



INDIGENOUS

AI GATHERING 2026



July 16 - 17

Day 1 | July 16th

8:30 - 9:00	Registration, Networking and Light Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:10	Opening	Elder Deborah Delisle
9:10 - 9:15	Introduction	MC: Mick Elliott
9:15 - 9:25	Drumming/Singing	Kwena Mayo
9:25 - 9:35	Welcome to the Gathering	Forthcoming
9:35 - 9:40	Milestones & Horizons: The Pathfinders Year 3 Showcase	Lynnsey Chartrand
9:40 - 10:25	Pitches Indigenous Pathfinders in AI	Pathfinders Students
10:25 - 10:40	Break	
10:40 - 11:25	Digital Futures: Engaging Indigenous Youth in AI	Moderator: Lissa Matyas Panelists: Christine M'Lot, Joel Gamache and Danielle Boyer
11:25 - 12:00	Keynote Data has Descendants: Indigenous Data Lifecycles and Stewardship	Krystle Tsosie
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (Crafting room by Native Montreal)	
13:00 - 13:10	Winning Pitch Announced & Certificate Ceremony	Forthcoming
13:10 - 13:55	Fireside Chat Kindling the Future: Lessons from the Tech Journey	Moderator: Sara Wolfe Speakers: Michael Running Wolf and Keoni Mahelona
13:55 - 14:50	From Extraction to Ownership: Building Indigenous AI Markets	Moderator: Ryan St. Germaine Panelists: Althea Wishloff, Darian Hirst and Brian Ritchie
14:50 - 15:00	Spotlight Session Salmon Vision: Indigenous Co-Development and Ownership of AI Technology to Support Wild Salmon Stewardship	Will Atlas and Jeremy Jorgenson
15:00 - 15:15	Break	



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15:15 - 15:30	Spotlight Session Wâsikan Kisewâtisiwin	Shani Gwin
15:30 - 16:15	Arctic Intelligence: Navigating Northern Challenges and Opportunities with AI	Moderator: Ali Lang Panelists: Natasha MacDonald, Lyle Fabian and Jasmine Redfern
16:15 - 16:20	Lightning Talk Polarctic	Leslie Canavera
16:20	Throat Singing and Cocktail	Nina Segalowitz

Day 2 | July 17th

8:30 - 9:00	Registration, Networking and Light Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:05	Welcome	MC: Mick Elliot
9:05 - 9:10	Lightning Talk Out of the Cloud and into the Community: How the AI Conversation Changes When We Own the Stack	Gary Joseph
9:10 - 9:55	Mapping Abundance: Advancing Indigenous AI Through Connected Research	Moderator: Hugo Larochelle Panelists: Jackson 2Bears, Sean Hillier, Danica Pawlick-Potts, and Kari Noe
9:55 - 10:10	Spotlight Session An Indigenous Framework for Editing Indigenous Stories	Petera Hudson
10:10 - 10:25	Break	
10:25 - 11:20	Collaboration Beyond Borders: How Grassroots Networks Are Reshaping AI	Moderator: Alejandro Mayoral Baños Panelists: Peter-Lucas Jones, Eliane Ubalijoro and Caroline Running Wolf
11:20 - 11:50	Keynote Ancestral Imagination: Art and Algorithms	Solomon Enos
11:50 - 12:00	A Collective Zine: Mapping Our Futures on Paper	Emilee Bews
12:00 - 13:20	Lunch (Zine)	
13:20 - 14:05	Walking Together: Reciprocity and Respect in AI Development	Moderator: Shingai Manjengwa Panelists: Elissa Strome, Jacqueline Ottmann and Jonathan Dewar



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14:05 - 14:15	Break	
14:15 - 14:20	Lightning Talk Cybercloud AI	Teena Starlight
14:20 - 15:05	Seven Generations: The AI Governance Challenge	Moderator: Taylor Sparklingeyes Panelists: Jeff Ward, George Lafond and Dana Tizya-Tramm
15:05 - 15:15	Final Remarks and Thank You's	Benjamin Prud'homme
15:15	Elder Closing	Deborah Delisle

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