

Nomination of Irwin Elman as President of DCI-Canada

Irwin most recently was the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth in Ontario. This was a position that reported directly to the Legislature. Prior to his appointment to that position, Irwin brought extensive experience from his work as Manager at the Pape Adolescent Resource Center and Director of Client Services at Central Toronto Youth Services, a children's mental health center.

Irwin brings many skills to the position of President of DCI-Canada but probably the most significant is his ability to acknowledge the reality of some of the most vulnerable children in Ontario and to use that reality to affect government decisions and policy. Those skills will be critically important in the role of President of DCI-Canada.

Since joining the Board of DCI-Canada, Irwin has worked with other DCI Sections to find ways to make the international organization stronger. He has also provided leadership to a screening of "Real Voice". This provided an opportunity for children from Japan and Ontario to form an ongoing alliance to influence change in their respective communities.

Irwin was recently appointed to the Order of Canada, an honour he richly deserves.

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