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And They're Off! NPI's Experience North Program Welcomes Fall Placements

Northern Policy Institute's Experience North Placement Program launched last month. NPI is excited to welcome the new additions to our team this Fall. These placements will be with NPI in their respective communities from September to December, 2021.

[Experience North](#) is geared towards students looking for crucial hands-on experience. Since 2014, the program has helped young professionals build capacity through partner relations, applied research, and real-world policy making. To date there have been 62 Experience North placements. These new professionals have the opportunity to provide their perspectives and fresh ideas on how to support the growth of sustainable Northern communities.

MEET OUR FALL PLACEMENTS

Kirkland Lake

- **Andre Ouellet**'s work centers on seniors' issues in the North generally and the status of Indigenous and Francophone Seniors specifically. He is also looking at the challenges faced by formal and informal caregivers.

Haileybury

- **Maya Mittelstadt** is researching housing availability and affordability in small markets in Northern Ontario.
- **Linzi Redekop** is researching the current circular economy landscape from the global, local and industry perspective as well as how these trends and best practices can guide Northern Ontario.

Sturgeon Falls

- **Joel Montagnes** is a Research Analyst with NPI, currently working on three assignments: Big Data, the Economic Impact of International Students, and an updated Economic Profile of Temiskaming Shores.
- **Alexander Racicot**'s project is to develop an assessment of digital literacy in the various regions of Northern Ontario and to work with Literacy Northwest to develop a better way to report program impact data to MAESD and service provider agencies.

Thunder Bay

- **Gillian Sgambelluri** will assist with the day-to-day operations of NPI including assisting with financial reporting.



Past Experience North placements are located all over Northern Ontario and elsewhere in Canada. Working in a diverse range of roles including economic development, journalism, government, and more. Past Experience North participants include Eric Melillo, MP for Kenora, and Winter-Dawn Lipscombe, a United Nations delegate for the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

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MEDIA INTERVIEWS

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About Northern Policy Institute:

Northern Policy Institute is Northern Ontario's independent think tank. We perform research, collect, and disseminate evidence, and identify policy opportunities to support the growth of sustainable Northern communities. Our permanent offices are in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, and Kirkland Lake. We seek to enhance Northern Ontario's capacity to take the lead position on socio-economic policy that impacts Northern Ontario, Ontario, and Canada as a whole.