

## NextGen News: Focused on the Future

### IBEW Remembers: April 28 Day of Mourning

Local Unions across Canada took time to attend or host events to mark April 28, the National Day of Mourning. The Canadian Labour Congress marked this as the 25th anniversary of the Westray Mine Disaster, calling on the Government to better enforce the Westray Law which holds employers accountable for the safety of their workers. Because of the work done by the Labour Movement, the Canadian government responded announcing their plans to enforce the Westray Law. Check out the [IBEW Canada website](#) for more information.

### Local 1928 Launches NextGen Committee!

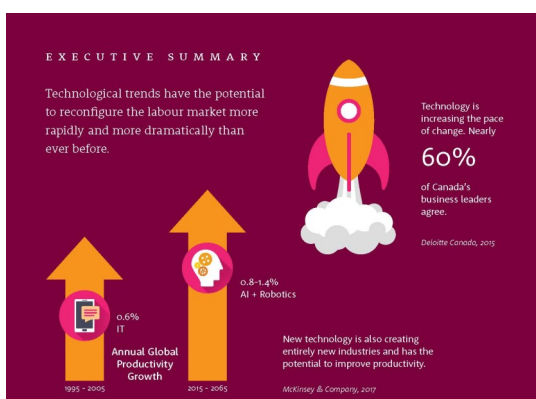
IBEW local 1928 is proud to announce the launch of its first NextGen committee. The goals of this committee will be to increase involvement in the union through inovative team building events and various educational means. We will get people involved not only with our committee and the union itself but want to encourage people to get involved in their communities. We are also excited to announce the first IBEW local 1928 NextGen ball tournament which will take place in Truro on August 26 & 27. For more information on this committee or how to get involved, feel free to contact us at: [nextgen1928@gmail.com](mailto:nextgen1928@gmail.com).

### Brookfield Institute Report on Future-proof: Preparing young Canadians for the future of work

Technological trends—while always a critical driver of the economy—are reshaping Canada’s workforce. With a large number of jobs at risk of automation in the near future, including those held by some of the most vulnerable segments of Canada’s population, youth are facing higher skill and experience

requirements than ever before. As a result, Canadian youth joining the labour market must come equipped with a broad suite of technical and soft skills to succeed. To ensure Canada’s youth are adequately prepared for this new economic reality, new models that focus on both improving youth employment outcomes and building a stronger talent pipeline need to be explored. **Read this report to help you:**

- Understand technological trends in Canada and their implications for millennials.
- Identify the most valuable skills for the future of work in Canada.
- Understand the complex job market requirements millennials are facing.
- Identify ways to prepare Canada’s millennials for a rapidly advancing workforce



### NextGeners Visit Local Highschool to Promote Safety

Local 105 NextGen Committee members Rich Dipietro and Sam Mercel, along with Strategic Coordinator Kate Walsh, visited Cathedral Highschool in Hamilton as safety champions, to talk about young workers rights at work with safety advocate **Rob Ellis of MySafeWork**. Rob Ellis visits



students across Ontario and across the country to get them thinking about working safely, after losing his son to a workplace incident when he was just 18. Safety is part of the foundation of the IBEW. Work with your NextGen Committee to invite Rob Ellis to your local highschool to talk safety with young people!

### RENEW/NextGen Conference Registration Open and Planning Underway

For more information, contact the Civic & Community Engagement Department at [civcommengage@IBEW.org](mailto:civcommengage@IBEW.org)

### NextGen Local Union Committees

Contact Kate Walsh ([kate\\_walsh@ibew.org](mailto:kate_walsh@ibew.org)) to submit an article on your Local Union NextGen Committee for the next newsletter. We want to hear from you!