



## Camp Kawartha

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## Camp Kawartha's Pathway to Stewardship and Kinship Receives Prestigious United Nations University Award

Camp Kawartha, in partnership with the **Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) Peterborough Kawartha Haliburton**, is proud to announce that the **Pathway to Stewardship and Kinship** has received an **Outstanding Flagship Project Award** from the **United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability**. This international honour recognizes the Pathway as one of the world's leading examples of Education for Sustainable Development in action.

The Pathway was selected for its **innovative, community grounded approach** to raising environmentally aware, caring, and engaged young people. Through 30 age linked Landmarks, the Pathway offers simple, developmentally appropriate experiences from early childhood through the end of high school. These hands-on activities help children and youth build lasting connections to nature, community, and place while nurturing a sense of responsibility and hope for the future. The approach is further supported by the newly published book **The Wild Path Home** from New Society Publishers and an **award-winning documentary** of the same name.

As part of the United Nations University's global network of flagship projects, the Pathway now stands alongside leading community driven sustainability initiatives from around the world. Its success highlights what is possible when educators, school boards, Indigenous advisors, families, environmental organizations, and local governments work together toward a shared vision of stewardship and kinship with the land. *"This recognition affirms the power of community,"* said Jacob Rodenburg, Executive Director of Camp Kawartha. *"The Pathway shows what can happen when we intentionally support children at every age to care for the world they are inheriting."*

The **Outstanding Flagship Project Award** elevates the **Pathway to the global stage**, opening new opportunities for partnerships, knowledge exchange, and collaboration. As a recognized international model for child centred sustainability education, the Pathway is now inspiring school boards, community groups, and non-governmental organizations to adopt approaches that are grounded in care, connection, and meaningful action.

### About RCE Peterborough Kawartha Haliburton:

Designated by the United Nations University, the Regional Centre of Expertise Peterborough Kawartha Haliburton brings together educational institutions, community organizations, Indigenous voices, local governments, and citizens to advance sustainability education and action across the region. **As one of more than 200 RCEs worldwide**, the network connects local innovation to global learning, helping successful models inform and inspire communities far beyond the region.



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