Engagement, learning and development

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This information sheet provides a more detailed overview of the key programs & initiatives that drive the development of a highly-skilled, dynamic and engaged group of corporate team members, union partners and subsidiaries who are proud to represent Bell.

Key highlights in 2022:

- Corporate team members, union partners and subsidiaries spent over 1.1 million hours in learning development;
- Our team members spent an average of 1.2 hours per month on learning;
- Women represented approximately 44% of overall learning usage;
- In our employee surveys, 90% of respondents reported feeling that our learning programs have helped them build skills or develop in their role.



Key programs & initiatives:

Our listening strategy:

Key Program / Initiative	Value it brings	Key Action(s)	Future Outlook	Measures of Success
Initiative Bell Team Survey	Bell's success requires a dynamic and engaged team that is committed to the highest environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards. Allows us to continually	Distribute our annual	Evolve our overall listening strategy by collecting feedback and key topics that matter in order to guide our people practices and priorities. Continue to be a leading	 83% Participation rate 76% Engagement score (target: 75%) 82% Leadership score Measure key category
	assess our engagement and how positively our team members feel about their job, department and the company as a whole. A highly engaged workforce	Results drive annual action planning and strategic initiatives to address and improve upon areas of opportunity.	Canadian workplace with highly engaged team members.	scores: Mental health, ESG, Employee Value Proposition, Work environment, my job, my department, my company.
	has higher rates of customer satisfaction, higher rates of employee retention and employee attraction, lower rates of absenteeism and higher rates of performance and productivity.	Annual review of questions to align with leading industry standards.		Drive action planning and strategic initiatives based on survey results. 1

¹ PwC provided limited assurance over our 2022 indicator, 76% engagement score. See <u>PwC's assurance statement</u>.



Employee values & recognition:

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Employee Value Proposition	Having a strong employee value proposition (EVP) is key for us at Bell to help set us apart from our competition, attract quality candidates and retain existing talent. By forming a new EVP in 2022, we are demonstrating the importance of "people" in our workplace, recognizing what matters most to our team members and continuously engaging and investing in them.	 In developing our EVP, we talked to team members who told us what they value most about working at Bell, via focus groups and interviews across the company. Team members told us amazing stories that demonstrate the incredible value they bring to work each day and the impact they have on their teammates, customers and communities, regardless of where they work at Bell. Three distinct themes were apparent – that Bell is a place where you can make an impact, immerse yourself in opportunities and feel like you belong. We formulated these themes as our EVP and socialized them across the 	Elevate the EVP principles within the work that we do to educate people leaders and team members on why Bell is a great place to work at! Build new programs with the EVP in mind to keep it active and prevalent within our culture.	Continually monitor and measure Bell's brand as an employer of choice in the market, through candidate and employee feedback, candidate attraction, employee engagement and retention.
		socialized them across the organization.		



Employee values & recognition:

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Initiative	value it briligs	Ney Action(s)	i uture Outlook	Success
Better Together Program	Bell's unified social recognition program for all business units offers many ways to celebrate great teamwork and accomplishments. The Better Together portal makes it fun and easy to show appreciation and see the great work happening on your team and throughout the company. In addition to social recognition, team members can show extra appreciation, giving pre-allotted points that recipients can redeem for items in the Better Together catalogue, including merchandise, gift cards and more, based on the following criteria: • Customer Champion • Collaborative Partner • Growth Generator • Game Changer • Mental Health and Inclusion Advocate • Community Leader	 Monitor and measure adoption and impact of recognition activity and compare the results to external peer group benchmarking to be among the industry leaders with 40,000+ employees. Target areas of opportunity to increase adoption through campaigns, localized change management and enablement, increased reporting and analytics and through strategic integration into existing and new programs (e.g. Onboarding). Evolve self-serve reporting features in order to increase visibility of unused budgets and recognition coverage. 	 Continue to maximize the use of allotted points to align within quarterly budgets in order to maximize program investment. Promote and grow more recognition for mental health and inclusion advocates and Community Leaders. Increase line of sight and transparency of recognition activity and adoption to celebrate role model behaviours and address areas of opportunity through performance management. 	 % mix of total recognitions sent across all recognition behaviour categories Active participation - frequency and recency of engagement, total recognition sent, points used, sent and received, recognition index (measures reach).



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Internal	The quarterly Excellence and Innovation Awards	Improve administrative and	Indicator of employee	Number of
awards	recognize team members who go above and	operational processes for	satisfaction – correlate	quarterly
	beyond to contribute to Bell's success and promote	greater efficiency, in particular,	equity and inclusion (E&I)	Excellence &
	a positive work environment by exemplifying the	due to increasing volume of	mix to Team Survey results	Innovation and
	recognition behaviours at the core of our Better	cross-BU awards.	by leader or business unit.	Bravo
	Together program.	•Evolve the Bravo Gala		nominations and
		experience to leverage and	Real time feedback –	awards across all
	The Bravo Award is Bell's highest honour,	support the Employee Value	initiative to capture	recognition
	celebrating the exceptional achievements of team	Proposition.	employee reactions live	behaviours,
	members who are leading the way in delivering on		from the Gala.	ensuring an
	our Strategic Imperatives as we pursue our			appropriate
	purpose of advancing how Canadians connect with			diversity mix
	each other and the world.			across gender,
				BIPOC, persons
				with disabilities,
				regions,
				languages and
				levels.



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external awards	Important to ensure strategic alignment of our corporate awards focus with Bell's employer marketing goal of being a top employer of choice. By leveraging company employer of choice or culture related awards, Diversity & Mental Health related awards and certifications as well as specific leadership awards, we aim to reinforce our strengths and values in the external talent market and internally with our own team members.	We thoughtfully assess all external award opportunities to select the awards that bring Bell differentiated value by supporting and reinforcing our talent and employer marketing priorities.	Broaden recognition for diversity of our leadership and company culture beyond gender and expand this focus into other aspects of diversity including LGBTQ2S+ individuals, Indigenous Peoples, new to Canada, BIPOC and accessibility. Increase focus on changing business and talent priorities such as a focus on high tech talent, innovation, ESG, early in career, regional markets and emerging talent. Integrate leadership awards with longer term future oriented development planning, with a focus on supporting our team member's in social impact, inclusion and community building. Leverage our successful wins to reinforce and align with our Employee Value Proposition and to amplify and celebrate our success through social media and internal communications.



Notable awards in 2022:

- Canada's Top 100 Employers award
- Top Employers for Young People
- · Montreal's Top Employers
- Canada's Best Diversity Employers
- Canada's Top Family Friendly Employers
- · Canada's Greenest Employers
- · LinkedIn Top Companies 2022: The 25 best workplaces to grow your career in Canada
- Linkedin Top 3 Canadian companies in the Best Culture of Learning category
- Excellence Canada Order of Excellence recipient
- Women in Governance Platinum Parity Certification
- Women in Communications & Technology (WCT) Hadeer Hassaan, Trailblazer award
- Report on Business Best Executive award Claire Gillies
- Ascend Canada, Mentor of the Year award Angie Harrop



Bell's Learning Essentials:

Key Program / Initiative	Value it brings	Key Action(s)	Future Outlook	Measures of Success
Essential e-learning	At Bell, we offer key mandatory	All team members are	Continue to incorporate	We strive to have a 95%
for all	training initiatives including "Bell's	automatically enrolled to	new guidelines and best	or higher compliance
	Be Principles" & "Bell's Cyber	complete this training	practices within the	score for all targeted
	Savvy Program" to foster the	within their first 5 weeks at	onboarding program to	employees at all times, for
	behaviours that best adhere to	Bell and review it every 2	align with company values	each of our mandatory
	our Business Code of Conduct	years thereafter.	and expected behaviours	training courses.
	and culture.			
		Courses are frequently	• In 2023, we plan to	• In 2022, we achieved a
	These programs are broken down	updated with the latest	launch new courses to	range of 94.8% to 97.1%
	into a series of short, interactive	company guidelines and	support the importance of	for our compliance score
	e-modules that:	standards.	French, accessibility and	across all of our targeted
			inclusion at Bell	courses.
	Outline the company's principles	Frequent reporting and		
	and values	communications are	Execute our strategy to	
	Provide guidelines of expected	shared with leaders to	frequently reinforce these	
	employee behavior	govern compliance and	principles in the flow of	
	Help us to protect our	protect the well-being of	work and why they matter.	
	company's assets and privacy	our workforce.		
	Protect employee well-being and			
	safety			
	Increase employee morale			
	through inclusion and mutual			
	respect			



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People Leader	Building on our foundational Bell	People leaders are	Our goal in 2023 and	Shift from annual target of
essentials	Essentials training for all team	offered virtual or in person	beyond is to make the	training a % of leaders
	members, we also strive to further	classroom trainings	targeted advanced	each year to ensuring
	support our People Leaders with	throughout the year with	courses mandatory for	leaders are 95%+
	advanced training programs and	our learning management	People Leaders to	compliant with completing
	certifications on:	system.	complete within their first	these courses within a 24
			12-24 months in role as	month timeframe.
	Mental Health & Awareness		part of their onboarding.	
	Diversity & Inclusion			
	Respect in the Workplace &		All existing leaders that	
	Violence prevention		have yet to complete one	
	Health & Safety		of the trainings will be	
			prioritized to go through	
			the program.	



Self-directed continual learning & development:

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Bell Learning	Provides Bell team	Continually enable team	 Expand the real-time 	Strong engagement when
Hub	members, contractors and	members to access the portal and	reporting capabilities at	compared to benchmark for
	affiliates unlimited access	learn in the flow of work through:	the business unit and	companies with more than 10,000
	to thousands of business,		team level for leaders, for	employees.
	creative and technical	Offering customized programs to	direct insights to learning	
	video-based courses.	align with business priorities,	trends and interests within	• >15,000 active users
	These courses feature	trending topics or Bell leadership	teams and to drive	
	premium content providers	attributes.	engagement and sustain	• >1.1M content items viewed per
	and industry experts in a		usage.	year (for the third consecutive year
	centralized learning portal	• Easy to consume content that is		2020 – 2022).
	that can be customized for	broken into bit-sized increments.	 Further integrate 	
	each individual learner		additional offerings and	Active learners spend 3.5 hours
	based on preselected	 Integrating and centralizing the 	programs within our	on average viewing content.
	career development goals	majority of Bell's learning	learning eco-system as	
	and focus areas.	offerings.	the central platform for all	• 50% repeat learners
			learning needs.	
	This program supports our	Driving ongoing contests and		• 44% female learners
	strategic imperatives to	incentives.	Enable and develop	
	engage and invest in our		curated learning within the	• >60% of learners are Bell
	people and operate with		business to create	management
	agility and cost efficiency.		targeted programs for	
			specific functional needs.	



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Bell's Virtual University (Bell U) community t t	the highly sought technical sector. Strengthens our strategic imperatives to engage and	Targeted learners are provided: 1.Access to an intelligent learning experience platform (LXP) that connects content, team mates and personalized skills ratings and development. 2. Premium learning licence (PS) to augment learning and enhance skills proficiency.	Create a skill inventory library. Targeted approach to increase skills ratings and proficiency by partnering with tech talent leaders in the business to understand the needs and future business trends.	 over 66,000 items viewed (increase of 226% in the last year) over 43,000 items completed (increase of 170% in the last year) over 57,000 skill ratings



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Education	Bell's Education	A Training and education fund is	Continue to invest in	• +5 pts on engagement index
Reimbursement	Reimbursement Program	allocated to all Bell Business units	employee education and	compared to Bell average.
Program	(ERP) helps to subsidize	to support this initiative.	development to help them	
	the costs each year for		reach their career	• 44% participation from women.
	approved education	A digital e-form is in place to	aspirations.	
	courses recognized by	streamline the process by		• 90% feel the program has helped
	specialized or post-	managing all requests. This	Explore increase in the	them develop.
	secondary institutions for	includes; eligibility guidelines,	annual reimbursement	
	team members who are	leader approvals and	amount for specialized	• 35% more likely to exceed
	looking to further develop	reimbursements. It is also used to	roles.	performance objectives.
	or get certified in their	govern overall spend and usage		
	current or aspiring role at	of the program.	Build employee skills	
	Bell.		and improve performance.	
	Team members can get up		Increase employee	
	to a \$1500 reimbursement		retention.	
	each calendar year upon			
	successfully completing			
	their program.			



Targeted Continual Learning & Development Programs:

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Leadership development	Bell believes in creating a workplace where you can make an impact, feel you belong and immerse yourself in opportunities. Our selection of live and virtual leadership development programming supports foundational and mastery skill development for all management employees up to Director level. Our People Leader programs are customized for Bell in providing the learning that leaders need to lead, support and develop their people. Our new Resilience Pathway further supports this by equipping leaders with tools and resources to build and sustain a culture of resiliency.	 Provide customized offerings for new and existing leaders within our learning management system. Market our popular Coaching, Feedback and Career program curricula to support people leaders to have effective and meaningful development conversations with their team. We offer additional niche programming that provides all leaders with the tools and resources to have effective performance and development conversations with their team members, whether in person or virtually. 	Enhanced offerings based on employee persona from early talent to Director level Create targeted pathways for the skills that team members need most such as building a personal brand, design thinking, change management and more.	Leadership development programs continue to meet or exceed YoY adoption: - 30% growth from 2021 • Aggregate skills adoption – 90% • Aggregate skills in job application - 92% • Overall aggregate Net Promoter Score (NPS) – 87%



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Executive	For executives, we focus on capability	We conduct leadership	Continue to sponsor	Personalized
Leadership	building and engagement through formal	assessments, feedback surveys	participation of women	development
training	development and networking programs. We	and one-on-one coaching sessions	executives in world-renowned	plans for 100% of
	also provide opportunities to advance	that are leveraged to continually	education programs, where	high potential
	education, such as sponsoring an executive	measure performance	they can share best practices	talent and key
	MBA.		and learn from each other.	successors at the
			These include The Judy	executive level.
			Project, Canada's leading	
			forum preparing women to	
			advance into executive	
			leadership positions, and the	
			International Women's Forum	
			Fellows Program, a leading	
			international women's	
			executive development	
			initiative.	
			Personalized development	
			planning to leverage specific	
			strengths and to address key	
			areas of opportunity tied to	
			the individual career plans	
			and executive succession	
			plans.	



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Bell's Virtual University	We offer a white-glove program that gives employees the opportunity to learn new skills and redirect their careers in the highly	We have enhanced our support models to include:	In 2023, we will launch an additional 2 cohorts.	The program has been highly successful with:
(Bell U) Academy	sought technical sector. Employees participating in the learning academy score eight points higher on engagement scores than the average at 84%	1.Dean of faculty – each faculty has a VP subject matter expert who will advocate and assist with the program and its growth 2.Technical Subject Matter Expert (SME) – a technical prime will join the Bell U team to help refresh & build customized curriculums.	 We will scale the program to include more advanced specialized roles available at Bell to create more opportunity for our people. Continue to future proof Bell with highly sought after technical talent that will drive 	• 98% graduate retention rate • 30% of graduates being promoted • 32% are women - eight points higher than
		We continually refresh our content catalog with the latest premium offerings.	innovation.	average • 84% engagement scores - eight points higher than average



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Micro-	We leverage a mobile-friendly learning tool	Dedicated subject matter experts	We continue to expand this	• 14,500 active
learning	for many of our front-line sales and support	and learning primes are in place to	offering across our front-line	learners
platforms	team members to build knowledge in order	create customized content specific	functions.	
for the	to reinforce knowledge retention in support	to job function.		In 2022, Bell team
front-line	of our strategic imperative to champion		Explore leveraging	members:
	customer experience.	New Information is automatically	reinforcement features for	Launched 1.45M
		prioritized and must be completed	corporate learning initiatives.	learning sessions
	Uses for this tool include onboarding new	prior to accessing anything else in		Answered 7.6
	team members, disseminating new	the tool.		Million Learning
	information and demonstrating job best			questions
	practices. Learners play games, earn points	Topics with lower knowledge		Had an average
	and compete with peers on leaderboards.	scores are emphasized and		knowledge lift of
	The tool delivers real-time communications,	reinforced to build knowledge		15.6% across all
	knowledge metrics by individual questions	growth.		active topics
	and enables interaction between team			• Logged in 3-4x a
	members.			week on average,
				exceeding the
				industry best
				practice



Career development & succession planning:

Key Program / Initiative	Value it brings	Key Action(s)	Future Outlook	Measures of Success
Bell's Mentoring	Connecting talent to build	Educate People Leaders in white-glove	Our best practice	• 20% of active
Program	better Careers at Bell &	onboarding.	mentoring program is	members are already
	affiliates	• Launch events (e.g. mentor corner, speed	purposeful in design	in a 1:1 formal
		matching, workshops) to elevate	and implementation	relationship.
	At Bell our unified approach is	engagement.	and targeted in	
	democratizing mentoring. We	Create new learning pathways (e.g.	approach to support	• 10% of all leaders
	have moved from business unit	Personal branding) to close the skills gap.	the learning of our	are expected to be in
	specific, siloed and small-scale		leaders. Impact will be	a mentoring
	programs to an online platform		assessed on retention,	relationship by the
	with profile attributes that is		performance and	end of 2023.
	always-on and open to all		engagement metrics	
	leaders, and a self-serve			
	approach to finding meaningful		This approach will	
	connections.		drive inclusivity and	
			ensure that more team	
	Investing in mentoring is key to		members experience	
	the Future of Work:		mentoring.	
	Promotes career mobility			
	Fosters connections,			
	engagement and retention			
	Increases skills proficiency			



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Performance &	Our performance management	In 2022, we launched 4 new leadership	As we move forward,	All Business Units
feedback	process (PMP) is designed for all	attributes to all team members that align with	we are focusing on	participate in round
	team members, including	Bell's Employee Value Proposition and our six	shifting the culture to	tables to calibrate team
	management, non-management	Strategic Imperatives. These are:	align with building trust	member performance
	and executives, to participate in		and collaboration among	and demonstration of
	setting annual objectives with key	Promotes belonging	team members through	the leadership
	success measures and expected	Champions the customer	frequent check-ins,	attributes to provide
	leadership behaviours that are	Creates collaborative partnerships	objective setting and	feedback for growth
	essential for success at Bell.	Drives for impact	feedback. This model	and development and
			reinforces the leader's	to determine the
	Team members are encouraged	We also offer training in our learning	role as a coach, which	individual portion of the
	to frequently discuss and align on	management system to help educate on these	enables team members	annual bonus.
	their objectives with their leaders.	new attributes and to help facilitate	to discuss their	
	These ongoing discussions help	conversations between team members and	development goals with	
	to set performance expectations	their leader.	their leaders and to take	
	and provide insight on progress,		accountability to set and	
	accomplishments and		reach their objectives.	
	development opportunities			
	throughout the year.		Continue to train	
			people leaders on how	
	There are two formal		to give meaningful	
	touchpoints;		feedback, as a coach to	
	1) Mid-year, where team		their team member.	
	members discuss their			
	development needs and career		Continue to train all	
	ambitions with their leaders.		employees to ask for	
	2) Year end, to review		feedback.	
	performance against objectives.			
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Personal Growth	At Bell, career development is	We encourage our team members to build	Continue to drive	Team members have
Plan	also supported through ongoing	a personal growth plan each year to help	adoption to the formal	a formally
	career conversations between	them identify a strength to enhance or a skill	process for ongoing	documented personal
	our leaders and team	to develop in alignment with their career	reference and support.	growth plan in our
	members.	goals.		system.
			Create learning	
	The Personal Growth Plan	• The PGP helps to define what experiences	exercises and offer	
	(PGP) is a formal process	they may need to meet their career	additional support	
	designed to support short and	aspirations.	resources.	
	long-term career planning to			
	help someone document	Leaders also have performance measures		
	development areas for their	to ensure they are having these		
	current role or a future	conversations to support their team		
	opportunity.	members.		



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High-potential	At Bell, industry leadership and	We follow leading talent management	We have a robust	In 2022,
talent	long-term business success in	strategies and practices:	talent pipeline that	•692 team members
	a fast-changing and highly		effectively meets our	were identified as next
	competitive market requires	 Ongoing benchmarking and review to 	current and future	Gen High Potential
	that we continually and strongly	ensure we evolve our definition and criteria	leadership succession	talent
	invest in developing our talent	of top talent, incorporate a rigorous process	requirements.	•152 Next Gen team
	and ensuring a robust	to assess leadership potential and partner		members were
	leadership succession pipeline.	with talent to support their ongoing	Our talent are	promoted
		development and career aspirations.	receiving high quality	•49.4% of Next Gen
		Developing and delivering customized high	development	team members are
		quality training programs that are	experiences that	women
		strategically driven (see business success	accelerate their career	
		as inseparable from talent development) and	advancement and build	
		advance leadership and future-focused skills	organizational	
		and capabilities.	capability.	
		Leveraging a blended learning approach to		
		accelerate the development of high potential		
		talent through mentorship, coaching and		
		experiential growth opportunities that		
		promote self-discovery and growth.		



Labour Unions: GRI 102-41, GRI 2-30

Key Program / Initiative	Value it brings	Key Action(s)	Future Outlook	Measures of Success
Bargaining agreements	At Bell, it's essential to build the strength and support of our workforce through strong Union partnerships. As of December 31, 2022, we have 65 collective agreements across 13 different Unions for a total of 19,317 team members, which represents 43% of BCE team members.	Different collective agreement provisions include: Joint committees that provide an opportunity to discuss issues around engagement, learning and development, as well as other important matters. Transfer and job posting procedures to facilitate professional mobility. Advance notice and discussion with Unions prior to implementation of significant changes that could impact team members' growth. Options of redeployment in the event of restructuring and layoffs, including severance pay options more generous than minimum legal requirements A well-defined grievance procedure	Ensuring continuity and positive long- term relationships with our union partners to allow our unionized team members to grow and reach their full potential continue to be a priority	Negotiate collective agreements that deliver competitive labour conditions and uninterrupted service to our customers, both of which are critical to achieving our business objectives.



Union	Number of collective agreements	Number of employees
Unifor	39	17,230
IBEW	4	794
TEAM	1	562
Teamsters	2	172
CSN	6	249
USWA	4	125
SCFP	1	68
IATSE	2	42
ONG	1	18
AFTRA	1	17
CUPE	2	15
SEPB	1	14
CSQ	1	11
TOTAL	65	19317



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