

# Making a Difference

## Quebec-Labrador Foundation (QLF)

*QLF exists to promote global leadership development, to support the rural communities and environment of eastern Canada and New England, and to create models for stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage that can be shared worldwide.*

“I make an effort to go see all of my interns during the summer and I really enjoyed getting to know Anna and Joe at their location in Newfoundland. The meaningful part was getting to meet them and watch them work. As with so many of our program alumni, I’m still in touch with them and have appreciated hearing from them as the new year has begun for them.

Service work has a variety of meanings to different people, but for me, it is all about being able to give back. Conducting these kinds of experiences and opportunities early in life sets a bar, and truly, it is never really early enough to get that bar established. Service work becomes a contribution: doing something for others and providing yourself as a resource for others. Service work for college students, young adults who have had lots of enabling opportunities, affords them opportunities to work with others who are often times a little less exposed to the world. In a meaningful way, life is about making a contribution, not about taking. I think having these opportunities for service work help everyone to grow.

These are the years when Princeton students are in their formative stages. They are looking for these experiences to provide some insight as to what they will do with their path and where will they find the opportunities to give back. That contribution will manifest itself. I feel very fortunate to be able to engage with PICS, because without it, how would I gain access to such an amazing pool of students like those at Princeton who want to give something from themselves to the world at large? I wouldn’t have a way to do it. So PICS becomes an enabling mechanism that helps my organization to be able to connect with Princeton students. In that way, PICS helps with the “brokerage” business of getting students who might be interested in QLF and then helps them with the interviewing process.

Over many years we have been in collaboration with PICS, they have connected us with great students—this is because PICS knows us at QLF, what we are about and what we are looking for, and they’re wonderful about putting the right person in touch with us. As a result we’ve all benefited.”

**-Larry Morris '69**  
*President of QLF*

“I think QLF did a great job of integrating systemic social change and an educational experience for me and the other interns. The various projects we were working on all involved community-based conservation, so systemic social change was a constant goal. We learned about specific conservation practices in Newfoundland, and particularly about just how important it is to understand the community we were working in and with. The internship was incredibly educational because I learned so much about the area, but also about community based conservation in general.”

**-Anna Maritz '18**  
*2015 intern*



Anna Maritz '18



Joseph Abbate '18

