



Dear Siena,

Let me start by saying thank you for being here.

We appreciate that the economic and political climate at the moment is posing challenges for all of us in our work and in our personal lives. We appreciate that your newsfeeds are flooded and your inboxes are piling up. So we want to start by saying thank you for being here, and for staying committed to this community and the important work that we all do.

I also want to remind you that CASC is here to support you in every way we can, including listening to the concerns you have about our sector, or sharing ideas about how we can support one another. Please reach out to us by **email** or connect with us and your fellow CASC colleagues on GlueUp. These forums are meant to be safe and meaningful meeting places for all CASC members.

We hope you enjoy this month's quick updates, including more information about our **upcoming conference**, what's next in our **communities of practice**, and how you can take advantage of a **new FREE Freestyle socials program**, thanks to our partners and CASC member Science Everywhere.

Let's stay connected, and please take good care.

Thank you,  
Dr. Marianne Mader  
CEO, CASC

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## CASC Housekeeping

> **CASC Membership Changes:** CASC has made changes to streamline its membership categories and fee structure. We are confident that these changes will increase our capacity to provide leading professional development and learning opportunities for CASC member staff, and enable us to better serve our growing community of STEM engagement

professionals. If you are the administrator of your CASC membership, please check for an email from us on April 8 with the details and next steps.



### > CASC Conference Place-Based Learning Experience

On Day 1 of the CASC Conference (Tuesday, June 10) we invite all attendees to take part in a day of place-based learning. What does that mean? It means that together with local partners we have curated three unique full-day experiences for CASC Conference attendees that will ground you in the community and culture of St. John's.

To learn more about these experiences and to check out the full conference schedule, **visit the CASC Conference website.**

If you've registered for the conference and have read the session descriptions, please **fill out this form** to select your preferred place-based experience. Note that these are on a first come first serve basis, so add in your suggestions before **May 8, 2025.**

### > Just One More Month to Register!

Make sure to register before May 16, 2025 to secure your spot! To register, **visit our website.**

## CASC Communities of Practice

CASC's Communities of Practice are a great way to connect with other CASC members to learn about topics that matter to our community. We invite you to join those that are relevant to you and your work. If you're not sure which community of practice is best for you, reach out to us at **info@casc-accs.com.**

### > Indigenous CoP

**Next meeting: May, 15, 2025**

The Indigenous Community of Practice with Dr. Melanie Goodchild.

This CoP is open to all CASC colleagues who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit and Metis. To register, please fill out the form below.

## Register today

### > Educators and Programmers CoP

**Next Meeting: May 20, 2025**

**THEME: Embedding accessibility for science centres with Dr. Mahadeo Sukhai (Stay tuned for more details)**

Our Educators and Programmers community of practice is an opportunity for our members within these fields to connect and learn from each other. Based on feedback from our CoP, we establish a monthly theme with presenters so that our members can engage and go back to their centres informed and ready to create!

If you'd like to join this CoP, click [here](#) to join the email list, receive monthly meeting invitations, and access shared resources.

## Join the email list

### > National Environmental Learning Leaders CoP: A partnership between CASC and EECOM

**Next Meeting: May 26, 2025.**

Leading ongoing conversations and opportunities from our organizations to learn from each other.

This CoP is designed for members of CASC, EECOM or anyone who is affiliated with an environmental organization and might be interested. Contact us at [info@casc-accs.com](mailto:info@casc-accs.com) for more information.

## I want to join

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**From ScienceUp First, an initiative of CASC**

# ScienceUpFirst



### > Freestyle Socials Training Course

The Freestyle Socials Training Course is now available to CASC members for free from now until March 2026. You can watch our short explainer video to learn about Freestyle Socials, the course and the year-long program in under twenty minutes.

**Watch the explainer video.**

**> Freestyle Socials Course Information Session**

Join us on May 6th for an information session to learn more about the program and ask the Science Everywhere and ScienceUpFirst teams questions.

You can submit your questions anonymously beforehand using this **form**.

**Register here to join the session.**

**> ScienceUpFirst: Direct To Your Inbox**

**Sign up** to receive updates from ScienceUpFirst, including the latest campaigns and ways you can get involved. We'll be in touch when there's something important to share!

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## Industry updates

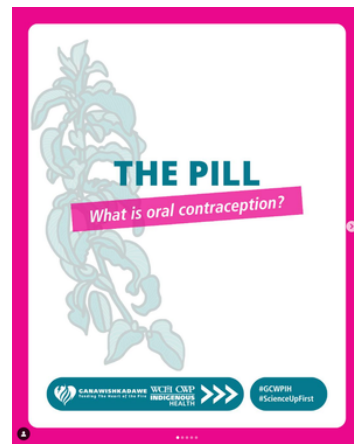
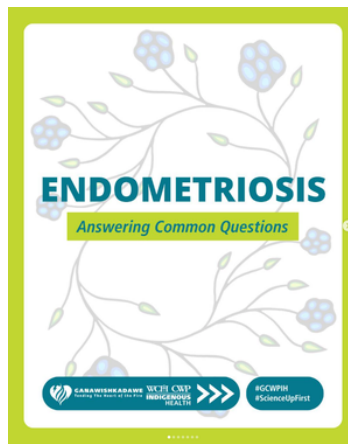
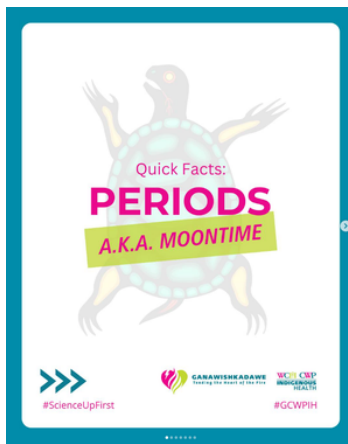
**> ScienceUpFirst collaboration with the Center for Wise Practices in Indigenous Health at Women's College Hospital**

The **Centre for Wise Practices in Indigenous Health (CWP-IH)** at Women's College Hospital is a leader in advancing Indigenous health equity through decolonized models of care, education, research, and systems transformation. Guided by Indigenous knowledge systems and grounded in the principles of Truth and Reconciliation, the Centre works to create space for Indigenous self-determination, wellness, and community-led solutions across health and wellness systems.

Through CASC's **ScienceUpFirst** initiative, we are honoured to collaborate with CWP-IH on a project that embodies these values through the **co-creation of culturally grounded digital content**. Together, we are developing health communication materials that center Indigenous voices, respect traditional knowledge, and counter misinformation in a way that is meaningful and accessible to Indigenous communities.

We are incredibly grateful for the leadership and generosity of the CWP-IH team, and we look forward to continuing this important work together—walking in right relations to support healthier, more informed communities across the country.

**Learn more about the Centre.**



## Members spotlight

### > Aurora College Western Arctic Research Centre/ Aurora Research Institute highlights advanced digital learning and design technology in new interactive workshop

From March 3-19, Aurora College partnered with Aklavik Community Corporation, Gwich'in Tribal Council, and Inuvialuit Regional Corporation to bring an interactive workshop with state of the art technology.

In the hamlet of Aklavik, NT, Aurora College instructors led participants on how to use a 3D printer, a laser cutter and direct-to-film printing technology, to create personalized items that they could take home.

Using various tools along with their newly forged skills, participants created any number of fun things, like laser printing a design off of birch bark, or using a sublimation printer to print on a mug.

**Read more about their workshop on NNSL.**

## Opportunities

### > Falling Walls Global Call: Become the Science Breakthrough of the Year 2025 in Science Engagement

*How do you engage the public with science?*

Do you know of or run a Science Engagement initiative with a climate change focus that actively engages the public with science? **Nominate or apply** during the Falling Walls Global Call in the Science Engagement category by **April 30, 2025**.

Selected winners will be invited to 'pitch' their initiative on the international stage at the Falling Walls Science Summit in Berlin this November!

This is a fantastic opportunity for selected Science Engagement practitioners in Canada to gain international visibility and connect with other inspiring practitioners engaging audiences with science all around the world. Let's showcase the excellent engagement work taking place in Canada! (If you'd like informal advice about applying, please contact Carrie Boyce, Falling Walls Engage Hub Canada manager, past Falling Walls Engage winner and Executive Director of RCIScience, at [cboyce@rciscience.ca](mailto:cboyce@rciscience.ca))

### > Canadian Innovation Week: Innovation in Action

The Rideau Hall Foundation is excited to announce that the 8th annual Canadian Innovation Week (CIW) will take place during May 26-30th, 2025, with this year's theme "Innovation to Action"!

Canadian Innovation Week is a 5-day celebration recognizing and supporting ingenuity across the country. It's an opportunity for organizations to share inspiring stories of Canadian innovators and of innovations that are building a better future.

Feel free to share the #CIW25 Toolkit, which includes ready-to-use messaging, graphics, and key information to help you get involved and spread the word available in **English** and in **French**. In addition, they are looking for **submissions for the Innovation Week**, which gets you featured on the CIW website to share your organization's innovation stories through a dedicated partner page.

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CASC empowers a national network of organizations who champion Science and Innovation by making science approachable, relevant, and accessible.

### OUR VISION

Canada has a thriving science and innovation culture of engaged citizens.



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