

# Symposium Agenda

## Wednesday May 17 at MacEwan

	Event
7:45	<b>Registration</b>
8:15	<b>Opening Prayer, Welcome to Treaty 6</b>
8:30	<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Poem from Youth Poet Laureate Nasra Adem</b>
8:45	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Alberta Human Rights Chief Commissioner Robert Philp
9:00	<b>The Outside Circle: Overcoming Intergenerational Trauma</b> Dr Patti Laboucane-Benson brings her personal and professional experience as a scholar and author to offer a path of reconciliation and empathy.
10:00	<b>Performance by CRIPSIE (The Collaborative Radically Integrated Performers Society in Edmonton)</b> CRIPSIE challenges dominant stories of disability and other forms of oppression, through high-quality crip and mad performance art, video art, public education, and outreach programs.
10:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:30	<b>Circles of Influence: Darrin Hagen</b> Canadian Q Hall of Fame inductee Darrin Hagen shares his insights on life as a gay activist and performer in his own inimitable style.
10:45	<b>Panel Discussion: Progress and Pushback: Sexual &amp; Gender Diversity in 2017</b> Speakers: Dr. Kris Wells, Marni Panas, Duncan Kinney; Moderator: Forrest Maridas
11:30	<b>Circles of Influence: Massey Whiteknife</b> A 2-Spirited Indigenous entrepreneur in the oilpatch shares his journey from despair to role model.
12:00	<b>Lunch</b> Speaker: Honourable Stephanie McLean, Minister, Status of Women provides a progress report on what the ministry is doing to increase gender equality in Alberta.
1:00	<b>Building a Better Brain and Busting Myths</b> Keynote Speaker Dr. Nicole Sherren speaks in plain English to explain how early brain and biological development affects our lives. Her presentation creates empathy by showing how children's experiences shape their brains, offering insights to predict and address addictions and other negative physical and mental health outcomes.
2:00	<b>Panel Discussion: The LGBTQ Refugee Experience</b> Speakers: Corey Wyness and Dr. Junaid Jahangir, and Adebayo Katiito. Moderator: Michael Phair
3:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
3:15	<b>Women's Political Impact: Why Electing Women Makes a Difference</b> Speaker: Dr. Jane Arscott.
3:30	<b>Panel Discussion: Women in Politics</b> Exploring the ways that women contribute to the political landscape when they're elected to a seat at the table. Panelists: Edmonton City Councillor Bev Esslinger, Alberta Labour Minister The Honourable Christina Gray, MLA Sandra Jansen, Mayor of Morinville Lisa Holmes; Moderator: Jackie Foord, CEO YWCA Edmonton,
4:30	<b>Queen of the Oil Patch: A Performance by Iceis Rain &amp; Wrap Up of Day 1</b>
5:00	<b>Wine &amp; Cheese Reception (Optional)</b> Cash bar & free appetizers
6:00	<b>Empowering Girls Through Dance</b> Running Thunder Dancers, Inyambo Dance Club, & Usha Kala Niketan Dance Group



# Thursday May 18 at NAIT

	Event
8:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:00	<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Poem from Youth Poet Laureate Nasra Adem</b>
9:15	<b>Child Pornography &amp; the Sharing of Intimate Images: A Prosecutor's Perspective</b> Crown Prosecutor Keith Nicholls
9:45	<b>Circles of Impact: From Surviving to Thriving</b> Author Deborah Kinisky shares her life story.
10:00	<b>Panel Discussion: Social Media: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly</b> Panelists: Jesse Lipscombe, Corinne Ofstie, Dr Kris Wells; Moderator: Deb Tomlinson
10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00	<b>Panel Discussion: Social media part II: Changing the Conversation Around Sexual Assault</b> Panelists: Danielle Campbell (Don't Be That Guy), Deb Tomlinson (I Believe You), Master Warrant Officer Suzanne McAdam; Moderator: Allison Downey-Damato.
11:30	<b>Circles of Impact: Cultural Connection</b> Adrian LaChance and Quintella Wood, two former prisoners who battled drug addiction, share their inspirational stories of the transformational power of empathy in cultural connection. They are joined by RCMP Constable Andrea Nadeau of Project KARE and Mike Sutherland, Corrections Transition Team with Alberta Health Services; Moderator: Jan Fox
12:15	<b>Lunch</b>
12:45	<b>Philosophy For Children Alberta</b> "Adventures in ideas for curious children" Audience members will participate in an activity to facilitate critical thought and build communities of inquiry.
1:15	<b>Circles of Impact: We're All Part of Someone's Circle</b> Ellie Hamilton talks from the heart about the impact of circles on her life and explores the ways that gender identity impacts one's relationship with school, parents, friends, acquaintances, doctors, and coworkers.
1:45	<b>This Is Not A Passport Photo</b> Stephanie Simpson and Basel Abou Hamrah present a short film which follows the Canadian photographer as she takes photos for resettled families. A Q&A with the film-maker and participant will follow.
2:15	<b>Final Thoughts</b> Dr. Nicole Sherrin pulls together everything we've explored over the past two days and puts it in the context of brain development.
2:45	<b>Looking To The Future: Edmonton as a Leader of Human Rights</b> Panelists: Bishop Jane Alexander, April Eve Wiberg, Dr Kris Wells & Daniet Gebre Kidane.; Moderator: Satya Das
3:15	<b>Nehiyawak Drummers and Closing Remarks</b>