

## *The President's Message*

### ***The Canadian National Leadership Project could be the most important nation-building venture in Canada since 1967.***

Breakout Educational Network is the culmination of one man's vision, commitment and altruism over 5 decades for effective public policy. This man is Kitson Vincent. The result of his journey has brought us here today with the launch of the Canadian National Leadership Project (CNLP), a program which could be the most important nation-building venture in Canada since 1967.

It is a public/private partnership between Breakout, the federal government, universities and colleges, and the Reserves which will establish a nationwide undergraduate training program in Canada.

The CNLP's potential is enormous. There are currently 98 universities in Canada with over 800,000 full time students, and another 130,000 community colleges on 900 campuses with 900,000 full time students. Getting any appreciable proportion of these institutions to host a CNLP program on campus would mean adding thousands of competent, self-confident and team spirited leaders to the countries work force every year – year after year. The cumulative effect would be to transform the work place. We have Cabinet approval for pilots in 5 regions including Quebec and the Navy in Halifax.

We were told time and again it could not be done. The naysayers were bountiful. It demonstrates that one man's commitment and Breakout's diligence and tenacity as a policy institute delivers results.



*Inta D. Erwin,  
President*