

Client Focus



Leadership
Guelph & Wellington
*Building community.
Developing leaders.*

In 2009, Cathy Taylor and the team of Leadership Guelph & Wellington (LG&W) created a truly community focused leadership experience. Supported by Manager of Training & Consultation, Gayle Valeriote, the participants of LGW experienced a year of growth, development, relationships and inspiration. Carly O'Brien of The Achievement Centre – Excel was honoured to be a part of the opening retreat for the inaugural season. To help prepare participants to maximize a networking opportunity with stakeholders, Carly shared highlights from the FullyConnected in Business™ series and built upon the core leadership reference.

Being that it was the first run of the program, there were many priorities for coordinators to juggle; great content development, coordination, participant support and on-going projects. The Achievement Centre was able to offer assistance to the project by facilitating the mentoring component which involved matching volunteer leaders with participants. The purpose of these pairs, included mutually sharing thoughts, ideas and strategies important to leading community focused initiatives. By looking after recruitment, orientation, communication and feedback, The Achievement Centre freed up countless hours of time for the Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington.

During the formal feedback components of the project, several mentor-mentee matches indicated that they will continue to meet and had developed a beneficial relationship that was expected to extend past the formal timelines of the LG&W project.

“The goal was to deliver the Mentoring Component while documenting the process to ensure that we could just ‘Push Play’ for following years. The Achievement Centre was an immense help.” Cathy Taylor, Executive Director, Volunteer Centre of Guelph/Wellington

The aim of Leadership Guelph & Wellington is to train emerging leaders, so they will have the confidence to take leadership roles in their community. Leadership Guelph & Wellington is uniquely local, having been developed, and being delivered, in partnership with the University of Guelph and a team of experienced leaders from the area.



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