



“These incredible young leaders are building their preferred futures at home and reframing the rural landscape through business start-ups, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises, community development projects and activities. The impact of their community activities is profound personally, and collectively driving social good, rural development capacity and economic resiliency throughout rural Ontario,” says Melanie Bidiuk, ROI Communications and Program Manager.

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The Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) is a not-for-profit organization committed to developing leaders, informing decision makers and connecting communities. ROI delivers the renowned Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP) in its 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation, and the Rural Change Maker program, a youth leadership initiative for young rural, emerging leaders to address local priorities. We provide data, research, and analysis on rural trends and issues. Information is disseminated through our new Community Wellbeing Dashboard and the Rural Housing Information System.

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