

VOICES OF CEL

Welcome to Voices of CEL! This is a monthly newsletter where you can learn about CEL opportunities, read stories about student, staff and partner experiences in the program. You can also find job and volunteer opportunities. This newsletter has something for everyone!



What is Community Engaged Learning?

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

The **Community Partnership Program (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 four months (October 2022 to February 2023) of self-paced modules on CEL, students will spend their winter reading week (February 2023) supporting community organizations with the research, planning and execution of community-identified projects. [Applications for student participation](#) are open now.

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. The first C2C Day is happening **Friday, September 30, 2022**. If you are interested in joining, you can [sign up here](#).

Partner Feature

Ottawa Food Bank

For the first Campus to Community Day, we will be partnering with the **Ottawa Food Bank**. This organization helps increase the access to healthier foods and advocates for systemic changes that reduce food insecurity. The Ottawa Food Bank also supplies diapers, toiletries and other items to its network of over 100 emergency food programs across Ottawa.

Humans of CEL

Brooklyn Rawlings



Hi everyone! My name is Brooklyn and I'm a fourth year psychology student concentrating in social and personality psychology. This past summer I had the opportunity to work with the Student Experience Office as a CU 1001 Orientation Leader, with the Mentorship and Leadership portfolio. Being able to help first year students and their families transition into the Carleton community was incredible, and I wanted to continue to offer this service and support on a larger scale. This 2022/2023 academic year, I will be working as the Community Engaged Learning Programs Student Coordinator. I am passionate about helping others, and creating a welcoming community environment that reflects and encourages growth and diversity. I'm super excited to see all that will be accomplished in partnership with the surrounding communities.

