

Don McCreesh - BIO

Don McCreesh has been an active volunteer leader in Canada's charity/ NFP sector for over 40 years. The former Chair of the Board of Imagine Canada who helped position the organization as one of the leading umbrella groups in the charitable / not for profit sector has served on the boards for a number of NFPs focusing on fundraising, youth, employment, governance and immigrant issues. He's currently on the faculty of the Directors College (McMaster University and the Conference Board of Canada), Chair of Educators Financial Group, a director of Oakville Hydro, a director of StarTech.com, a member of the Independent Review Committee of CST (Cdn Scholarship Trust Plans) and Vice Chair of Camp Oochigeas in Muskoka.

Since leaving full-time employment 9 years ago Don has provided both consulting and volunteer guidance to many boards and management teams on governance, strategy and organizational issues, leading more than 65 workshops and direct interventions to improve the governance and strategic leadership. As Chair of the Standards Council he championed and led the development of the Standards Program, a Canada-wide initiative to establish standards of excellence for all charities and NFPs which is recognized globally as a leading example of capacity development.

Don has an MBA and BA, Psychology from McMaster University and is certified as a Chartered Director by the Directors College. He received the "Gilbert Bennett Gold Standard Award" as the top graduate of the Chartered Director Program.