



Canadian Knowledge Mobilization Forum 2026

Event Program

The Canadian Knowledge Mobilization Forum (CKF) is a biennial event dedicated to professional development, learning, and networking for those passionate about knowledge mobilization, translation, and exchange.

This year’s theme is “***Collaborative Knowledge: People, Partnerships, and Possibilities***” and will be co-hosted with [The Knowledge Translation Program](#) at the [SickKids Learning Institute](#). It will be held on **July 28–30, 2026** in person at the **Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning in Toronto, Ontario**.

Session Key

Lightning Talks	Workshops	Catalyst Roundtables	General / Plenary
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Day 1: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Time	Session	Location
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration, Breakfast, and Morning Mingling	Gallery (2 nd floor)
Forum Kick-Off		
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Land Acknowledgements Presenter(s): Audrey Rochette (<i>Assistant Vice-President Indigenous Initiatives, York University</i>)	Auditorium
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Welcome from Research Impact Canada Presenter(s): David Phipps (<i>Assistant VP Research Strategy and Impact, York University / Network Director, Research Impact Canada (RIC)</i>)	Auditorium
9:45 – 10:45 AM	SickKids Opening Plenary Presenter(s): Renira Narrandes (<i>KT Program Manager, Knowledge Translation Program, SickKids Learning Institute</i>)	Auditorium
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lightning Talks — One session with 7 presentations	Auditorium
1	Exploring the Impact of Mid-Project Knowledge Exchange Events Presenter(s): Kristy Allen (<i>Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care</i>)	
2	De l’invisible à la reconnaissance : Mobiliser les connaissances sur la jeune proche aidance par la bande dessinée (From Invisibility to Recognition: Using Comics to Raise Awareness About Young Caregivers) Presenter(s): Florence Potvin (<i>Observatoire québécois de la proche aidance</i>)	
3	Empowering Collaboration: Re-introducing the Research Impact Canada Knowledge Mobilization Exchange Program Presenter(s): Alyse Pearce (<i>Athabasca University</i>)	
4	Leviers et défis de la coproduction d’un outil de transfert de connaissances : la série Lumière sur la recherche au CReSP (Drivers and Challenges in Co-Creating a Knowledge Transfer Tool: The “Spotlight on Research” Series at CReSP) Presenter(s): Patricia Dias da Silva (<i>Centre de recherche en santé publique</i>)	
5	Patient Partnership in Health Research Knowledge Mobilization: How and Why Presenter(s): Nayara Lopes (<i>Canadian Institute of Health Research</i>)	
6	Évaluation des conditions d'efficacité du Consortium Inter S4, une plateforme de transfert de connaissances québécoise, centrée sur l’organisation des services de santé et des services sociaux ainsi que du bien vieillir en santé en région (Evaluation of the conditions for the effectiveness of the Inter S4 Consortium, a Quebec-based knowledge transfer platform focused on the organization of health and social services and healthy aging in rural areas) Presenter(s): Ollivier Prigent (<i>Université de Sherbrooke</i>)	
7	From Lived Experience to Exhibition: Photovoice and Long COVID Presenter(s): Kayli Jamieson (<i>Simon Fraser University</i>)	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	

Day 1: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 Continued

Time	Session	Location
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Workshops — 4 concurrent sessions, select one	
1	Story, Science, Action: Applying UDL for Knowledge Mobilization Presenter(s): Sylvain Dubroqua, Rosanne Aleong, Kataryna Nemethy (<i>Baycrest Health Sciences</i>)	
2	Co-Designing Knowledge Mobilization: Engagement Lessons from a Prenatal Opioid Exposure Project with First Nations Communities in Ontario Presenter(s): Priscilla Medeiros, Aggie Mazzucco (<i>The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)</i>)	
3	Beyond the Chatbot: How AI is Reshaping the Knowledge Mobilizer's Toolkit and the Information Ecosystem Presenter(s): James Shelley (<i>Western University</i>)	
4	From Knowledge to Impact: Practical Toolkits for System and Sector Transformation Presenter(s): Shannon Bird, Kathryn Matsushita (<i>Knowledge Institute on Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions</i>)	
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Break	
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Catalyst Roundtables 1 – 4 concurrent sessions, select one	
1	Building Trusting Research Partnerships: From Student Initiatives to Institutional Collaborations Presenter(s): Nadine Quehl, Chantal Trudel (<i>University of Waterloo</i>)	
2	Using Knowledge Mobilization to Change the Conversation about Diabetes Presenter(s): Shusmita Rashid, Lindsay Kwan (<i>Diabetes Canada</i>)	
3	Creating Community-Informed Knowledge Mobilization Tools Through Co-Design Presenter(s): Ian Zenlea, Sara Abdullah, Nathan Wood, Gabrielle Griffith (<i>Trillium Health Partners</i>)	
4	Collaborative Knowledge in Action: Building KM Hubs to Strengthen Evidence-to-Impact Presenter(s): Joanne Wincentak, Nida Shahid, Joseph Cavallari, Theresa Noonan, Emily Torr, Jennifer Newell, Meghan McMahon (<i>Canadian Institute of Health Research</i>)	
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 – 4:15 PM	Catalyst Roundtables 2 – 4 concurrent sessions, select one	
1	The Unspoken Work: Emotional Awareness in Knowledge Mobilization Practice Presenter(s): Jayne Morrish (<i>Brock University</i>), Alyse Pearce (<i>Athabasca University</i>), Michael Johnny (<i>York University</i>), Elizabeth Shantz (<i>University of Guelph</i>), Krista Jensen (<i>York University</i>)	
2	From Equity Awareness to Equity Infrastructure: Mobilizing What We Know Into Practice Presenter(s): Peace Serwaah (<i>Centre for Inclusive Health Equity Collaborative</i>)	
3	AgeTech Insights: A Partnership Model for Collaborative Knowledge and Action Presenter(s): Negar Mazloun-Farzaghi, Adi Rittenberg (<i>The Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation</i>)	
4	Where Impact Takes Root: Knowledge Mobilization and Scaling Deep Presenter(s): Aneta Abramowicz, Mari Alice Jolin (<i>KDE Hub - Renison University College</i>)	
5:30 – 8:30 PM	CKF26 Reception: RIC's 20th Anniversary & Peter Levesque Award for KMb Leadership Celebration! Join us at the CKF26 reception as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Research Impact Canada and honour the recipient of the Peter Levesque Award for Knowledge Mobilization Leadership. Connect with colleagues and friends from across the knowledge mobilization community for an evening of fun, recognition, and mingling. Delicious savoury appetizers and desserts will be served and alcoholic drinks can be purchased at a cash bar.	

Day 2: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Time	Session	Location
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast & Morning Mingling	Gallery
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Awards: RIC Engaged Scholarship Award & Peter Levesque Award for KMb Leadership	Auditorium
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Keynote Panel: Knowledge in Motion Through Art, Design, and Activism Panelists: Zaid Khan (<i>Co-Founder, Contexture</i>), Diana Varma (<i>Lecturer, Graphic Communications Management, TMU</i>), Syrus Marcus Ware (<i>Artist/Activist/Scholar</i>) Moderator: Rackeb Tesfaye (<i>Knowledge Mobilization Lead and Senior Scientist, Bridge Research Consortium</i>)	Auditorium
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break	
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Lightning Talks — One session with 7 presentations	Auditorium
1	Putting Your KMb Where Your CV Is: Findings from a Scoping Review Presenter(s): Lupin Battersby, Alison Moore (<i>Simon Fraser University</i>)	
2	“Connection Where There Was Once Isolation” – A Model for Establishing and Maintaining Networks of People with Lived Experience Presenter(s): Polliann Maher, Hailley White (<i>Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families</i>)	
3	Closing the Loop: Following Up and Following Through as a Core Practice in Knowledge Mobilization Presenter(s): Narmeen Awan (<i>McMaster University</i>)	
4	Amplifying Impact by Empowering Youth Partnerships Presenter(s): Joanne Wincentak (<i>Canadian Institute of Health Research</i>), Ping Du Mont (<i>CIHR, Youth Advisory Council</i>)	
5	When Lived Experience Leads: Integrated Knowledge Mobilization in HIV and Chronic Pain Presenter(s): Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco (<i>University of Toronto</i>)	
6	Co-Designing a Program to Promote Shared Implementation Leadership in Nursing in a Large Healthcare Centre Presenter(s): Sonia Castiglione (<i>McGill University Health Centre</i>)	
7	Bridging Urgency and Evidence: A Rapid Evidence Synthesis Model for Mental Health System Decision-Making Presenter(s): Arina Bogdan (<i>Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care</i>)	
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Workshops — 4 concurrent sessions, select one	
1	Ateliers collaboratifs structurés comme stratégie d’implantation du besoin à l’évaluation des retombées /(Structured collaborative workshops as a strategy for implementing needs assessments and evaluating outcomes) Presenter(s): Emmanuelle Moreau (<i>Santé Québec Centre-Ouest-de-l’Île-de-Montréal - Universitaire</i>)	
2	Mobilizing Knowledge in a Creative Way: Moving Beyond Paper to Action Presenter(s): Busayo Akindolie, Kousha Arasteh (<i>Chronic Pain Centre of Excellence for Canadian Veterans</i>)	
3	Let’s Start Co-Creating: Discovering Research through Play, Art, and Connection Presenter(s): Vera Granikov (<i>Chaire Partenariat</i>)	
4	Building Capacity in KM: Introducing an Integrated Value, Impact, and Knowledge Mobilization Tool for Large Research Initiatives Presenter(s): (Sam) Btissam El Hassar, Deborah Marshall, Kathryn Birnie (<i>University of Calgary</i>)	
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Break	

Day 2: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 Continued

Time	Session	Location
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Roundtables 1 — 4 concurrent sessions, select one	
1	Les maillons (manquants ?) du continuum de la mobilisation des connaissances (The (Missing?) Links in the Knowledge Mobilization Continuum) Presenter(s): Rocio Macabena Perez, Jack Bauer (<i>Université du Québec à Montréal</i>)	
2	Practical Approaches for Building Healthy Impact Institutions Presenter(s): Stephen MacGregor (<i>University of Calgary</i>), Michael Johnny (<i>York University</i>), Julie Bayley (<i>Northeastern University London</i>)	
3	How Can Settlers Engage in Indigenous Knowledge Mobilization? Presenter(s): Cassidy Acheson, Sophie Ashton (<i>Simon Fraser University</i>)	
4	Research Impact as a Team Sport: Innovative Support Practices for Smaller and Midsize Institutions Presenter(s): Alyse Pearce, Leah Brainin (<i>Athabasca University</i>)	
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 - 4:15 PM	Roundtables 2 — 4 concurrent sessions, select one	
1	Generative AI for Narrative CVs: Opportunities, Risks, and Next Steps for KMb and Research Impact Practice Presenter(s): Rachel Hirsch, Ibironke Popoola (<i>University of Alberta</i>), Raad Fadaak (<i>University of Calgary</i>)	
2	Valoriser la diversité des parcours et l'impact de la recherche par les critères d'évaluation du corps professoral (Highlighting the Diversity of Career Paths and Research Impact Through Faculty Evaluation Criteria) Presenter(s): Stéphanie-Maude Heckmann, Gabriel Joyal (<i>National Institute of Scientific Research</i>)	
3	Beyond Dissemination: Positioning Research for Policy Uptake Presenter(s): Lina Shoumarova, Anna Hunt (<i>Concordia University</i>)	
4	Knowledge Mobilization for Collective Impact Presenter(s): Rebecca Abavi (<i>Our Kids Network</i>)	
4:30 – 6:30 PM	Poster Presentations: Mingling Session Join us for the Poster Presentations, an opportunity to connect with the poster presenters and hear directly from them about their projects, ask questions, browse, and chat with other fellow CKF26 attendees. Conversations will be held in a relaxed setting with complimentary handheld appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages.	

Day 3: Thursday, July 30, 2026

Time	Session	Location
8:00 – 9:15 AM	Breakfast & Morning Mingling	Gallery
9:30 – 10:30 AM	SickKids Keynote - Collaborative Knowledge in Action: Preparing for Implementation Together Presenter(s): Melanie Barwick (<i>Senior Scientist, The Hospital for Sick Children</i>)	Auditorium
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break	
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Lightning Talks — One session with 7 presentations	Auditorium
1	Social Media for Mobilizing Knowledge to the General Public Presenter(s): Alyssa Grocutt (<i>University of Calgary</i>)	
2	When Listening Wins: Ethics Bowls as a Creative Format for KMb with Young People Presenter(s): Christine Ackerley (<i>Simon Fraser University</i>)	
3	Can Knowledge Mobilization Look Like a Camping Trip? Presenter(s): Cassidy Acheson (<i>Simon Fraser University</i>)	
4	Kiki TelePORTS: Youth Childhood Cancer Survivor Co-Developed Initiative for Procedural Anxiety and Isolation in Pediatric Oncology Presenter(s): Stephanie Reid (<i>Trent University</i>), Keaton Reid	
5	Podcasting for Knowledge - Methodological Considerations for Collaborative Creation of a Podcast Series for Knowledge Mobilization Presenter(s): Jessica Ding (<i>McGill University</i>)	
6	Storytelling and Analogies: Vital Strategies for Implementation and Knowledge Mobilization Presenter(s): Sobia Khan (<i>The Center for Implementation</i>)	
7	Everyone Plays a Part: Collaborative Knowledge Mobilization for FASD Awareness Presenter(s): Fiona Binns (<i>Canada Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network</i>)	
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Closing Remarks Presenter(s): RIC and SickKids	
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch	