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## **Canadian Commission for UNESCO Launches Publication for International Adult Learners' Week 2009**

**Ottawa, March 2, 2009.** The Canadian Commission for UNESCO marked International Adult Learners' Week (IALW) 2009, which is taking place from March 2 to 8, with the release of a magazine-format [publication](#) entitled "The Power of Learning". The purpose of the Week, which is celebrated in over 40 countries, is to showcase adult learning and promote lifelong learning in all its forms.

The magazine contains information about adult learning and the Sixth International Conference on Adult Learning (CONFINTEA VI) which will take place in Brazil in May 2009. A key feature of the magazine is learners' stories told in their own words, which show the challenges to overcome and the pride of achievement.

The magazine is also available on the web site dedicated to the Week, along with more learners' stories from across Canada.

The Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, David A. Walden, thanked the many partners across the country, including governments at all levels, non-governmental organizations, community-based groups and educators, for their support for the Week and for their commitment to adult learning. "Together, we are building on the successes of past International Adult Learners' Weeks and promoting public recognition of the importance of adult learning to create equitable, just and sustainable societies," he added.

Information about the Week, a downloadable poster and other materials can be found at:

<http://www.unesco.ca/en/activity/education/AdultLearners.aspx>

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