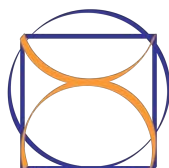


ONWiE, CWSE-ON, & Girl Guides of Canada Partnership

ONWiE

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The **Ontario Network of Women in Engineering (ONWiE)** collaborate to effect positive change in the participation rate of females as students and professionals in engineering. ONWiE is comprised of staff, faculty, and student **representatives from each of the 15 faculties of engineering in Ontario**. ONWiE holds two formal meetings per year, in which members can participate in person or via conference call.

The **NSERC/RIM Chair for Women in Science and Engineering – Ontario (CWSE-ON)** works to increase the participation of women of all ages in science and engineering. Partnerships, such as the one with ONWiE, play a key role in the CWSE-ON program.

One success of the partnership with ONWiE is **Go ENG Girl/GÉNiales, les filles**:

- a province wide, one-day event to introduce and engage young girls and their parents in engineering
- offered for 6 consecutive years
- 2010 event was held at 11 locations, engaged more than 1000 participants

CWSE-ON provides:

- central fundraising
- resources for materials

Each event location:

- receives support from their Dean for local expenses
- tailors the workshop activities to highlight aspects of their program

What makes the **ONWiE–CWSE-ON partnership** a success:

- commitment to a **common goal**
- significant amount of **volunteer effort**
- **central coordination** provided by CWSE-ON



Engineering Badge Day is an initiative which leverages on the success of *Go ENG Girl/GÉNiales, les filles*. ONWiE members are offering **Girl Guides** across Ontario the opportunity to earn their Engineering badge at their local campus during National Engineering Month.

ONWiE members:

- design an event which meets the Girl Guides requirements for the Engineering Badge
- share material and resources for the activities and programs
- tailor their workshop activities to highlight the unique aspects of their engineering program

CWSE-ON staff:

- work with Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council to connect ONWiE members with local Guide units
- distribute resource materials and information, largely through the ONWiE website
- coordinate with National Engineering Month organizers

ONWiE and CWSE-ON use participant evaluation surveys measure the success of outreach events. Here's what some **Guelph area Guides** had to say after completing their Engineering Badge with CWSE-ON staff on campus, when asked what they had learned:

"What I learned is that you can do so much"

"That engineering has designing in it!"

"I learned that it is about building stuff and there are different kinds of engineering"



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