Getting a Handle on Canada's Non-Profit Sector

Friday, August 1, 2003 – Imagine a sector of the economy with 58,000 employers and almost 900,000 workers – about the same number as Canada's construction, mining and oil and gas industries combined – a sector that pays wages and salaries of $22 billion a year
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That's the country's non-profit sector.

Its activities range from culture and recreation, through health, education and social services to residential construction, manufacturing, retail trade, professional services and finance. Impressive numbers and reach. Yet, despite its importance, we know surprisingly little about its make-up and workplace realities. Research on the sector by CPRN's Work Network is changing that.

In a presentation to the Halifax Metro United Way in May 2003, CPRN's President, Judith Maxwell, reviews CPRN's findings on the characteristics of Canada's non-profit sector organizations and the paid workers they employ. Largely statistical in content, her presentation outlines the size of the non-profit sector, profiles its employees, assesses the quality of their jobs, their level of job satisfaction and the skill requirements and training response of the sector.

You can access or download a Powerpoint version of her presentation, ***Human Resources in the Non-Profit Sector.***

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