

Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development Partners List and Community Leader Quotes

INTERIM COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

Brianna Salmon (GreenUP), Jacob Rodenburg (Camp Kawartha), Jane Gray (Community Member / Fleming College), Linda Slavin (For Our Grandchildren), Cam Douglas (Secondary School Teacher), and Dan Longboat (Trent University).

PARTNER & SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS:

Governments & Government Agencies: Federal Representative of Parliament, the Honourable Maryam Monsef, PC, Peterborough-Kawartha; Provincial Representative of Parliament, the Honourable Jeff Leal, Peterborough-Kawartha; Curve Lake First Nation; Hiawatha First Nation; Alderville First Nation; City of Peterborough; County of Peterborough; City of Kawartha Lakes; Peterborough Public Health, Otonabee Regional Conservation Authority; and, Kawartha Conservation

Educational Institutions & Boards:

Trent University; Fleming College; Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board; Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic District School Board; Trillium Lakelands District School Board; Trent Community Research Centre; and, U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research

Private Sector & Business:

Peterborough Economic Development; Peterborough Chamber of Commerce; Peterborough District Labour Council

NGOs & Collaboratives:

GreenUP; Camp Kawartha; For Our Grandchildren; Kawartha World Issues Centre; Sustainable Peterborough; Peterborough New Canadians Centre; Peterborough Haliburton YWCA; Community Opportunity and Innovation Network; Peterborough Social Planning Council; Transition Town; Abbey Gardens; Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve; Canadian Canoe Museum; EC3; Endeavour Centre for Sustainable Building; and Farms at Work

RCE PARTNER QUOTES:

The Honourable Jeff Leal, MPP, Peterborough-Kawarthas

I am very pleased that Peterborough-Kawarthas-Haliburton has been recognized as a Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development by the United Nations University. I want to congratulate everyone who had a part in making this designation a reality. As we look to the future, the Peterborough-Kawartha Regional Centre of Expertise will be a leader in ensuring our community is sustainable for generations to come.

Daryl Bennett, Mayor, City of Peterborough

Congratulations to the Coordinating Committee on its empowering vision to showcase Peterborough and the Kawarthas as a Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development. The City of Peterborough supports this unique initiative that will facilitate new partnerships, expand the conversation, and create opportunities to contribute to the international work surrounding sustainability issues.

Joe Taylor, Warden, County of Peterborough

The United Nations' designation upon the Peterborough-Kawarthas as a Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development is a paramount achievement for our region. Congratulations to all those involved in the tremendous collaborative effort it took to compile such a fulsome and comprehensive application. This distinction will set our region apart and define us regionally, nationally and internationally.

Andy Letham, Mayor, City of Kawartha Lakes

Congratulations to the Peterborough-Kawartha Regional Centre of Expertise on its successful application. This designation speaks to the quality of leadership and depth of commitment in our region to addressing complex sustainability challenges.

Leo Groarke, President, Trent University

We're very pleased that the Peterborough-Kawartha RCE has been recognized in this way. Hats off to the committee, which was able to achieve this designation. It is another sign that we live and work in an area that is increasingly known for its expertise and its interest in sustainability.

Tony Tilly, President, Fleming College

This designation is a testament to a commitment, across our region, to sustainability education at all levels. It reflects our strong capacity to work together as academic institutions, businesses, NGOs, governments, and citizens to achieve a more sustainable future for generations to come. Fleming College is proud to be a partner in this initiative.

Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health, Peterborough Public Health

Health is shaped by a complex set of social and economic factors, the social determinants of health, not just individual lifestyle choices. Public health actions such as improving access to healthy food, advocating for basic income, supporting active transportation projects and nurturing environmental stewardship help to improve long-term health and build a sustainable community. Peterborough Public Health is pleased to be a partner in developing a Regional Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Education that will help shape a healthy future for our community.

Rhonda Keenan, President, Peterborough Economic Development

Peterborough and the Kawarthas is well known for its strong commitment to education and sustainable development. This formal recognition as a regional centre of expertise is a testament to the community and positions Peterborough and the Kawarthas as a strategic place for investment based on these strengths.

Dan Longboat, Director, Indigenous Environmental Studies and Sciences Program, Trent University

The United Nations awarding of the RCE recognizes the region's accomplishments, and gives us the opportunity to celebrate as we look forward to continuing Trent University's long standing contribution to education for sustainable development through Trent's School of the Environment and the School of Indigenous Studies in recognizing the contribution of Indigenous Knowledge for a sustainable future.

Brianna Salmon, Executive Director, GreenUP

GreenUP is honoured to be a part of RCE Peterborough-Kawarthas and to have been a member of the Interim Coordinating Committee. As interim Network Secretariat, GreenUP is excited to support the work of this collaborative, and to deepen our impact – locally and, now, globally!

Jacob Rodenburg, Executive Director, Camp Kawartha

Camp Kawartha is excited to be part of this prestigious designation that encourages our whole region to foster stewardship. By collaborating, exchanging best practices, and inspiring partnerships, we'll help to create a greener, more sustainable tomorrow. And that is worth celebrating!

Guy Hanchet, Chair, For Our Grandchildren

The cross-sectoral, diverse, intergenerational and integrated sectors already involved, with First Nations teachings and leading at the core, will ensure a participatory and respectful process as the project grows. The Peterborough-Kawartha Regional Center will help to build sustainable communities through education and collaboration, and is well placed to contribute to and learn from other members of this global network.

Ken Doherty, Chair, Sustainable Peterborough

Sustainable Peterborough is committed to championing sustainability within the Greater Peterborough Area. As a proud partner in developing the Regional Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Education, this recognition is a testament to the strong and vibrant community and their dedication and determination to ensure that we will continue to live in a sustainable and resilient region. Sustainable Peterborough congratulates the Committee on their significant accomplishment and commits to collaborating on this initiative.

Michael Bell, Chair, Transition Town

Transition Town Peterborough is proud to be acknowledged among those who are making a local positive impact with their education and expertise in community responses to climate change.

Larry Clarke, Director, U-Links Centre for Community Based Research

U-Links is thrilled that the Regional Centre of Expertise project will enable it and its many community partners in Haliburton County to showcase their experiences working for rural community-level sustainability. Education and research that link local and regional needs with best practices and innovation provides a strong base for environmental stewardship, and community focus for relevant and sustainable social, cultural and economic development.