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And They're Off! NPI's Experience North Program Welcomes New Additions

May 12, 2021 – Northern Policy Institute's eighth Experience North Summer Placement Program launched last week. NPI is excited to welcome the new additions to our team.

[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. These new professionals also get to provide their perspectives and fresh ideas on how to support the growth of sustainable Northern communities.

Meet our new summer placements:

Sault Ste. Marie

- **Andrew Jalak** will be helping our communications team share the work of NPI with the public.
- **Emma Dingle** will be helping our graphic designer layout papers and create event marketing material.

Kirkland Lake

- **Avery Cole** – will be building a profile of seniors in Ontario's Northern Regions and the key indicators of challenges that this population faces.

Sioux Lookout

- **Holly Parsons** –will help NPI's economist continue to identify, collect, and compile rural and northern indicators developed through local, regional, provincial, or national sources.
- **Lindsay Bain**- will be exploring the progress of treaty implementation both before and after the closure of Ontario's Treaty Commission.

Hearst

- **William Dunstan** – will explore the potential for alternative approaches to highway construction and design that allows for a better cost-benefit mix.
- **Clair Pietron** – will seek to answer the question on whether public transportation in Ontario's Northern Regions is subsidized to the same extent as the rest of Ontario.

Thunder Bay

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

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Media Interviews: Research Manager, Rachel Rizzuto is 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 think tank. We perform research, collect and disseminate evidence, and identify policy opportunities to support the growth of sustainable Northern communities. Our operations are located in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. 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.