

CANADIAN
INNOVATION
WEEK
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Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the inaugural Canadian Innovation Week such a success.

Powered by the Rideau Hall Foundation, this series of events demonstrated that Canada's culture of innovation is thriving – across sectors, regions, and age groups. The inaugural Canadian Innovation Week brought together partners and stakeholders from the innovation ecosystem to connect, cultivate and celebrate Canadian innovation. The diverse range of events across the country generated awareness, interest and enthusiasm, reaching a broad range of inquisitive and curious minds.

We look forward to continuing the work we have started and keeping conversations going over the coming months. Plans are already under way for next year's Canadian Innovation Week coming May 21-31, 2019.

KEY EVENTS



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INNOVATION AWARDS (GGIA)

In a ceremony at Rideau Hall, this year's laureates were recognized for developing innovative solutions that are having a meaningful impact on our quality of life. Learn more about the GGIA laureates at innovation.gg.ca.

BC TECH SUMMIT

With over 3,000 participants and live-streaming across the country, #BCTECH was organized by the BC Innovation Council and the Government of British Columbia and featured Olympic gold medal curler John Morris to officially launch Canadian Innovation Week.



GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INNOVATION FAIR

In 16 cities over 7,000 participants celebrated innovation, promoting diversity of ideas and people in the public service.



18

Events



200+

Toolkit
Downloads



60K+

Reached
on Twitter



30K+

Reached
on Facebook



10K

Participants

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“Innovation is very simple. It’s simply doing things better. It’s a mindset. Looking at something and saying, ‘How can we do that better?’”

The Right Honourable David Johnston, 28th Governor General of Canada and Chair of the Rideau Hall Foundation



POLICY MAGAZINE

Policy Magazine and the RHF hosted a luncheon featuring a Q&A with ISED Minister Navdeep Bains and speech by the Rt. Hon. David Johnston in conjunction with the magazine’s Innovation issue.



WESTERN CANADA YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SHOWCASE (WCYES)

RHF partnered with Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad (YELL) and PowerPlay Young Entrepreneurs to host approximately 500 students aged 8-18 from British Columbia. The event showcased entrepreneurial and innovation projects.



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CANADA’S YOUTH INNOVATION DAY (iDAY)

In Toronto, 250 students participated in an innovative learning experience, focused on teamwork and mentorship opportunities.



TRUE NORTH CONFERENCE

Hosted by Communitech, with over 2,000 participants in its inaugural year, the event featured the launch of the Tech for Good Declaration at techforgood.ca.

THE INNOVATION CONVERSATION WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

November 5, 2018

Halifax: Building a Culture of Innovation Conference

November 7, 2018

Montreal: Health Innovation Summit

February 2019

Whitehorse: Arctic Inspiration Prize

IMPACT

“Events like this invest in young minds and will help equip young Canadians to build the economies of tomorrow.”

David Cameron, Executive Director, YELL Canada (WCYES)

“The RHF has been a key driver in furthering a pan-Canadian dialogue on the Tech for Good theme and the Canadian Innovation Week was an important springboard to raise awareness to these pressing issues.”

Steve Currie, Chief Innovation Officer, Communitech (True North)

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