



ANOTHER POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP

ENWIN Partnership with MySafeWork Teaches St. Clair Students About Workplace Safety



Above: Representatives from ENWIN, IBEW and Entegrus join Rob Ellis (third from right) to teach workplace safety at St. Clair College.

Windsor ON: September 22, 2017 was a proud day for *ENWIN* employees.

Members of the *ENWIN* safety and communications teams were, once again, invited to partner with representatives from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Entegrus and MySafeWork, to help empower youth at St. Clair College to stand up for their right to a safe work environment.

“Unsafe work is an untold problem with untold consequences that cannot be ignored,” said Rob Ellis, Founder and President of MySafeWork. “As we speak to future leaders about this important issue, our hope is that they will be inspired to dream of ways that make our world safer.”

Rob is well equipped to speak to the tragedy that devastates a family when a loved one falls victim to workplace negligence. As he has for the past 18 years, Rob shared the story of his son, David, who was killed at 18 years of age, when his employer left him without supervision in a dangerous work environment, devastating a family.

The story of David’s injuries, the rush to try to save him and his death, six days later, is always hard to hear. The impact on the students is palpable – stunned silence at first, followed by indignation and hard-hitting questions.

That’s where the *ENWIN* team came in.

Along with representatives from the IBEW, *ENWIN*’s safety experts answered questions posed by the students and provided information about workers’ rights to job safety, encouraging student workers to speak out for their own wellbeing.



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Above: Students in the Powerline Technician program listen to comments by ENWIN and IBEW representatives.

“It is an honour to participate in an event that means so much to our next generation of employees,” said ENWIN’s Director of Hydro Distribution, Grant Pennington. “We are proud of our company’s excellent record for workplace health and safety, and proud to be called upon to help with safety education for our youth.”

“We are excited to partner with the safety champions at ENWIN,” said Rob Ellis. “ENWIN is committed to keeping their employees safe on the job. Further, they recognize the importance of transferring knowledge to the next generation of Canadian leaders.”

Manager of Corporate Communications, Barbara Peirce Marshall, agreed.

“Events like this one give us a moment to reflect on what really matters,” she said. “We all need to take care of one another, so we can return home, safe and sound, at the end of the day.”

Friday’s event was part of a tour by MySafeWork, called Unsafe, Untold, that covers the impact of unsafe working



Above: Students ask questions related to workplace safety.

conditions, not just locally but globally. The tour will visit colleges in Canada and the United States, to deliver the MySafeWork safety message.

Many thanks to ENWIN’s Grant Pennington, Mark Arsenault, Steve McWilliam, Adam Pinsonneault, Tim Strachuk and Barbara Peirce Marshall, who took time from their busy workdays to share their safety stories and advice with students from the Powerline Technician program. Thanks also go out to Lyndsay Meloche for the beautiful pictures.



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MySafeWork is a not-for-profit organization and registered charity. Established in 1999, MySafeWork's mission is to prevent workers from getting killed and injured on the job. The organization is committed to creating a social movement against unsafe work through education and empowerment. At the same time, MySafeWork inspires companies to establish strong safety culture through employee engagement.



Above: Rob Ellis addresses St. Clair College students, ENWIN employees & IBEW representatives.