



NEWSLETTER

August 27, 2020



CASC continues to advocate for the science centre and science museum sector. We are committed to providing our members with the most up-to-date information to help organizations navigate a changing landscape.

COVID-19 Recovery & Updates

> Government Announcements

Town hall with the Minister of Canadian Heritage Join Business / Arts, Global Public Affairs, Mass Culture and the Canadian Arts Coalition for [a discussion with the Hon Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage on how the government can help the arts sectors recover from the impacts of the pandemic.](#)

When: Tuesday, Sept. 1, 3 pm ET

Where: Zoom Webinar

Who should attend: Everyone working in the visual/digital, live performing arts, and heritage sectors

To help frame the discussion, [please complete a short survey with your thoughts](#) on actions the government can take to support you and your organization. [Register here.](#)

Government extends Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy support for furloughed employees for four weeks (August 21, 2020) The government proposed to [extend the current treatment of furloughed employees under the CEWS program by 4 weeks – from August 30 to September 26.](#) This would mean that employers who qualify for the CEWS would be able to continue to claim up to a maximum benefit of \$847 per week to support remuneration for each of their furloughed workers. Further details about the calculation of CEWS for furloughed workers for remaining periods of the program will be announced in the coming weeks.

Association Updates

> Our 2020 Annual General Meeting

Join us VIRTUALLY in shaping your CASC at the 2020 Annual General Meeting on September 22, 2020 at 2 pm EST.

We will be reaching out to our members next week with the 2020-2021 Director Nominations Slate and Request for Proxies.

Registration and full details of the event will be announced soon!

We are excited to announce a 30 minute panel on the Future of Science Engagement with Canadian SciComm trailblazers:



Eugenia Addy

CEO, Visions of Science
Network for Learning Inc.

[A MUST Read \(Recent article\)](#)



Anthony Morgan

Creative Director, Science
Everywhere



Samantha Yammine

Neuroscientist, Science
Communicator, Digital Media
Producer

> Who's open among CASC Members?

As the country begins to move into various stages of reopening, so are science centres, science and technology museums, aquariums, zoos, insectariums and makerspaces. We suggest you visit their website or give them a call to find out their current status and offerings. Many still continue to serve their communities by offering educational programming, resources and materials online. [Have a look here.](#)

NOW OPEN! (restrictions may apply to their offerings)

SK

[Saskatchewan Science Centre](#)

AB

[Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum](#)

[TELUS Spark](#)

[TELUS World of Science -Edmonton](#)

BC

[H.R. MacMillan Space Centre](#)

[Okanagan Science Centre](#)

[Science World](#)

MB

[Churchill Northern Studies Centre](#)

[Manitoba Children's Museum](#)

[The Manitoba Museum](#)

NB

[Science East](#)

[Resurgo Place](#)

NL

[Fortune Head Geology Centre](#)

[Johnson GEO Centre](#)

[Petty Harbour Mini Aquarium](#)

[The Manuels River Hibernia](#)

[Interpretation Centre](#)

NS

[Discovery Centre](#)

NT

[Nunavut Research Institute](#)

ON

[Entomica](#)

[Ingenium: Canada Agriculture and Food Museum](#)

[Ingenium: Canada Aviation and Space Museum](#)

[Ingenium: Canada Science and Technology Museum](#)

[Little Ray's Nature Centres](#)

[London Children's Museum](#)

[Ripley's Aquarium of Canada](#)

[Science North](#)

[THEMUSEUM](#)

[Toronto Zoo](#)

QC

[ASTROLab du Mont Mégantic](#)

[Centre d'interprétation de l'eau](#)

[Montréal Science Centre](#)

[Musée de la nature et des](#)

[sciences de Sherbrooke](#)

[Musée de l'ingéniosité J.](#)

[Armand Bombardier](#)

[Musée minéralogique et minier de Thetford Mines](#)

[Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium](#)

ONLINE Programming

Exclusively (until further notice):

BC

[The Exploration Place](#)

[BIG Little Science Centre Society](#)

[Pacific Museum of Earth](#)

ON

[Canada South Science City](#)

[LAUNCH Waterloo](#)

[Ontario Science Centre](#)

[Science Timmins](#)

[steamlabs](#)

QC

[Armand-Frappier Museum,](#)

[Biosciences Interpretation Centre](#)

[Biosphere](#)

[La Maison Léon-Provancher](#)

> **Connecting our Members**

Video Discussion Groups: As we all continue to navigate this rapidly-evolving global situation, CASC is here to help, support, and connect our community during these challenging times. Please contact us at info@casc-accs.com if you have ideas for how we can further support your organization.

Topic: CASC CEO Discussion

Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:00 PM EST

CASC continues to coordinate a "CASC COVID-19 Response Discussion" for CASC Member CEOs and Executive Directors to address advocacy efforts, re-opening issues, long-term plans, etc. Invitations are sent via email. Please contact mader@casc-accs.com if you did not receive an invitation and would like to join. *Open to all CASC Members.*

Topic: School Programming and Teacher Support

Friday, September 18, 2020 1:00 PM EST

Led by a group of Education and Programming staff from CASC member institutions this meeting addresses new challenges and opportunities with school programming and camps. Invitations are sent via email. Please contact leduc@casc-accs.com if you did not receive an invitation and would like to join. *Open to all CASC Members.*

*****NEW*** Community Forum**

With the generous support of the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC), CASC has established this forum as a private space for the Education and Programming staff of CASC member institutions to engage with others, pose questions and share resources. Invitations are sent via email. Please contact leduc@casc-accs.com if you did not receive an invitation and would like to join. *Open to all CASC Members.*

News & Opportunities

OUR MEMBERS

- [**CAGIS** launches NEW virtual program across Canada for girls and gender non-binary youth.](#)
- [**Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium** needs your help to invent the future... of its permanent exhibition. Take part in the virtual co-creation workshops.](#)
- [**Science North** awarded with Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice 2020 - Ranked among 10% of the top attractions worldwide.](#)
- [**Indus Space** organizes youth focused virtual hackathon with SEDS Canada \(Oct. 3-4, 2020\).](#)

COLLABORATORS & FRIENDS

- **NSERC's Science Literacy Week: B is for Biodiversity from September 21-27, 2020** Take part in Canada's biggest celebration of science culture with hundreds of others across the country. In turn, your organization will be recognized in the partners list on the #SciLit website, and your event will gain more visibility by being added to the national list of events.



How can you participate?

Are you passionate about science? Do you have a great idea for a fun science event, experience or book display that will get people excited about science? Become a Science Literacy Week partner! Here are some ideas on how you can participate:

- Organize a science workshop in your area
- Create a science book display
- Host a science-themed online webinar
- Share science book suggestions on social media

Host a SciLit event!

Find a SciLit event!

- **Host a virtual or in-person Little Inventors workshop: New FREE video resources** They are differentiated for elementary and secondary students and packed full of ocean science facts to get students all across Canada inspired and thinking about their own invention ideas to improve our oceans health and building a better planet for everyone. They also include brand new videos featuring ocean experts Paul Snelgrove and Céline Audet discussing why the oceans matter to us all. Also provided is a brand new video-capsule version of our resource pack, to facilitate online learning.

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- **[BackyardBio Program](#)** All September long you can join Exploring By The Seat of Your Pants in promoting the BackyardBio campaign! Meant to encourage kids and families to spend time in nature observing, documenting and sharing wildlife near them, the goal is to showcase the amazing biodiversity coast to coast and highlight how easy it is to explore near you! [Learn more](#) about how to take part and where you can share your photos, how you can contribute to real citizen science projects and be connected with other groups around the world! Till then, check out submissions at #backyardbio on twitter!
- **[The ASTC Annual Conference - Registration NOW OPEN!](#)** ASTC 2020 will be a one-of-a-kind event hosted online October 19–21 with pre-conference intensives planned for the week of October 13–16.
- **[CSPC Conference registration is open!](#)** Join the BIGGEST science and innovation policy conference from November 16-20 2020.
- **[Call for Nominations: 2020 Canada's Volunteer Awards](#)** The recognition package for award recipients includes a \$5,000 or \$10,000 grant to be awarded to the not-for-profit organization of the recipient's choosing. We all play a role in recognizing volunteers. Nominations will be accepted until September 30, 2020.

FUNDING & GRANTS

- **[NSERC's Promoscience](#)**

Apply by September 15, 2020

The maximum allowable request is \$200,000/year for 3 years, and only one application may be submitted per organization or department per competition year. Funding supports initiatives that promote the natural sciences and engineering (NSE) to Canada's young people, particularly to under-represented and disadvantaged groups in NSE careers, including girls and Indigenous peoples.

- **[The Digital Citizen Contribution Program \(DCCP\)](#)**

Apply by September 18, 2020

A new call for proposals to provide time-limited financial assistance of up to \$100,000 for the following types of research projects:

- Foresight/horizons projects to map/predict the next issues and/or types of online disinformation;
- Projects to further understand the impact of disinformation on diverse and marginalized communities in Canada;
- Projects to better understand the societal factors and psychological characteristics that motivate individuals to take up the call for online and offline disinformation related activities; and,
- Project that aims to understand the impacts of a lack of exposure to diverse content online, including understanding how users access reliable news and information in Canada, as well as the impacts of algorithmic systems on the content users are exposed to and consume on online platforms.

For more information email: pch.icn-dci.pch@canada.ca



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Share your news!

If you have an item of interest for the newsletter please contact info@casc-accs.com.

For recent member news click [here](#).

Host a webinar!

Do you have a great suggestion for a webinar?

[Go ahead and send us a webinar proposal!](#)

Make a DONATION!

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