

Georgian College Rural Innovation Futures

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As Manager of the Centre For Changemaking and Social Innovation at Georgian College, Nicole has the opportunity to work alongside a talented team of changemakers both internally at Georgian and externally in regional, national and international social innovation communities. A former entrepreneur herself, her passion through the work she does at the Centre is to research and develop accessible tools for communities and entrepreneurs to work within the context of innovation that enables the conditions for Flourishing Communities and Economies.

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Irena is a Social Impact Fellow with the Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation at Georgian College where she supports the evaluation design of community-based research projects and the engagement of both student and community stakeholders in the research. Irena brings over 18 years of expertise leading social and community services research projects within municipal government.

A life-longer learner, Irena has an Environmental Engineering Technology diploma, a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Research Analyst post-graduate diploma, and a post-graduate certificate in Community Economic Development.