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Dear ,

November is always such a whirlwind. It feels like each day I'm brought to life by a new connection, inspiring conversation or thoughtful plan of action.

Through these connections and conversations I feel a genuine sense of optimism. Canada's STEM ecosystem is full of energy and possibility, and together we're building a resilient future where curiosity is encouraged, innovation is supported, and the communities we serve across the country are embracing their role in our thriving science culture.

In the coming months, CASC will continue championing the partnerships, programs, and ideas that help this ecosystem grow stronger. Keep reading to learn more about what we've got going on, and how you can take action and be part of CASC's growing community.

Thank you for being part of this journey. I'm excited for what lies ahead, and grateful to be walking alongside all of you.

Thank you,  
Dr. Marianne Mader  
CEO, CASC

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## CASC Housekeeping

> **Join the CASC Audit & Finance Committee:** This is an excellent opportunity for an individual with, or working toward, an accounting designation and looking to expand their experience. This opportunity is open to CASC members only. For more information, email [finance@casc-accs.com](mailto:finance@casc-accs.com).

> **Renewal Reminder:** CASC has made changes to streamline its membership categories and fee structure. All members will experience a change in their membership category and membership fees with your renewal invoice in December 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [amanda.f@casc-accs.com](mailto:amanda.f@casc-accs.com).

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## TRC Calls to Action – 10 Years Later

The second gathering in our virtual series – ***TRC Calls to Action: 10 Years Later*** – takes place on Monday, December 8. We will be joined by Douglas Sinclair, publisher of **Indigenous Watchdog**, who will help guide us through the question ***Where are we at with the Calls to Action?***

For further details and to register to attend, [visit our website](#).

This offering has been developed in collaboration with Samantha David, Director, TREDIA Relationships and Initiatives at Ingenium.

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Curiosity **Unleashed**  
La curiosité **en éveil**

> **Early Bird Registration is NOW OPEN!**

Early bird registration to the 2026 CASC Conference is now open!

Join us in Sudbury, ON for CASC 2026, hosted by Science North. Early bird rates are available until February 14, 2026.

CASC is once again pleased to provide conference subsidies for CASC members from equity-deserving communities. To apply for a subsidy, please [submit this form](#). The deadline to submit your application for bursary is Friday, January 31, 2026.

> **Submit your Call for Proposals!**

CASC is now accepting proposals for 2026 CASC Conference sessions! For more details on our theme, sub-themes and and to submit your session proposal, [visit our website](#).

If you're not sure what makes a good proposal, you can watch the recording from our Lunch & Learn in [both French and English here](#).



**> 2026 CASCADE Awards submissions are Open!**

The 2026 CASCADE Awards will take place at the CASC Conference on April 29, 2026. We are looking for dynamic nominations for both our Institutional and Individual award categories. We hope you'll take part in celebrating your CASC colleagues!

**Nominations will close on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.**

**> Join the awards selection jury**

We are seeking 10-15 people to adjudicate this year's Institutional Award submissions. To express your interest, please email [info@casc-accs.com](mailto:info@casc-accs.com) with the subject line "CASCADE Awards Jury".

## **CEO Roundtable: What's Our Impact? Developing a National Impact Framework for our sector**

On **Thursday, December 11**, CEO's and Senior Leaders from across the CASC network are invited to join CASC CEO Dr. Mariane Mader and CASC Research Taskforce Chair Dr. Julia Lalande 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.

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

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## 2024 Annual Statistics Survey

CASC is thrilled to announce the publication of the *2024 Annual Statistics Analysis Package*!

The *2024 Annual Statistics Survey* was conducted by **ASTC** in partnership with **CASC**, **Ecsite**, and **ASPAC**. Member participation in this year's survey provided valuable data from 160 science engagement organizations around the world regarding their workforce, facilities, visitor attendance, programs, finances, and partnerships during the 2024 fiscal year.

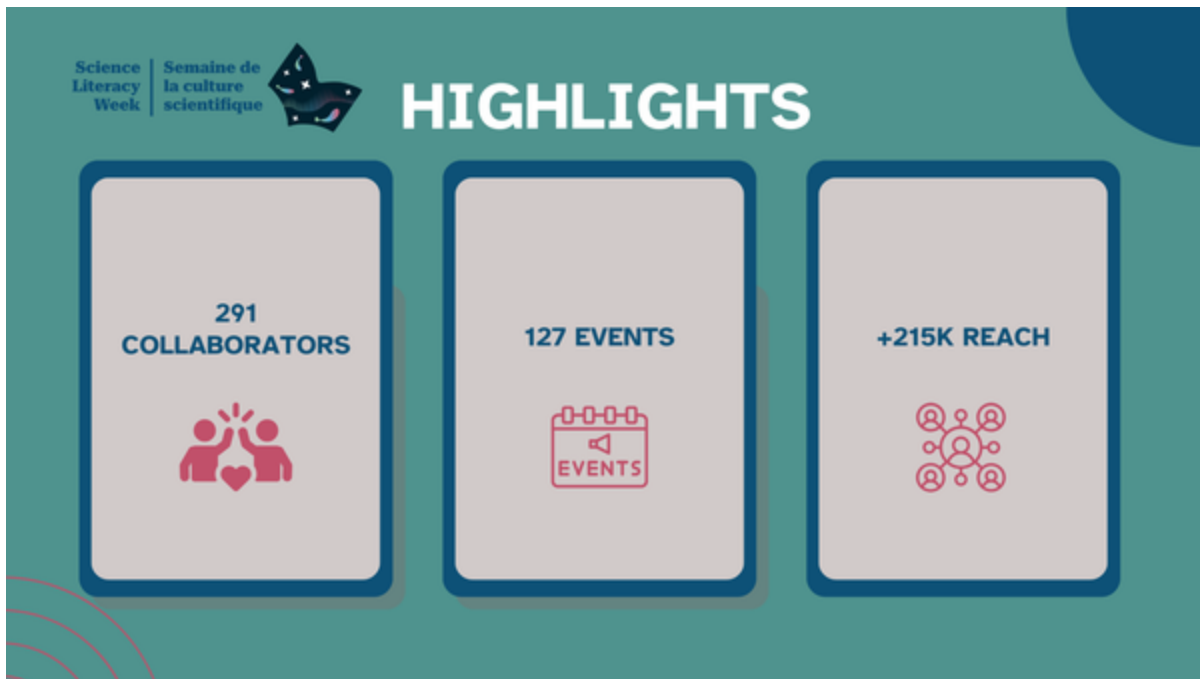
Check out the **Annual Statistics Summary Report**, a free, short-form report highlighting select data that may be of interest to the broader science engagement sector. For a more detailed report, please reach out to [info@casc-accs.com](mailto:info@casc-accs.com).



Science Literacy Week 2025 has officially ended! Thank you so much to everyone for joining us and celebrating Science in Canada. It was incredible to see people from coast to coast collaborate in such unique and exciting ways.

Check out some of the highlights below.

Science Literacy Week 2026 will return next fall. Stay tuned for more details.



## 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.

Below is a brief description of the CoPs we offer. We invite you to join any of our communities of practice that are relevant to you and your work.

Please send us an email at [info@casc-accs.com](mailto:info@casc-accs.com) and let us know which group you'd like to join. If you're not sure which community of practice is best for you, let us know and we'd be happy to help.

### > Ji-misawaabandaaming (positive window shopping for the future)

**Next meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 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, DECEMBER 16, 2025 at 3PM (EST)****Theme: *Research and Evaluation with Katrina Pisani (Science North)***

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.

Join the email list

**> National Environmental Learning Leaders CoP****Next Meeting: MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 at 1PM 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****Next meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 10 AM PT/ 11 PM MT/ 12 PM CT/ 1 PM ET/ 2 PM AT/ 2:30 PM NT****Theme: Topic: *Navigating Misinformation and AI in the Digital Age with Dr. Lai-Tze Fan***

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.

**On November 25**, CASC welcomes Dr. Lai-Tze Fan for an interactive 90-minute session featuring breakout discussions that help participants critically assess online information, spot misinformation and deepfakes, and understand biases within AI systems. Through engaging activities and practical tools, attendees will build the skills and confidence needed to navigate today's complex digital landscape with healthy skepticism.

Join the CoP

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

## > Action to Impact Funding Program Call for Proposals

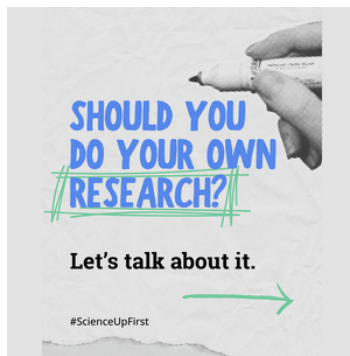
**The Action to Impact Funding Program application deadline closes on December 19 2025.**

Eligible CASC members can apply for up to two years of funding, with funding support of up to \$100,000 per year.

Please visit [our website](#) to review the program guide, new FAQ document, and a recording of the November 13 information session.

## > The Best Available Science - Perfect for Sharing

Check out some of our recent top posts, perfect for sharing on your social media channels.



## Members spotlight

### > Big Little Science Centre Science Lab: Candy Coated Science

Big Little Science Centre has teamed up with Lemon Drop Candy Shop to bring you a sweet science lab: **Candy Coated Science!**

Join them on Saturday, December 6 for a 30-minute lab where kids will test how different candy dissolves in water to uncover the secrets behind their colourful coatings. Observe, compare, and discover what makes each candy coating unique.

As a special perk, BLSC members can access tickets early and enjoy discounted ticket price. **Member tickets are \$10** using promo code MEMBER10. **Register today.**

## Opportunities

### > G7 GovAI Grand Challenge - open for proposals

Canada is proud to announce that it is hosting the **G7 GovAI Grand Challenge**, an international initiative designed to accelerate AI adoption in the public sector.

This challenge invites participants from G7 and EU countries—including students, researchers, public servants, and members of civil society, academia, and industry—to join a series of Rapid Solution Labs focused on solving real-world public sector problems using AI.

Participants will work individually or in teams to develop scalable solutions to key barriers facing governments. Selected proposals may receive up to \$10,000 CAD in support, with dedicated funding streams available for participants aged 13-17 and 18-29 years old.

The challenge is open from November 17 to December 1, 2025. Visit their [webpage](#) for more information and updates on this exciting opportunity.

### > **WWEST STEM Survey**

The Westcoast Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WWEST) team at UBC Okanagan is conducting research on methods to increase STEM engagement. Under the purview of Dr. Jennifer Jakobi, NSERC Chair for Women in Science, this is an especially important opportunity for women in STEM to share their positive experiences and what they feel helped the most in choosing a STEM path, by [completing a short survey](#).

**The deadline to complete the survey is December 1, 2025.**

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### **OUR MISSION**

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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