

WASAN ISLAND – AGENDA 2016

1. June 2016

Building a Smart and Caring Muskoka for Children and Youth

In this one day workshop a group of experts, community leaders and philanthropists are being invited to discuss and design a framework for action that will address issues facing children and youth in Muskoka.

In collaboration with Muskoka Community Foundation

Contact: Lynn DeCaro: info@muskokacommunityfoundation.ca

3.– 8. June 2016

Constructive Journalism

The goal of this convening is to rally support for constructive journalism, also known as solutions journalism, in Canada. Potential funders, journalists and editors will explore possibilities to collaborate, not only across Canada but also with international partners.

In collaboration with The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation

Contact: Laurence Miall: lmiall@mccconnellfoundation.ca

12.– 14. June 2016

Building A Community Foundation Movement

Strengthening existing connections among our people, places and shared values makes us stronger organizations and partners. This gathering invites staff who are new to community foundations from across our movement to come together to connect, be energized and learn more about our work.

In collaboration with Community Foundations of Canada

Contact: Andrea Dicks: adicks@communityfoundations.ca

16.– 17. June 2016

Co-working and collaboration spaces

Members from the philanthropic and non-profit sectors who are actively developing new co-working environments are exploring the importance of place and culture in unlocking cross-organizational collaboration, knowledge-sharing and partnership.

In collaboration with Community Foundations of Canada

Contact: JP Bervoets: jbervoets@communityfoundations.ca

25.– 29. June 2016

Indigenous Innovation Demonstration Fund

A variety of stakeholders will be brought together to do long-term strategic planning around the structure and design of the newly created Indigenous Innovation Demonstration Fund (IIDF), which is expected to unlock much-needed funding and capacity supports for early stage, high potential Indigenous social innovation projects and/or Indigenous social enterprises.

In collaboration with The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation and The National Association of Friendship Centres

Contact: Nicole McDonald: nmcdonald@mccconnellfoundation.ca

4. – 8. July 2016

Team Community Foundations of Canada (CoC)

The staff teams of CoC will be reflecting on their organizational journey so far; renewing their energy, plans and focus; and taking full advantage of the Wasan experience to reboot themselves both personally and professionally for the journey that lies ahead.

In collaboration with Community Foundations of Canada

Contact: Andrea Dicks: adicks@communityfoundations.ca

15. – 17. July 2016

BMW Foundation: Accountability Lab

To solve our collective global challenges it is essential that people in power are held responsible for decisions. This session with the Accountability Lab will bring together global experts to explore how we can build a youth movement for integrity– and bring about a generational shift towards accountability.

In collaboration with the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt

Contact: Anika Büchele: Anika.Buechele@bmw-stiftung.de

19. – 22. July 2016

Ingredients for a Canadian Pro Bono Marketplace

Key players will come together to discuss the benefits, challenges, and potential outcomes to develop next steps in creating a Pro Bono marketplace in Canada.

In collaboration with BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt and The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation

Contact: Allyson Hewitt: ahewitt@marsdd.com

24. – 27. July 2016

RECODE – Field Building: Supporting Social Innovation in Higher Education

A group of post-secondary education leaders, philanthropists and community organizations will surface the drivers, barriers, and key determinants of supporting a culture and practice of social innovation in higher education. The group will also identify points of convergence and collaboration.

In collaboration with The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, and Ashoka Canada

Contact: Chad Lubelsky: clubelsky@mccconnellfoundation.ca

4. – 7. August 2016

Transatlantic Core Group

In a dialogue process to revive and strengthen the transatlantic relations between Germany and the USA, young executives from all sectors actively advocate to identify new topics relevant for both sides of the Atlantic and develop common solution approaches.

In collaboration with BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Atlantic Council and The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Contact: Anika Büchele: Anika.Buechele@bmw-stiftung.de

9. – 13. August 2016

The Wasan Dialogues on Creative Place Making

A retreat and inspiration to explore place, placemaking and our stories connected to place. *In collaboration with Michael Jones and The Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement*

Contact: Volker Hann: hann@breuninger-stiftung.de

16. – 20. August 2016

Research and Development for Social Sector

The social purpose sector needs to become as innovative as possible to achieve better outcomes, but without an effective R&D engine we are operating at a sub-optimal level. This session will explore how to operate an R&D engine for the social purpose sector. *In collaboration with MaRS Discovery District, The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation and SiG – Social Innovation Generation*

Contact: Vinod Rajasekaran: vinod@sigeneration.ca

23. – 26. August 2016

Prelude to CU Expo 2017: Designing Smart and Caring Communities

As part of the planning for CU Expo 2017 (a biannual conference that explores the edge of community-college-university partnerships as catalysts for social innovation), this session will design a series of activities that facilitate Canadian community organizations and post-secondary institutions to take catalytic collaborative actions that support community well-being. *In collaboration with The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, Simon Fraser University and Community Foundations of Canada*

Contact: Chad Lubelsky: clubelsky@mccconnellfoundation.ca

1. – 3. September 2016

Student Centered Learning

How can Simulation Training Tools help teachers and parents to implement new methods and research into their daily practice. A German approach is being discussed with Canadian experts and authorities.

In collaboration with the Helga Breuninger Foundation and the Leadership Foundation for Professional Learning and Global Education

Contact: Volker Hann: hann@breuninger-stiftung.de

6. – 9. September 2016

McConnell: SIX Group

Social Innovation Exchange (SIX) is hosting this international retreat of leading philanthropic funders and practitioner-partners to explore a) how organisations create conditions for systems change and b) how to build up the skills and capabilities to do systems change.

In collaboration with The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation and SiG – Social Innovation Generation

Contact: Tim Dramin: tim@sigeneration.ca

11. – 16. September 2016

Belonging in Societies Where Borders are Changing

Why do people feel a sense of belonging and assume responsibility for their family, community or society? How do communities grow together? In this workshop, Canadian and German foundations, community organizations and scholars will explore their impact on public, private and non-profit sectors. *In collaboration with Community Foundations of Canada and Germany*

Contact: Andrea Dicks: adicks@communityfoundations.ca

18. – 21. September 2016

Canadian Chapter Reunion

The BMW Foundation Chapter Program is seeking to promote cross-sector cooperation and contribute to social change by providing space for creative ideas and enabling new forms of social engagement. Responsible leaders from the United States, Canada, the UK, Brazil, India and France meet to clarify and map a model of involvement. *In collaboration with BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt*

Contact: Anika Büchele: Anika.Buechele@bmw-stiftung.de

22. – 24. September 2016

McConnell Family Foundation Board Retreat

In collaboration with The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation

Contact: John Cawley: jcawley@mccconnellfoundation.ca

25. – 30. September 2016

Community Foundations of Canada

This retreat will explore opportunities to utilize collective and individual knowledge, skills and creativity to not only mark Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017, but also build momentum into the decade that follows.

In collaboration with Community Foundations of Canada

Contact: Andrea Dicks: adicks@communityfoundations.ca

2. – 8. October 2016

J.W. McConnell Family Foundation – Indigenous Initiatives

This initiative will promote collaboration between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, investing in the power of deliberation and imagination to inspire dialogue, understanding and change.

In collaboration with The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation

Contact: Nicole McDonald: nmcdonald@mccconnellfoundation.ca