

Policy Hackathon 2024

What is the Policy Hackathon?

It is an annual public service case competition called Policy Hack: Design. Build. Change. This Dragon's Den style, sprint learning opportunity was established in 2018 by the Clerk of Executive Council and aims to support professional development, mentoring, networking and creative thinking among professionals across Prince Edward Island. For more information: <https://psc.gpei.ca/pei-policy-hackathon>.

Who Participates?

Public servants from across provincial, federal and municipal governments along with select private sector employees and post-secondary students are invited to participate. Policy Hack also involves individuals with extensive policy experience to serve as coaches and judges. Since its inception, 203 public servants have participated in this meaningful professional development opportunity.

In 2024, GPEI hosted a “themed” Hack, planned in partnership with colleagues in the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (EECA), Veterans Affairs Canada, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and UPEI. EECA has a contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada under their Research and Knowledge Initiative, providing a 70-30% federal-provincial cost share for research on issues related to public infrastructure and communities. “Climate Adaptation” was 2024’s theme.

Congratulations! The winning team in 2024 pitched a solution to the question: *How can energy efficiency programming help achieve equity outcomes and build resiliency?*

Team Members include (L-R): Lanyi Wang (UPEI), Emma McPhail (GPEI - ITSS), Siobhan Doyle (GPEI - EECA), Juanita Lewis (Coach, Acadian and Francophone Affairs), Joshua Collins (Coach, GPEI - HLC), & Zhong-Wei Chai (VAC)

