



INDIGENOUS AI GATHERING 2025

July 15-16, 2025 | Montreal



July 15: Pathways Forward: Visions for Indigenous AI

8:30am **Breakfast & Registration**

9:00am **Opening Remarks**
Elder Deborah Delisle from Kahnawà:ke

9:15am **Drumming**

9:25am **Welcome**

9:35am **Indigenous Pathfinders in AI Program**
Lynnsey Chartrand, Head of Indigenous Initiatives, Mila

9:45am **AI for Indigenous Communities (Pathfinders Pitches)**



10:15am **Break**

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11:05am **Keynote: From Learning to Leadership: Supporting Indigenous AI Talent**
Mike DeGangé, CEO, President, Indpsire

11:20am **Conversation Corners with Pathfinders Pitch Teams**

12:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm **AI for Indigenous Futures – Industry and Social Impact**
Moderator: Ryan St.Germaine
Panelists: Sara Wolfe, Marc Pepin, and Carol Anne Hilton
(50-minute panel, 15-minute Q&A)

2:05pm **Lightening Talk**
It's time to Own it: Indigenous Representation and AI in the Film Industry - Shantae Gibson, Rezolution Pictures

2:10pm **Break**



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Building Indigenous AI: Towards a Definition

2:25pm

Moderator: Geraldine King

Panelists: Vanessa Andreotti, Dana Tizya-Tramm, and Jackson Leween
(50-minute panel, 15-minute Q&A)

3:30pm

Break

3:45pm

Charting a Path: Talking Circles on Indigenous AI

Reflections

4:45pm

Jason Edward Lewis, University Research Chair and Co-director of the Abundant Intelligences Partnership, Concordia University

Networking & Cocktail

5:00pm

Featuring live music by Justin Almazan, Pathfinders in AI Program participant



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July 16: Unpacking the Layers of Indigenous AI

8:30am Breakfast & Networking

9:00am Morning Greetings

9:10am **Keynote: From Airways to Algorithms**
Peter Lucas Jones, CEO of Te Hiku Media

Data Sovereignty & Governance
Moderator: Mark Dockstator
Panelists: Aaron Franks, Fenwick McKelvey, Kristin Kozar
(60-minute session including Q&A)

11:10am Break



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AI Ethics & Indigenous Knowledges

11:25am

Moderator: Jackson Leween

Panelists: Jeff Ward, Petera Hudson, Caroline Running Wolf
(60-minute session including Q&A)

12:25pm

Lightning Talks

The Challenges of Hidden Gifts - Dane Malenfant

12:30pm

Lunch Break

1:30pm

Inclusion in AI in a Changing Economic and Political Landscape

Moderator: Mick (Okimâwâtik) Elliott

Panelists: Brandon Meawasige and Sara Diamond
(60-minute session including Q&A)

2:30pm

Lightning Talks

SAIGE - Mary Gallerneault and Garrett Hrechka

2:35pm

Break



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AI & Environmental Stewardship

Moderator: Moderator forthcoming

2:50pm

Panelists: M. Murphy, Leslie Canavera, and Tegan Maharaj
(60-minute session including Q&A)

3:50pm

Break

Indigenous Languages & AI

Moderator: Rolando Coto Solano

4:05pm

Panelists: Michael Running Wolf, Keoni Mahelona, Lisa Mesher,
and David Adelani
(60-minute session including Q&A)

5:05pm

Lightning Talks

Heritage Lab - Ali Mehdi and Lisa Mesher

5:10pm

Reflections & Next Steps

Jason Edward Lewis

5:20pm

Closing Remarks

Elder Deborah Delisle from Kahnawà:ke

Need a break?

Drop by our Crafting Room for a moment of calm and creativity, where artist Krissy Powless will be leading medicine bag making throughout the day on July 16th.