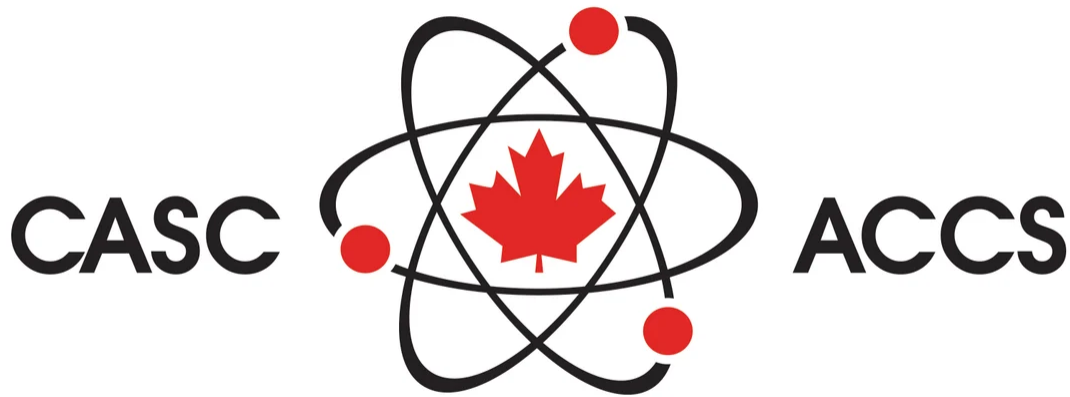


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Dear Siena,

Before you dive into this month's newsletter, I want to wish everyone across the CASC network a wonderful summer! While many of you are welcoming visitors, delivering camps, and engaging communities during one of your busiest seasons, the CASC team is looking ahead to an exciting fall.

We're thrilled about everything on the horizon – from reconnecting with members at **Canada Night during ASTC**, to launching our new **Futurist in Residence** program, and preparing for another inspiring **Science Literacy Week** this October.

There's so much to look forward to, and we're excited to continue building momentum together. Until then, enjoy the summer, and thank you for all you do to spark curiosity and inspire science engagement in communities across Canada.

Thank you,
Dr. Marianne Mader
CEO, CASC

Nominations Now Open! Join the CASC Board of Directors

The Canadian Association of Science Centres' Board of Directors are recruiting new board members for terms beginning at our AGM on September 24, 2026. This is an exciting leadership role that will help shape the future of informal science engagement in Canada.

Self-nominations are encouraged. The nominee must be a current CASC Individual member or staff of a STEM Engagement Organization member or Industry Member.

If you are interested, please complete this [form](#) by August 6, 2026.

For follow-up questions or require further information, please reach out to info@casc-accs.com.



CASC is thrilled to be hosting our highly anticipated *Canada Night* at the 2025 ASTC conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The event will take place at the award-winning **Little Rituals Bar**, located in the Residence Inn by Marriott hotel.

Join us, along with our Canadian and honorary Canadian colleagues, to celebrate this growing community of thought leaders and game changers.

Enjoy delicious cocktails and plenty of food while building meaningful connections with your CASC and ASTC colleagues.

Purchase your ticket now on our website.

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Introducing CASC's Futurist in Residence + Futures Curious Program

We are thrilled to announce the launch of CASC's first-if-it's kind Futurist in Residence with Maggie Greyson. Throughout her residency, Maggie will support CASC members as they learn how to use tools, theories, and frameworks from areas like participatory action research, futures studies, and systems thinking.

During this kick off event, CASC Members will:

- Look at case studies of futures-oriented museums from around the world, such as the Museum of the Future in Dubai, the Museum of Tomorrow in Rio de Janeiro, and MOD. museum of discovery in Australia.
- Help shape the programming for the monthly Futures Curious online sessions.
- Be invited to sign up to collaborate on developing scenarios for the Futures of Science Cultures.

The future is not set in stone. By learning how to imagine possible futures together, we can design and work toward a better world for humans and all of our relations.

Register now to join the kick off of Maggie's year-long residency.



This year we are thrilled to be working closely with Science Pour Tous and Actua to help spread the word about Science Literacy Week! Together, we will shine a brighter light on science culture across Canada.

We've created **these posters** for you to showcase your Science Literacy Week. All you need is a free Canva account, and you can add your own text to them for your event or

resource! Got questions? Reach out to us at info@casc-accs.com.

Visit our website to stay up to date on Science Literacy Week events across the country.

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 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.

> Educators and Programmers CoP

Our community of practice will be taking a break for the summer and returning for our 2026-2027 season starting on September 22, 2026.

We're really looking forward to the lineup of presentations scheduled for this upcoming year. **Email us at info@casc-accs.com and we will add you to our meeting invites and our communications list.**

Join the email list

> NEW! Tea with Elder Melissa Community of Practice

CASC is thrilled to introduce a new series of events for our colleagues who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

Tea with Elder Melissa builds on the foundation of CASC's Indigenous Community of Practice and represents the next stage in creating meaningful opportunities for Indigenous colleagues to connect, reflect, and support one another.

I'm interested in participating

> Science Connection CoP

Check back for more updates on our September CoP meeting

We're taking a break for August but will be back in September with our next community of practice meeting.

Join the CoP

From ScienceUp First, an initiative of CASC

> Participate in Together Against Misinformation Day!

On **October 8, 2026**, join experts, organizations, and everyday champions across Canada for one coordinated day of action as part of our Together Against Misinformation campaign.

As CASC members, you know your field, and you know the myths that need busting. That's exactly why we're asking you to participate in our video campaign: share a short clip about a piece of misinformation that frustrates you. To learn more visit the campaign page **Together Against Misinformation** to read the full brief or reach out to rachel.s@casc-accs.com for details.



That's A Wrap: TRC Calls to Action: 10 Years Later

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **TRC Calls to Action: 10 Years Later** series. It was wonderful to gather with so many members of our community for a journey of reflection, dialogue, and learning.

A very special thank you to Samantha David, Director, TREDIA Relationships and Initiatives at Ingenium for providing us with the guidance we needed to offer this series in a good way.

I need to learn more so I can be a good advocate.

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create space

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be an ally

we are all related

94 calls to action

Cheryl Wynn 74 June 2016

- The fire is lit by CASC to explore the 94 Calls to Action - hence the fire pit at the bottom. It has a bit of the TRC logo in it but I adapted it so as not to take their artwork. The 4 little people are in the 4 direction colors and represent a holistic approach to the understanding that we are all related. Plus, the little people are mischievous and like to have fun - we all need fun to do the work we do!

- The womyn sitting sipping tea is wondering how best to help. Someone in the group stated they wished they could just sit down with some tea and colleagues to explore what they could do. The book in her lap is the TRC booklet. It also hints at researching what one doesn't know to be a better ally.
- The words are a recurring theme from the two sessions. The lines coming from the mouth of Ska-gamik kwe represent speaking with a forked tongue. When the newcomers came to our land, they said we spoke with a forked tongue. Our language ties us to who we are.
- The beings in the land, on the land, and in the sky are what was also talked about - the understanding that we are not the only ones - the relationality in life.
- The orange color throughout represents the TRC to action. It is fluid and should be in everything we do.
- The colours are on purpose - brown for the land, blue for the sky and water, green and purple for healing, and red for MMIW2Sia.

Thank you again for being part of this series and for reinforcing your commitments to reconciliation. Stay tuned for more programs like this as we continue in our commitment to advancing Truth and Reconciliation.

Members spotlight

> Ontario Science Centre Reciprocal Agreement

The Ontario Science Centre is really excited to launch some great programming from the Harbourfront Centre this summer! Catch some familiar favorites and some new ones at their new summer location, before their official relaunch at Ontario Place!

Here at CASC, we are pleased to confirm that our ongoing reciprocal agreement with the OSC continues for all activities taking place at the Harbourfront Centre.

[Click here](#) for full details.

Opportunities

> Science Outreach and Engagement Grant - Citizen Science in the Natural Resources Science

The Science Outreach and Engagement Grant (SOEG) – valued at up to \$37,000 – is administered by NRCan's Science and Innovation Branch to support the outreach activities of various stakeholders on key areas of science and technology related to natural resources. The theme for the 2026-27 SOEG is "***Citizen Science in the natural resources science***".

The deadline to apply is July 31, 2026.

Learn more about the call for proposals.

Apply here.

If you have any questions, please contact the Outreach and Engagement Grant Office of the Science and Innovation Branch at soeg-ses@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca.

> **Falling Walls Science Summit 2026**

Falling Walls is one of the biggest science, research, technology and innovation conferences in the world. Being the featured country at the Falling Walls Science Summit will be a way for Canada to showcase its strengths in science, research and innovation, in support of national efforts in diversifying economic partnerships and strengthening ties with Europe.

This year's Summit presents a unique opportunity for Canada, providing a high-profile platform to highlight our strengths and internationally collaborative programming. We are developing a tailored, two-day program that will focus on Canadian policy priorities, create networking opportunities and develop international interest in what Canada has to offer.

More information on how to register can be found on the **Falling Walls website**. If you have ideas or publicity materials you would like to share with an international audience, please reach out to FallingWalls@ised-isde.gc.ca.

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