



# INDIGENOUS AI GATHERING 2026



July 16 - 17

## Day 1 | July 16th

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



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

## Day 2 | July 17th

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



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

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