

Maximizing Philanthropy's Impact for a Sustainable Future

This year's CEGN conference is a clear departure from past conference offerings. With our sights firmly set on increasing philanthropy's impact in advancing a sustainable future for Canada, the conference will provide real-time pragmatic opportunities for collaboration on key environmental issues, as well as skill-building offerings that support the drive for impact. These conversations and others will take place against a backdrop of the core questions of: "What might we do differently to increase our impact? How might we work together differently to increase our impact?" With support from our facilitator, Monica Pohlmann, of Reos Partners, as well as the compelling insights of plenary speakers including Darcy Winslow and Charles Eisenstein, the conference offers a rich journey for participants. Our aspiration is that it will also lay the groundwork for transformative change in our collective work.

Additional details on the conference program will be added as they are confirmed.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Pre-conference Activities:** Information on optional site visits to come. This is also an opportunity for self-organized funder discussions. The Low Carbon Funders' Group will hold its annual gathering at this time. If other collaboratives are interested in booking space for a pre-conference discussion, please contact CEGN.
- Noon **Registration Starts:** The Registration Desk will be open throughout the conference.
- 4 – 6 p.m. **Opening and Welcome:** Reimagining Leadership: Moving from Silos to Systems: Keynote Remarks by Darcy Winslow, Academy for Systems Change
- 6 – 7 p.m. **Reception:** Kingbridge Centre
- 7 p.m. **Dinner:** Kingbridge Centre

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast with Optional Table Conversations:** These conversations are an opportunity to explore issues and initiatives that may not be fully covered in the conference program. No pre-registration required. If you would like to host a conversation on a topic that resonates with the conference theme of maximizing philanthropy's impact, please contact CEGN.
- 8:30 – 10 a.m. **Overview of Conference Objectives** – Carolyn Scotchmer, TD Friends of the Environment and Conference Chair and Monica Pohlmann, Reos Partners and Conference Facilitator
- The Living Earth – Re-storying Climate:** Keynote remarks by Charles Eisenstein

- 10 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Member Snapshots:** Navigating the Highs and Lows on the Impact Journey
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. **Interactive Session:** What Might We do Differently to Increase our Impact?
- 12:20 – 12:30 p.m. **Set up for post lunch Paired Walk**
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch and the Role for the Network in Increasing Impact:** The Annual Meeting of CEGN will occur during lunch with a special opportunity for input on how the network can best support members to increase their impact
- 1:30 – 2:10 p.m. **Paired Walk and Debrief**
- 2:10 – 4:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions – Focus on Funder Collaboration and Skill Building:** These sessions, which will be scheduled for either May 8th or 9th, will hone in on a range of environmental issues:
- Protected and Conservation areas with Lorne Johnson, Andrea Barnett and Cathy Wilkinson as leads
 - Oceans with Darcy Dobell and Meaghan Calcari Campbell as leads
 - Sustainable Communities with Karen Wilkie, Pat Letizia, Jason Bates, JP Bervoets and Alison Sidney as leads
 - Fresh water with Tim Morris, Andrew Stegemann and James Littlely as leads
 - Climate change with Beth Hunter and Valerie Lemieux as leads
- We will also be offering at least two skill-building sessions
- Investing for Climate Solutions with Andrea Moffat as lead
 - Tools for working systemically, collaboratively and experimentally with Monica Pohlmann as the lead
- 4:30 p.m. **Reflections on the Day**
- 5 p.m. **Adjourn for the day**
- 6 – 9 p.m. **Reception and Conference Dinner at the McMichael Gallery:** Departure will be by bus from the front of the Conference Centre

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast with Optional Table Conversations:** As with the previous day, these conversations are an opportunity to explore issues and initiatives that may not be fully covered in the conference. No pre-registration required. If you would like to host a conversation on a topic that resonates with the conference theme of maximizing philanthropy's impact, please contact CEGN.
- 8:30 – 10 a.m. **Opening and Check-in**
- Plenary Presentation: What's the Secret Sauce for Effective Funder Collaboration?** Recent research by Bridgespan provides guidance on how to optimize the effectiveness of funder collaboration. This will provide a first-hand look at key findings that will appear in the Stanford Social Innovation Review this year. Speakers are being confirmed.
- Insights from Network members:** Canadian examples of funder collaboration will be highlighted, focusing on their impact and lessons learned. Speakers are being confirmed.

- 10 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions:** As with the previous day, these sessions will hone in on a range of environmental issues, such as protected and conservation areas, oceans, sustainable communities, fresh water and climate change with a view to strengthening collaboration and increasing impact. A skill building session will also be offered at this time.
- 11:30 a.m. – **Open Space Session:** This is an opportunity for individuals to benefit from the wisdom of the group by hosting a conversation in response to the questions: “What have we not yet talked about that needs a conversation?”
- 12:20 p.m.
- 12:30 – 2 p.m. **Lunch with Plenary Speaker:** Speaker is being confirmed.
- 2 – 3:30 p.m. **Converging: So what? Now What?** This will be an opportunity to focus in on our core questions of: What might we do differently to increase our impact? How might we work together differently to increase our impact? It will include feedback clinics from the issue discussions held earlier.
- 3:30 p.m. **Where to from here?**
- 4 p.m. **Adjourn**



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