

VOICES OF CEL

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Community Engaged Learning (CEL) is a method of experiential learning that encourages action, reflection and real-world engagement. It allows people to participate in hands-on experiences while gaining critical thinking, problem solving and reflection skills through creating mutually beneficial relationships between individuals and communities. It also allows students to link their academic experiences to their communities.

Community Partnership Program: Applications are still open!

The Community Partnership Project (CPP) uses a community-engaged learning model which facilitates students' participation in service. This program connects Carleton Students with community organizations (charities, non-profits, and social service organizations) in Canada. After completing self-paced modules on CEL starting in October 2022, students will spend their winter reading week (February 2023) supporting community organizations with the research, planning, and execution of community-identified projects. If you want to join and be part of a capstone project with an organization, fill out this [form for student participation](#).

Campus to Community

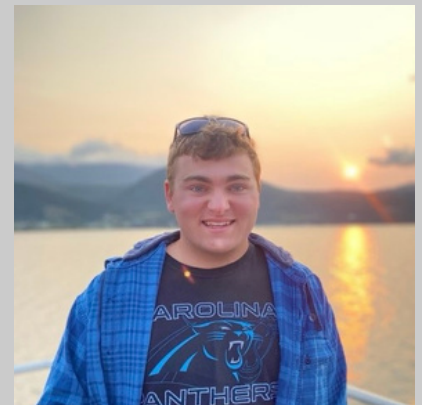
Campus to Community (C2C) Days are half-day sessions where students participate in service work with communities in the Greater Ottawa area throughout the whole academic year.

So far this term, we have conducted three Campus to Community Days. Carleton students recently helped out at The Ottawa Food Bank organizing and packing food, went to The Ottawa Mission to help prepare food for Thanksgiving meals, and participated in a Post-Panda Game community clean-up in neighbourhoods around Carleton and Lansdowne! All the work our students do continue to build and facilitate strong, growing communities. We are partnering with Ausome Ottawa on October 30th for their Trot or Treat event, and on November 20th for their Get Moving/Multi Sport Program. If you are interested in participating in these Campus to Community Days, you can [sign up here!](#)



Humans of CEL

Matthew Doherty



My name is Matthew Doherty, and I'm a 2nd year student in the Criminology and Criminal Justice program. For my C2C day I volunteered with The Ottawa Food Bank. I helped perform various different tasks including packing vegetables, checking donations for quality, sorting donations and packaging donations into boxes. My main job was sorting. I found this experience to be surprisingly fun. Sorting the food was like doing a puzzle, I had to find where each donation was supposed to go. The people I volunteered with were amazing and made the experience even more fun. I would absolutely participate again if the opportunity presented itself. I come from a small town. I was always taught the importance of giving back to my community. I have been extremely lucky in my life and I feel like it's my responsibility to help others who have not been as lucky. If you're thinking about getting involved with the surrounding communities, here's my piece of advice: It doesn't matter what you do, just do something. The smallest things can make the biggest difference. Find what works for you and make the world a better place.



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Partner Feature

Ausome Ottawa



For the next two upcoming Campus to Community Days, we are partnering with [Ausome Ottawa!](#) Ausome Ottawa is a 100%

community-funded charity that helps enrich the lives of children who have autism and their families through recreation and sport. They offer a variety of programs such as basketball, soccer, and skating. Ausome Ottawa understands that physical literacy is something that children with autism may need support with, therefore they offer programs to improve physical literacy and help children feel more comfortable and confident playing on the playground and on the sports field. Ausome Ottawa also provides educational training that help individuals better understand and work with children who have autism.

Previous Newsletters

[September 2022](#)

Related Articles

[Trot or Treat 2022 from Ausome Ottawa](#)

- Learn more about Ausome Ottawa’s upcoming Trot or Treat event!

[Thanks for Giving Generously! from The Ottawa Food Bank](#)

- Read about The Ottawa Food Bank’s “Thanks for Giving Food Drive” and how much donating helped those in need around Thanksgiving.

[Helping Those in Need This Thanksgiving: Ottawa Mission Serves 13,605 Thanksgiving Meals – A New Record from The Ottawa Mission](#)

- “Now more than ever, our team of staff, volunteers and service partners supported by our donors are working harder than ever to meet the increasing need in our community.” – Peter Tilley, Ottawa Mission CEO.

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