chosen field of endeavour!

Volunteering is good for you!

During National Volunteer Week in late April, three MCLL members took part in a panel on volunteering organized by the School of Continuing Studies.

Marjorie Northrup, who works with the Volunteer Bureau Network, pointed out that peer learning is a form of volunteering, with moderators helping members and everyone helping everyone else. And good news— Volunteers live longer! Moderator **Ana Milic** emphasized the reciprocity of the volunteer experience: You give, but you are rewarded in return.

Fake News and Democracy

MCLL has been partnering with the Calgary Association of Lifelong Learning (CALL) over the past year to offer joint study groups for our members. Now CALL is inviting our members to attend an event on a vital issue of our day: Fake News and Democracy, featuring several speakers from Calgary universities. It will be interesting to see how this issue is discussed in the Alberta context. See [here](#) for more information. (PS. When you plan your schedule, don't forget that the times announced in their program are two hours later here.)

Hybrid learning ahead

A lot of work is going into preparing the classrooms on Sherbrooke Street for an amalgam of online and in-class learning. A special letter to members from our president recently told us MCLL has purchased audio visual equipment for three additional classrooms. This will allow members in remote locations to make presentations during physical classes. Less positive is the news that we won't be celebrating seeing each other just yet— This fall MCLL will again offer remote study groups and lectures only.

Telling our story online

MCLL marked Volunteer Week by running an article about our organization in westmountmag, an online source for news about matters of interest to citizens of Westmount. We hope it will attract some new faces to our Zoom platforms!

News, opinions and views on any MCLL-related topic are most welcome. Just contact Susan Purcell, the eBulletin editor, at suepurcell@videotron.ca, or call her at (514) 488-3503.

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