

AGENDA

THEME: The Future of Future Skills: Innovation, Collaboration, and Results

The mandate of future skills with its focus on preparing the workforce for a changing and technologically driven economy provides an opportunity for university continuing education leaders to participate in discussion, share best practices relating to the needs of adult learners and engage in the policy discourse. Key drivers of success will relate to the development of *innovative* approaches in programming and delivery; *collaboration* across post-secondary institutions and with business, industry and labour organizations and the ability to measure *results* through meaningful data collection.

Thursday, February 27, 2020		
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Hot Breakfast Buffet	<i>Barclay Room</i> Network: TBA Password: TBA
8:30 am	President's Welcome – Heather McRae	<i>Barclay Room</i>
8:30 – 10:00 am	<p>2-Minute Speed Round Table Reports*</p> <p>Topic: Focus 2020 – What do you anticipate will be your biggest challenge and your greatest opportunity this year.</p> <p>Open Mike or What I Need to Know is... Bring along your 'burning question'. If there is time after the speed roundtable discussion we will have an open mike.</p> <p>* Your comments will be timed so that we finish on time.</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
10:00 – 10:30 am	Nutrition & Networking Break	<i>Barclay Room</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>The Future of Future Skills: Innovation</p> <p>Presenter: Kelly Gallagher-Mackay, Director, Research & Evaluation Future Skills Centre</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch and Networking	<i>Barclay Room</i>
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<p>The Future of Future Skills: Collaboration</p> <p>Presenters: Wendy Therrien, Director, External Relations and Research Brian Pepin, Senior Government Relations Officer, Universities Canada</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Nutrition & Networking Break	
3:00 – 4:30 pm	<p>The Future of Future Skills: Results</p> <p>Presenters: Matthew McKeen, Director, Education and Skills Conference Board of Canada Valerie Walker, CEO, Business/Higher Education Roundtable (BEHR)</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Reception and Cash Bar	<i>Mayfair Room</i>

Friday, February 28, 2020

8:30 – 10:00 am	<p>Breakfast Networking Meeting</p> <p>Round Table Discussions</p> <p>Table Hosts: Executive Committee Members</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am	<p>Refreshment Break</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
10:15 – 11:15 am	<p>The Future of Future Skills: What is our role?</p> <p>Group Discussion</p> <p>Facilitator: Carola Weil, Dean, School of Continuing Studies, McGill University</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
11:15 – 12:00 pm	<p>Institutional Data Collection</p> <p>Group Discussion</p> <p>Facilitator: Michelle Fach, Executive Director Open Learning and Educational Support, University of Guelph</p>	
12:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>CAUCE Business and Updates</p> <p>Conference Planning Update – Sheila LeBlanc</p> <p>CE101 Update – Ian Allen, Aldo Caputo</p> <p>CAUCE Business and Closing Remarks – Heather McRae</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<p>Lunch</p>	<i>Barclay Room</i>
1:30 pm	<p>Safe Travels!</p>	

NOTE: All special dietary requests have been reported to the hotel. If you have allergies/dietary restrictions, please see the hotel's banquet servers.

Following the meeting, you will receive an email message containing an invitation code to participate in the online evaluation. Please take a few minutes to complete the questions. We appreciate your comments and feedback as they will help us plan for next year.

BIOS

Kelly Gallagher-Mackay, Director of Research and Evaluation, Future Skills Centre



Dr. Kelly Gallagher-Mackay is the Director, Research & Evaluation at the Future Skills Centre. She has experience in academic, non-profit, and government sectors. She was most recently an Assistant Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Previous experience includes serving as Director of Research for People for Education, a non-profit research and advocacy organization with a focus on how public schools can prepare students for an uncertain future, and co-founding and working as Northern Director of Akitsiraq Law School, an innovative, fully-accredited LL.B. program for Inuit in Nunavut.

Wendy Therrien, Director, External Relations and Research, Universities Canada



Wendy Therrien is director, external relations and research at Universities Canada, leading the government relations, international and public policy work of the association. She is responsible for overseeing the development and execution of the organization's strategies to advance member interests in priority areas including: research and innovation; skills and talent; Indigenous education; international mobility; and equity, diversity and inclusion. Through her engagement with officials, Wendy promotes the important role Canada's universities play in addressing the priorities of Canadians. Ms. Therrien joined Universities Canada in January 2017.

Prior to joining Universities Canada, Ms. Therrien worked at the Canadian Network for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Colleges and Institutes Canada and World Vision Canada. She was responsible for overseeing a team of professionals involved in diverse activities including public policy engagement and government relations.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (Political Science) from McMaster University, a Master of Arts in political science from York University and a Bachelor of Social Work from McGill University.

Brian Pépin, Senior Government Relations Officer, Universities Canada



Brian Pépin is a senior government relations officer at Universities Canada, focused on the association's policy and advocacy work related to skills and talent. As a member of Universities Canada's external relations and research team, Brian also helps advance the association's overall advocacy priorities pertaining to higher education, research and innovation.

Brian re-joined Universities Canada in January 2019. He previously held government relations, issues coordination and member relations roles at the organization from 2013 to 2016.

Prior to re-joining Universities Canada, Brian worked for University Alliance, a higher education membership association in the United Kingdom, on teaching, learning and skills policy. He has also previously worked for the Government of Canada.

Brian holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree in political science from the University of Ottawa and a Master of Public Administration degree from Queen's University.

Matthew McKeen, Director, Education and Skills, Conference Board of Canada



Dr. Matthew McKeen is Director, Education and Skills (#FutureSkills) and a member of the Conference Board of Canada's Senior Leadership Team. He leads research, business development, knowledge mobilization, and stakeholder relations, including the Council of University Executives (CUE), a pan-Canadian network of Provosts and Vice-Presidents.

He was part of the Ryerson University, Conference Board, Blueprint consortium team that was selected to set up and run the Future Skills Centre, a multi-year initiative funded by the Government of Canada's Future Skills program, and leads the Conference Board's Future Skills Centre portfolio. He is also the Future Skills Centre's Observer on the Future Skills Council.

Matthew writes for a wide audience on a diverse range of topics. In addition to reports on education and skills, his writing has appeared in *The Globe & Mail*, *The Conversation (Canada)*, *The National Post*, *The Toronto Star*, *The Ottawa Citizen*, *The Hill Times*, *rabble.ca*, *Popmatters*, *This Magazine*, and *Exclaim!*

Matthew holds a PhD in History from Queen's University, Kingston, and is an Adjunct Research Professor in the Department of History at Carleton University. He is a board member of the Ottawa International Writer's Festival and the National Advisory Committee for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Education.

Val Walker, CEO, Business/Higher Education Roundtable (BEHR)



Val Walker leads the Business/Higher Education Roundtable (BHER). Made up of Canadian companies, post-secondary institutions, BHER works to support young Canadians as they transition from education to the workplace, strengthen research collaboration between industry and institutions, and help Canadian employers and workers adapt to the economy of the future.

Beyond this work, Val serves as co-chair of the Future Skills Council – a group established by the Government of Canada to advise on national and regional skills development and training priorities. She also speaks and advises regularly on innovation and talent.

Prior to taking over BHER, Val was the Director of Policy at Mitacs. She holds a PhD from McGill University and is an alumna of the Government of Canada's Recruitment of Policy Leaders Program.