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**Rising civic leaders gather to take action on regional challenges:
*Third Annual ELNstudio takes place Dec. 1 at Corus Quay***

November 28, 2011 – Toronto – This Thursday, December 1, a diverse group of more than 150 leaders and city builders will gather to collaborate on ways to improve the prosperity and well-being of the Toronto region. They will not stop at ideas. They are set to take action.

What: The [Emerging Leaders Network](#) (ELN), an initiative of [CivicAction](#), will host its third annual [ELNstudio](#), to convene the region's rising civic leaders to shape their vision and identify actions they will take to achieve it.

Highlights

8:35 Opening remarks John Tory, Chair, CivicAction

11:00 Transforming ideas into action (panel discussion)

Moderator: Julia Deans, CEO, CivicAction

Panel: Remo Agostino, Director of Development, The Daniels Corporation; Julie Dzerowicz, Co-Chair, Project Neutral; Alison Loat, Executive Director, Samara; Louroz Mercader, Founder & President, Mississauga Youth Games

11:45 Lunch & special CivicAction announcement

CivicAction will announce and introduce the new CEO for the first time at ELNstudio.

12:30 Keynote address [Dave Meslin](#), artist, consultant, trainer and organizer

1:00 Breakout discussions to generate new civic actions

3:00 Civic actions presented to panel of city builders

Moderator: Royson James, The Toronto Star

Panel: Shari Austin, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship, RBC; Rahul Bhardwaj, President & CEO, Toronto Community Foundation; Nan DasGupta, Partner, The Boston Consulting Group; Vicki Saunders, Senior Advisor, MaRS; Leslie Woo, Vice President of Policy and Planning, Metrolinx

When: Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **[Check out the day's agenda.](#)**

Where: Corus Quay, 25 Dockside Drive

Who: 150+ civic leaders working in organizations, companies, governments and communities across the Toronto region

Why: To collaborate and take action on issues critical to the prosperity of the Toronto region.

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For full agenda details and times, please visit www.elnonline.ca/elnstudio

ELNstudio will be live tweeting. Follow up at #ELNstudio.

About CivicAction

CivicAction is a multi-sectoral coalition of thousands of civic leaders committed to acting collectively to tackle tough issues and big opportunities facing the Toronto region. CivicAction's Greater Toronto Summits bring leaders from all walks of life together to assess the region's strengths and challenges and to identify priority areas and opportunities for attention. In the periods between Summits, CivicAction takes a role in incubating innovative initiatives designed to galvanize action in these priority areas.

CivicAction's current initiatives are aimed at: making the Toronto region flourish through environmental action and innovation ([Greening Greater Toronto](#)); creating a leadership landscape that better reflects the region's diversity ([DiverseCity: the Greater Toronto Leadership Project](#) in partnership with [Maytree](#)); and connecting and supporting rising city-builders (the [Emerging Leaders Network](#)).

For more information, visit www.civicaaction.ca.

About the ELN

ELN is a diverse network of more than 450 emerging civic leaders committed to advancing the Toronto region through awareness, influence and action. Members of ELN meet on a monthly basis to deepen their understanding of critical issues facing the region, so that they can contribute informed perspectives and take action on them.

ELN plays the role of an "action incubator" by convening leaders, catalyzing action, offering mentorship and providing organizational support to the projects that are developed and are being implemented. Actions that are affiliated with ELN have been collaboratively developed by a diverse team of volunteer members of the network, and offer a specific and unique solution to a challenge facing the Toronto region.

For details, visit www.elnonline.ca.

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