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New Faces and Fresh Ideas – NPI’s Experience North Program Returns

May 9, 2022 – To kick off Northern Policy Institute's 10th anniversary year, we are excited to welcome our ninth group of Experience North summer placements.

Since 2014, the [program](#) has helped young people build their personal networks and professional skills by working with partners in every region of Northern Ontario to support the sustainable growth of our communities. This year's placements are:

Timmins

- **William Dunstan** will measure economic, social, and environmental progress in Northern Ontario.
- **Bailey Campbell** will explore areas of strategic policy alignment across regions and sectors.

Sturgeon Falls

- **George Ositashvili** will analyze the challenges and opportunities for rural and remote childcare delivery.
- **Martin St-Jules** will identify areas of opportunity and challenges within rural and remote supply chains.

Sault Ste. Marie

- **Emma Dingle** will design and lay out papers in addition to creating media content.
- **Matthew Jackson** will work with our communications team to share the work of NPI with the public.

Thunder Bay

- **Michelle Pacion** will assist with the day-to-day operations of NPI.
- **Gillian Sgambelluri** will assist with financial planning and reporting.

Kenora

- **Vanessa Gould** will explore asset mapping and where the gaps are in relation to reconciliation, immigration, and anti-racism services and programs.
- **Amelia Spacek** will investigate the usage, experiences, and opportunities for e-vehicles.

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Media Interviews: NPI Research Manager Rachel Rizzuto and NPI President & CEO Charles Cirtwill are available for comment. To arrange an interview, please contact:

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About Experience North:

Every summer, Northern Policy Institute makes available up to ten four-month placements across Northern Ontario. Usually housed with a partner organization in one of Ontario's Northern Regions, the placements learn first-hand about the cut and thrust of public policy debate, building human capital and experience in the North.

About Northern Policy Institute:

Northern Policy Institute is Northern Ontario's independent, evidence-driven think tank. We perform research, analyze data, and disseminate ideas. Our mission is to enhance Northern Ontario's capacity to take the lead position on socio-economic policy that impacts our communities, our province, our country, and our world.

We believe in partnership, collaboration, communication, and cooperation. Our team seeks to do inclusive research that involves broad engagement and delivers recommendations for specific, measurable action. Our success depends on our partnerships with other entities based in or passionate about Northern Ontario.

Our permanent offices are in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, and Kirkland Lake. During the summer months we have satellite offices in other regions of Northern Ontario staffed by teams of Experience North placements. These placements are university and college students working in your community on issues important to you and your neighbours.