Leading work-integrated learning in Canada

If it takes a village to raise a child, preparing post-secondary students to successfully enter the Canadian workforce requires an equally robust support system.

The next generation of workers requires quality training that fosters intrinsic motivation and a strong sense of personal independence. To achieve this goal, post-secondary institutions, employers, and the government must be equipped with the proper tools and resources to provide a consistently valuable experience for students across Canada. For over 45 years, CEWIL Canada has heeded this call, cementing ourselves as experts in building the capacity to develop future-ready students through quality work-integrated learning.

Knowledge is the fuel in our organization’s tank, and a desire to facilitate rich exchanges of ideas and know-how is our guiding light. In the absence of a central point of reference for the diverse players who grow and support WIL, our membership-based association rose to the occasion.

Above all, CEWIL leads with compassion, sharing our knowledge and expertise with our network of 700+ members in myriad ways. When one of our post-secondary institutions or employers is looking to join the world of WIL, we are there to guide them through the process, with valuable resources, and best practices at the ready. When the government wants to craft WIL-related policies, they can dip into our national database or call on us to help operationalize their ideas.

CEWIL is a pillar of support for each one of our stakeholders; nobody is ever alone on their journey. Not only do the experts and professionals in our tight-knit WIL collective benefit from our bank of proven best practices, but they also learn from each other’s experiences. Each bit of information we share with each other brings us one step closer to creating quality standards and guidelines that take everyone’s unique feedback and experiences into account.

As a team comprised exclusively of dedicated volunteers, passion is inherently sewn into the fabric of our organization. A steadfast commitment to our members, powers our motivation to act as educators in the name of quality WIL, with consistency and precision at the heart of all that we do.

We will know we have succeeded when each graduation cap is placed atop a future worker who is well-equipped and motivated to enter the global job market.