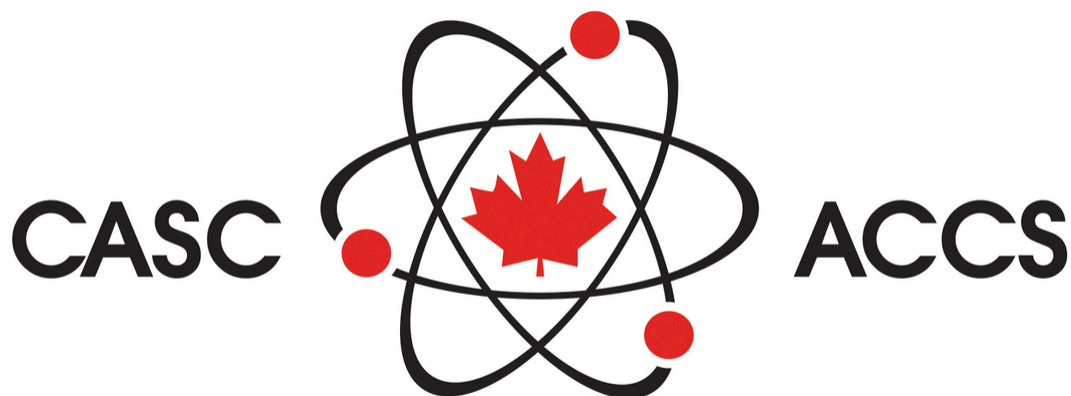


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Dear Siena,

The change of season is certainly upon us - the wind is picking up, the routines are settling in, and there is a renewed energy in the air that comes with autumn.

This edition of our monthly newsletter is a clear demonstration of this energy I'm describing. If you scroll down you'll see for yourself – CASC has lots to share and plenty of opportunities for engagement. From our upcoming AGM, to the launch of our annual Conference; from a new series of events centered on advancing Truth and Reconciliation to the national Science Literacy Week campaign, we hope you'll see yourself and your work reflected in what CASC has to offer.

Many of these events and programs are not just for our members, but include our broader community of collaborators, supporters, and the STEM learning leaders among you. As we strive to realize a thriving science and innovation culture in Canada, we know we must lean into the broader ecosystem of STEM education and engagement across the country. We are honoured to be stewards of this work, and we hope to connect with all of you in a meaningful way.

We hope to see you in the coming weeks. As always, thank you for being here!

Thank you,
Dr. Marianne Mader
CEO, CASC

Register Now! CASC AGM 2025

Join us tomorrow at the 2025 CASC Annual General Meeting (AGM) — a key moment for our community to reflect, connect, and look ahead. We'll be sharing highlights from the past year, outlining upcoming initiatives, and hearing from you! Whether you're a long-time member or new to CASC, your voice matters.

📅 **Thursday, September 25**
🕒 **1 pm ET**

Register now and be part of the conversation!

Join CASC for a Year of Reflection: TRC Calls to Action – 10 Years Later



In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, CASC invites you to join us for **TRC Calls to Action: 10 Years Later**—a virtual gathering series marking a decade since the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action.

Through **four virtual morning gatherings** across the year, we’ll hold space for honest reflection, dialogue, and learning around the ongoing work of reconciliation. Guided by Amanda Fruci and Merrill Matthews, each 45-minute session will explore a key question—from understanding the Calls to Action to envisioning the road ahead. This offering has been developed in collaboration with Samantha David, **Director**, TREDIA Relationships and Initiatives at Ingenium

Whether you’re just beginning or have long been on this path, all are welcome. Come as you are. Listen, reflect, and deepen your commitment to reconciliation within your community and beyond.

For details and to register, **visit our website**.

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> **Science Literacy Week 2025** is right around the corner! This national campaign kicks off October 6 - 12, 2025, and invites people of all ages to discover how science shapes our world.

We want to know what you're doing during Science Literacy Week! Don't forget to share your events and resources before September 29! Submitting your resources has never been easier. Just three easy steps:

1. Fill the google form
2. Make sure you got all the information about your event
3. Add your organization Logo

Let's get started!

*If you've already emailed your interest or filled the form, can you please take 2 minutes to fill it out again? We've updated registration to provide more opportunities to engage in Science Literacy Week!

If you have any questions, check out our [website](#) or reach out to us at info@casc-accs.com



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Curiosity Unleashed
La curiosité en éveil

> **Call for Proposals NOW OPEN!**

CASC is thrilled to announce we are now accepting proposals for 2026 CASC Conference sessions!

This year's conference theme is *Curiosity Unleashed: A Thriving Science Culture in Canada*. In an era shaped by rapid discovery and innovation, STEM engagement organizations and science communicators play a critical role in cultivating a culture of curiosity, resilience, and engagement across Canada.

Through unique partnerships, interactive sessions, and thought-provoking speakers, this year's conference will spotlight the bold ideas, collaborative initiatives, and community-rooted practices that are redefining science culture from coast to coast to coast. We will examine how curiosity serves as a catalyst for innovation, equity, and societal well-being, and how the CASC community can lead in making science accessible, responsive, and relevant to all.

For more details on our theme, sub-themes and and to submit your session proposal, [visit our website](#).

> Lunch and Learn

Not sure what makes a good session proposal? Do you have questions about the criteria we use when we evaluate submissions? Join us on Thursday, October 16 for a lunch and learn session to get answers to these questions and many more.

To register for our English lunch and learn, [click here](#).

To register for our French lunch and learn, [click here](#).

> Join the Program Review Committee

Interested in helping us shape the 2026 CASC Conference program? Email us at info@casc-accs.com to be part of our conference session review committee.

CEO Roundtable

What's Our Impact? Developing a National Impact Framework for our sector.

This event is for CEOs and Senior Leaders across the CASC network.

Join CASC CEO Dr. Mariane Mader and CASC Research Taskforce Chair Dr. Julia Lalonde for an important conversation about how we make the case for our sector, and how together we can work towards an impact framework that will help us tell our stories to our communities and stakeholders.

This session will provide

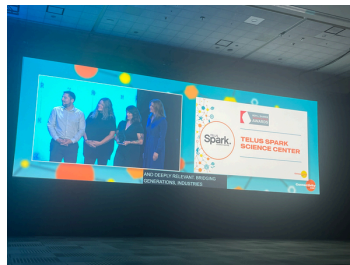
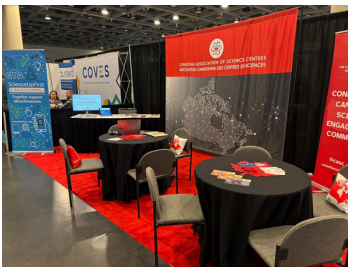
- An overview of CASC's goals and outcomes
- An update of CASC's approach in developing a national framework
- Sharing initial findings

There will be an opportunity for group discussion, reflection, and next steps for continued engagement. **Register now.**

ASTC Recap

It was wonderful to see so many of our CASC colleagues at ASTC 2025 in San Francisco. This year's conference theme was connectivity, and throughout our time together, there was a real felt sense of connection and collective action at a time when we need each other most. We left feeling inspired for the future of our work on both sides of the border.

Also, a big congratulations to our colleagues at TELUS Spark for the recognition they received from ASTC's **Roy L. Shafer Leading Edge Awards!**



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**.

> Ji-misawaabandaaming (positive window shopping for the future)
Next meeting: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 2PM (EST)

Ji-misawaabandaaming is facilitated by Dr. Melanie Goodchild, **Anishinaabe systems and complexity thinker and Systems Changer in Residence with CASC**. This community of practice will contain a series of yarns exploring Anishinaabe futures methodologies for transformative change. It will include guest speakers and co-conspirators, who will join us on our journey towards systems change in our STEM engagement ecosystem and beyond. This community of practice is open to those who identify as First Nations, Metis or Inuit. We welcome new members to this community of practice. Connect with us, and learn more.

I'd like to join

> Educators and Programmers CoP

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025 at 3PM (EST)

The Educators and Programmers CoP was established in 2020. This community is for programming and education staff across the CASC membership. The CoP is a place for sharing, collaboration, and learning. It offers best practices, guidelines, and strategies that lead to quality educational and outreach programming in our science centres, museums and outreach organizations.

Theme: Accessibility in Science Communications with Dr. Mahadeo Sukhai.

Join the email list

> National Environmental Learning Leaders CoP

Next Meeting: Monday, October 27, 2025 1PM-2:30PM (EST)

Leading ongoing conversations and opportunities for our organizations (Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication – EECOM) to learn from each other and create a stronger informal environmental education sector.

Join the conversation

> Science Connection CoP

The ***Science Connection Community of Practice*** supports Canada's science culture and public engagement ecosystem. This CoP provides an opportunity for members to learn from experts and network with peers across the public engagement ecosystem and access a growing resource library.

Next session:

- **Date:** Tuesday, October 7th, 2025

- **Time Zones:** 11 AM PT/ 12 PM MT/ 1 PM CT/ 2 PM ET/ 3 PM AT/ 3:30 PM NT
- **Topic:** Accessibility and Science literacy
- **Presenter:** Dr. **Mahadeo Sukhai**, IDEA-STEM

Join the CoP

From ScienceUp First, an initiative of CASC

> Canada Says, #ScienceMatters

We all have a role to play in standing up for science.

Speak up and share your stories about how false health information is impacting you, Canada, and the world.

[Read the full letter.](#)

Members spotlight

> TELUS Spark announces new CEO

TELUS Spark is thrilled to announce **Guy Labine** as TELUS Spark Science Centre's new Chief Executive Officer! Guy brings over 25 years of leadership experience in the science centre community and a passion for inspiring curiosity and innovation in science.

Guy joins us from his most recent role as CEO of the Arizona Science Center. He is passionate about science education, community building and people, and deeply committed to Spark's mission to deliver world renowned, creative experiences with science.

Join us in welcoming Guy Labine to TELUS Spark! [Learn more.](#)

> Indus Space is looking for volunteers, mentors and judges for the annual International Space Apps Hackathon Challenge

The **International Space Apps Challenge** is an annual event that runs worldwide, and brings together coders, artists, scientists, makers and everyone who has a passion to solve a real-life challenge in 48 hours. Challenges are hosted by 15 space agencies including the Canadian Space Agency, NASA, ESA, ISRO, and others. Indus Space is excited to bring this event to a youth audience since 2020!

This year's theme is to "Learn, Launch, Lead". The hackathon will start with a kickoff event on October 3rd (evening), the main event runs the weekend Oct 4/5 starting at 9am. The kickoff event will be held at our newly opened location in Cooksville. The main weekend

event will be back at UTM campus. If you are interested in participating as a mentor you can also do so virtually, through our Discord platform.

If you are interested in mentoring, please fill this [form](#). If you are interested in volunteering, please fill this [form](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to bshankar@indusspace.ca

Opportunities

> Learn Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) & Support Language Revitalization

Natural Curiosity is offering an Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) course this upcoming fall!

Course Details:

Tuesday evenings, 5:00pm-6:30pm Eastern Time: October 14, 21, 28 / November 4, 11, 18, 25 / December 2

Virtual sessions + recordings for 3 months

Instructor: Sarah Wood (Anishinaabemowin educator, member of Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation)

Your Contribution Supports:

- Fair compensation for Indigenous instructors
- Free access for Indigenous learners
- Ongoing language revitalization efforts

Pricing:

- Non-Indigenous: \$160 (until Sept. 30th)
- Indigenous learners: Free
- Groups: 20% off for groups of more than 5 (code: XKJS3VJC)

Register today

> 4 Season of Indigenous Learning

Natural Curiosity is opening early bird registration for the **4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning** 2025-2026 Course closes on September 30th. This year's course features an incredible group of **Indigenous presenters**.

This self-paced online course begins in October, and runs until May. This includes:

- 10 Self-paced Learning Modules: 5 hours total ([view overview](#))
- 7 Indigenous Presentations: 1 hour/month, Nov-May ([view presenters](#))
- Access to the Presentation Recordings
- A Certificate of Completion
- \$25 for accessing excellent **Indigenous Learning Resources**

If you already have a strong foundation of knowledge, you can register for **Season 2: Learning from the Land**

> Applications for the 2026 Forum for Young Canadians are now open

Do you know a young leader ready to make an impact? Canadian Innovation Week is thrilled to announce that the 2026 **Forum for Young Canadians** is now accepting applications. Join 300 youth (ages 15–18) for a week in Ottawa to learn how our democracy works, meet decision-makers, and build practical skills for community leadership.

Apply by October 26, 2025 (midnight). Bursaries are available to ensure financial circumstances are not a barrier.

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OUR VISION

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



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