ABSTRACT

In 2013 the Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries, and Museums in the United States was established with the vision to work in deliberate coordination across organizational boundaries to devise and strengthen sustainable continuing education (CE) and professional development (PD) programs that will transform the library, archives, and museum workforce in ways that lead to measurable impact on our nation’s communities. Through working and learning together, the Coalition has produced a national agenda, a needs and supply assessment on professional development offerings, and a cross-sector framework on leadership competencies at multiple levels.

The Coalition proposes to share its work and explore within the international professional community the ways that its collaboration model and its resources can inform related efforts and interests in other countries. We want to learn how the Coalition’s experiences and resources are applicable or can be adjusted internationally, to identify interest in creating a global community of cross-sector libraries, archives, and museum learners and to understand the needs of the workforce in these sectors and capacities of the professional development providers. As members of the Coalition, we plan to take what we learn to enhance our future work and explore collaborations.

Brief History of the Coalition

GOAL 1: INCREASE AND STRENGTHEN COLLABORATIONS AMONG LAM CE/PD PROVIDERS

National Strategy 1.1: Increase opportunities for LAM professionals to engage, learn, and connect with staff outside of their own domains
National Strategy 1.2: Increase CE/PD-related data sharing among training providers

GOAL 2: INCREASE INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR CE/PD IN LAMS

National Strategy 2.1: Raise awareness of the influence of CE/PD on mission and community impact
National Strategy 2.2: Develop CE/PD champions among institutional leaders
National Strategy 2.3: Develop an education campaign for ongoing CE/PD investment

GOAL 3: FURTHER LEVERAGE EXISTING CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING OFFERINGS ACROSS SECTORS

National Strategy 3.1: Improve interfield knowledge sharing and marketing of CE/PD offerings across libraries, archives, and museums
National Strategy 3.2: Explore ways to leverage, adapt, or share existing curricular materials across professional development providers
National Strategy 3.3: Provide actionable information on gaps between existing LAM professional development offerings and known educational needs

GOAL 4: IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LAM CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Strategy 4.1: Increase awareness and use of adult learning best practices from other fields
National Strategy 4.2: Strengthen emerging modes of continuing education
National Strategy 4.3: Promote self-directed learning/ training

Project Management
101 webinars
(2-Part Series, February 2015)

Stories of Inclusion: Inclusive Practices at Cultural Institutions
3-Part Workshop Series, October 2015

Mapping the Landscapes
Documenting the continuing education and professional development needs of staff in and across cultural memory institutions. (March 2015)

Exploring a Cross-sector Residency Program for Professionals in Libraries, Archives, and Museums (November 2015)

Supplement Analysis Project Report
(October 2016)