

Bios of Executive Committee Members

Gaby Arato, After a career as a financial professional, Gaby became an instrumental part of the Niagara Community as one of the founding board members of Lifelong Learning Niagara. He is a member of the Niagara Aging Strategy Leadership Council answering the needs of older adults living in the Niagara Region. For recreation, he plays classical mandolin with a small local Klezmer band in St. Catharines.

Nancy Christie was an association manager in the disability field, retiring in 2001. Her involvement with TAN initially was with Living and Learning in Retirement (Glendon) and she has worked with TAN since its inception .

Loretta Fines worked as an elementary school teacher specialized in Special Education and volunteered as an Information Counsellor at a Women's Centre. She is a Past President of Learning Unlimited Etobicoke and a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Michelle Gold, During her time with the Hamilton Third Age Learning program, Michelle became involved in integrating Baby Boomers into the program, and subsequently led the April 2018 TAN Forum on that same topic. In addition to being a thoughtful and well-researched presenter, she has expertise in organizational improvements, and engaging people in effective networked action and collaboration.

Sandra Kerr is the director of programs for 50 Plus in the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education at Ryerson University. She is well known in the lifelong learning community in North America.

Carole Langford is a past president of Living and Learning in Retirement and a founder and current president of Third Age Learning-York Region.

Judith Levkoe has been involved with lifelong learning, both as a professional with the YMCA and more recently, as a volunteer with the LIFE Institute at Ryerson University's Chang School for the past 12 years.

Louise Pope was involved in the start up of Third Age Barrie and is chair of their Executive Committee. Before retiring she was in management in community health and social services and latterly was fund developer at a local community living agency.

Cathy Spark, is a member of the Academy for Lifelong Learning and chairs their Communications Committee. She has extensive experience in marketing and communications in the corporate sector and has held senior positions for more than 25 years in developing effective marketing and communication strategies in Canada as well as internationally. She is very enthusiastic about learning about and supporting our growth and development throughout the Province.