

# Benefits for Students and Communities

## *For K-20 Students...*

### **Continuous Learning**

Students learn through authentic, *Real World* studies that recognize their need to construct new understanding by building on previous learning. English-language learners have experiences that build vocabulary.

### **Inquiry-Based Learning**

Students use math, science and technology to conduct field investigations and solve problems.

### **Complex Thinking**

Students connect to their community through local issues.

### **Meaningful Senior Culminating Projects**

Now required for graduation, senior culminating projects are approached through:

- **Service Learning** – Community service connects a service experience to academic learning.
- **Work-based Learning** – Students learn and apply the content of academic subject areas in the workplace.



*Real World education saves taxpayers money by getting schools and communities involved in natural resource research to collect data we can use.*  
Jeff Koenings, Director, WDFW

## *For Communities...*

### **Promoting civic involvement**

PEI partner organizations provide opportunities for all students to become active at the local, state, national, and international levels.

### **Mobilizing communities**

PEI partners find local opportunities for students to do “real work” needed by government, corporations, and nonprofit organizations.

### **Creating teacher leaders in *Real World* education**

PEI equips teachers to become environmental education leaders in their schools and districts.

### **Building diverse partnerships**

Businesses, government, and nonprofit organizations are part of the PEI network.

### **Stewardship of natural and human resources**

*Real World* education programs based on stewardship of land, water, air, and wildlife promote a healthy environment that sustains the economy and provides access to jobs.