



CONNECTING LEADERS

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Members and Friends
are invited to join us
to learn from and engage
with these exceptional
keynote speakers

October 21 - 22, 2021

The 2021 Connecting
Leaders Conference is a
virtual experience that
can be shared in hubs with
colleagues in your district.



Healing With Laughter

An Indigenous comedian and member of Eel River Bar First Nation, Candy's comedic storytelling and unique style of stand-up comedy brings audiences to tears as she captivates with both humour and solemn emotion. Candy speaks about gay rights, Indigenous rights, the power of language, diversity, and equity. The core of Candy's presentations is her crucial message of love, kindness, and self-acceptance, drawing on personal stories and her experiences both as a lawyer and a professional comedian. Healing with Laughter is serious medicine.

Candy is a renowned Canadian orator, actor, writer, activist and multiple award-winning TV and radio personality who has executive produced three films on Mi'kmaw culture.

Candy
Palmater



Nouman Ashraf

Nouman Ashraf is an Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, within the Organizational Behavior area, and the Director of Diversity and Inclusion initiatives at the Rotman School of Management.

The Leadership Stimulus Package: A Call to All Leaders

Over the past few months, there has been a timely call for greater demonstration of organizational commitment to — and capacity for — putting a strategic lens on the work of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

This important imperative constitutes the backbone of a leadership stimulus package that is necessary to raise important questions about how leaders can address societal inequity and, at the same time, seize opportunities for greater organizational inclusion at all levels. In this highly interactive session, Professor Nouman Ashraf will offer five key insights on how leaders can assemble such a leadership stimulus package.

The Power of Conversation

Anna Maria Tremonti believes in the power of conversation — when it's fun, and when it's tough. She also believes that language matters and that "It takes leaders to ensure there is conversation".

Through decades of journalism, she has learned what to ask, and how to listen, so that voices can be shared in the effort to be transparent and to unite people in understanding. Anna Maria will share insights and ideas on how to use conversation to foster connections and equity as we all navigate change and upheaval.



A masterful storyteller, Anna Maria hosted Canada's most popular radio program *The Current* for 17 years. This former foreign correspondent and two-time Gemini Award winner is now producing original podcasts that will illuminate, challenge, and surprise.

Anna Maria Tremonti

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CONNECTING LEADERS

Thursday October 21

7:00 pm

Friday October 22

8:30 am

Early Bird Fees

Until September 10, 2021

Active Member: \$225.00 + GST

Non-Member: \$300.00 + GST

September 11 - October 20, 2021

Active Member: \$275.00 + GST

Non-Member: \$350.00 + GST

INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

