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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL - LE GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL



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As patron, I am pleased to send warm greetings to the members and partners of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada.

It is always a pleasure to see how enthusiastic young Canadians are to learn about our country and the world around them. Our shared future is in their hands, for they will one day take the helm of leadership.

Thanks to programs like the Forum for Young Canadians, our future leaders have the opportunity to debate key issues and learn about national politics and the inner workings of government through the very thing that nourishes democracy the most: engagement and participation.

For the past 40 years, the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada has been helping to build a smarter, more caring nation. Congratulations to the entire team on reaching this milestone, and thank you for your remarkable work!

David Johnston

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du Patrimoine canadien



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Notre gouvernement veut aider les jeunes à s'investir pleinement dans la société afin qu'ils puissent s'épanouir et participer à la vie de leur communauté. Voilà ce qu'accomplit la Fondation pour l'étude des processus de gouvernement au Canada grâce à son Forum pour jeunes Canadiens.

En quarante ans, le Forum a permis à plus de 20 000 élèves de partout au pays de faire une incursion dans le monde de la politique et des affaires publiques canadiennes. En tant qu'ancienne participante, je sais que le Forum aide les jeunes à mieux se connaître et à jouer un rôle actif dans notre société.

À titre de ministre du Patrimoine canadien, je salue le travail de la Fondation pour l'étude des processus de gouvernement au Canada. Merci à tous ceux qui assurent la tenue du Forum pour jeunes Canadiens depuis maintenant 40 ans.

Our government wants to help young people become fully engaged in society so that they can achieve their potential and take part in the life of their community. This is something the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada accomplishes through its Forum for Young Canadians.

Over the past four decades, the Forum has allowed more than 20,000 students from all across the country to make a foray into the world of Canadian politics and public affairs. As a former participant, I know that the Forum helps young people get to know themselves better and play an active role in our society.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I salute the efforts of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada. Many thanks to everyone who has helped make the Forum for Young Canadians possible for the past 40 years.

L'honorable / The Honourable Mélanie Joly

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With total confidence, I can state that the 40th year of Forum for Young Canadians was a complete success. In my message last year I said that, for this 40th anniversary, we would have to celebrate our history while also building for our future. One year later, the future is bright! At its inception, the Foundation adopted a formula: To bring together interested and engaged young people from across Canada to participate in an informative and constructive study of their national institutions. Our experience since then has shown that this is a successful format. The obvious value of the Foundation's programs has drawn enthusiastic financial, moral and intellectual support from all sectors: Public Service, politics, academia and business.

The Foundation and the government have established a relationship of more than 40 years. We are very grateful for this continuing opportunity to collaborate. We see ourselves as one of the main programs whose mission is to educate the youth leaders of Canada. Those who participate – more than 20,000 people so far – have received significant benefits from Forum. They learn a lot, thanks to the educational aspect of the program, which remains the main objective of the Foundation. They become better informed and more engaged citizens, which is in the best interest of Canada. Over the past 40 years, our alumni have become very active all over the country. Some take part in political decision making by being elected to Parliament, others work in embassies, the public service, or occupy prime positions in the corporate and industrial sectors.

The 2015-2016 program year was extremely successful for the Forum team. There may have been

several reasons for this. Was it the wave of freshness of a new government? The direct involvement of many former participants? The record participation of Members of Parliament in our sessions? The huge number of applicants, which exceeded all expectations? These successes are certainly due to the combination of all of our efforts, for which we are proud and very grateful. This year, 337 students from across the country made their way to Ottawa to network, learn about politics and government, and make their voices heard in a positive and safe environment.

During the past 40 years, the Foundation has been fortunate to have had dedicated volunteers, staff, directors, administrators and alumni. Few people who have had contact with the Foundation over the years have not been impressed with its important work. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank our partners, Exchanges Canada, Elections Canada, Egg Farmers of Canada, Chicken Farmers of Canada, Bombardier, and all of our other sponsors for their support. I would also like to thank His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, the Minister of Canadian Heritage; the Honourable Melanie Joly, the Speakers of the Senate and House of Commons; the Honourable George J. Furey and the Honourable Geoff Regan.

When I look ahead, I am confident that we will have all the support, leadership and enthusiasm to continue offering to young Canadians, for many more years.

Justine Hendricks, Chair



From Left: Val Amigo, Manager of Operations, Zachary Voth, Project Officer, Catherine McDonald, Manager of Programs and Outreach, Sandra Sawers, Director of Stakeholder Relations.

The 40th anniversary of the Forum for Young Canadians was celebrated in unique and engaging ways throughout 2015-2016.

With a significant increase in the numbers of student applications from across the country we were able to deliver highly informative and interactive Forum sessions to a diverse representation of Canadian youth.

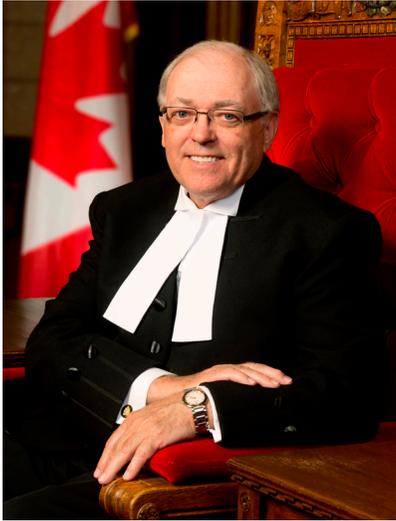
The extended Forum community also grew in many ways as we focused our efforts on connecting and building relationships with government, sponsors, partners and our ever increasing alumni base. With two visits from the Prime Minister and a record number of parliamentarians and partners engaging with

the program this year, we seek to build and follow up on the innovative outreach initiatives and collaborative partnering opportunities we encountered.

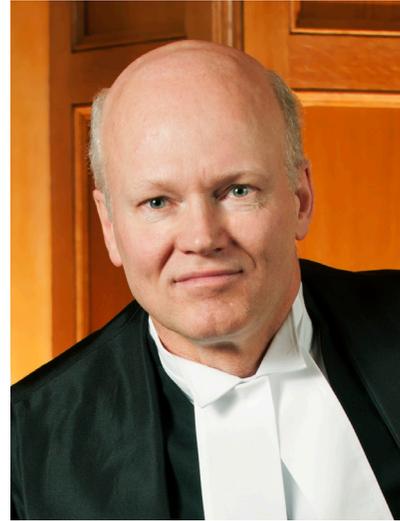
Forum staff attended several community events and worked diligently to increase the visibility of the program by promoting Forum's impact over the past 40 years. We hope our efforts will provide the inspiration and tools for young leaders to engage in their own communities.

The Forum team would like to thank all of our members, friends, alumni, volunteers, partners and sponsors for their continued support of the Forum for Young Canadians program and invite you to join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.





The Honourable George J. Furey, Senator
Speaker of the Senate



The Honourable Geoff Regan, MP
Speaker of the House of Commons

We are honoured and grateful for the opportunity
to walk the halls of Parliament





The Foundation's goal is to foster and promote an understanding among young Canadians of the role and function of Canada's three levels of democratic government, while promoting awareness of the meaning of Canadian citizenship.

For 40 years The Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada has devoted itself to fostering leadership skills in young Canadians, to demystifying the political process, and to helping youth get their voices heard.

Forum for Young Canadians, the Foundation's flagship program, provides youth, ages 15 - 19,

with first-hand access to the minds, the procedures and the energy of Parliament Hill. It also creates a community among the like-minded leaders of tomorrow. It's a chance for students to network, to get more comfortable with a second language, and to translate the skills they've learned into real community action.

Today, over 20,000 Canadian students have stood on the steps of Parliament Hill to have their traditional group photo taken and engage in the "Forum experience".

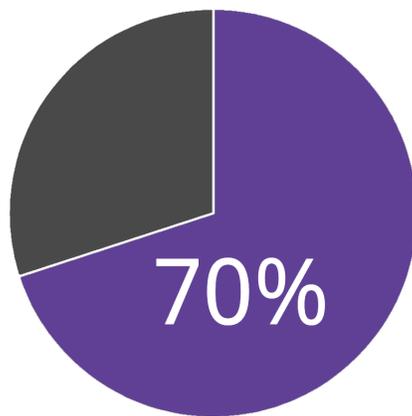


Forum 2016 by the Numbers

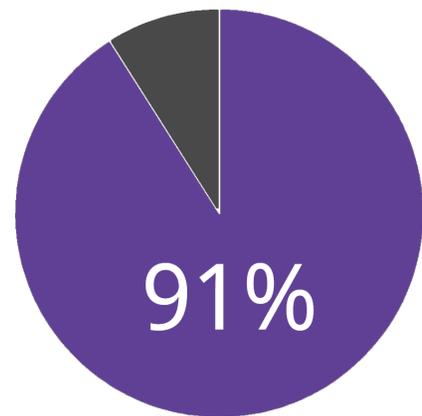


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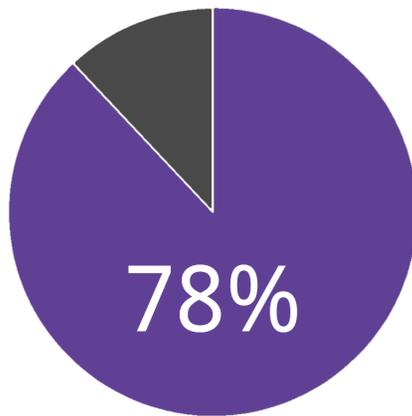
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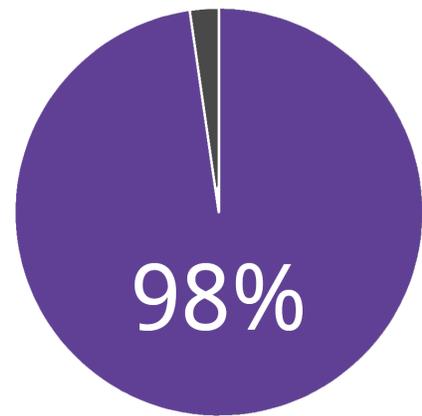
of participants got to meet their Member of Parliament



of participants said they made a new connection



of participants said they learned something new



of activity ratings were "satisfied" or "very satisfied"

Dr. Ruth Bell

Forum would like to honour Dr. Ruth Bell, who served on the Board of Directors as a Trustee from 1975-1982 and as the Chair from 1977-1979. We thank Dr. Bell for her contribution as a founding member of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada, and for her legacy of service and dedication. She passed away on December 26, 2015.



Dr. Ruth Bell at the Foundation's 1978 AGM, with Past Chair, the Honourable Léo Cadieux.



Past Chairs Dr. Ruth Bell and James Ross Hurley with Chair Justine Hendricks at the Foundation's 2014 AGM.

Jordan Caldwell



The Forum community was deeply saddened by the passing of alumnus Jordan Caldwell. Jordan is fondly remembered (photo with past HOC Speaker Andrew Scheer) and his sketch of Parliament Hill, drawn during his week in Ottawa in 2015, will forever be treasured.



Forum alumni and staff at the Canadian Club of Ottawa luncheon in honour of Minister John McCallum

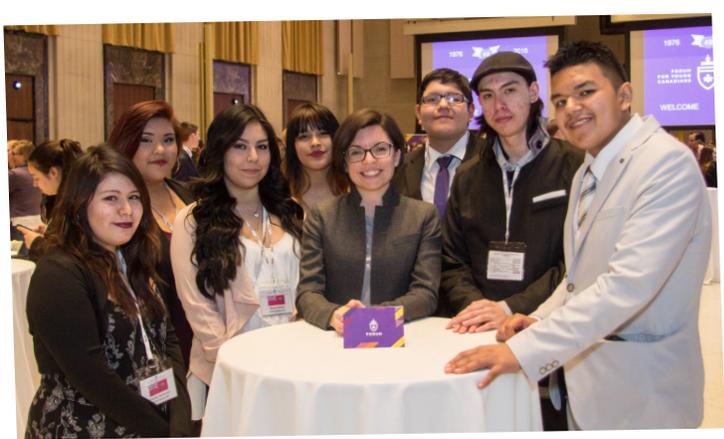
Students with Senator Nancy Greene Raine



A student from Duck Lake, SK, performing her "Fancy Shawl" Dance



Debating student at the International Trade Simulation



Oxford House, Manitoba students visit with Niki Ashton, MP at the MP's Reception

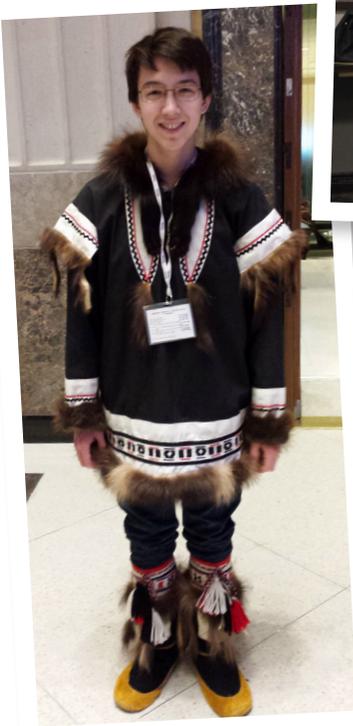


Students present an honorary plaque to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

With MPs and Forum alumni, Randy Boissonnault and Seamus O'Regan, at the LGBT flag raising on Parliament Hill



Students from Quebec singing during Skit Night



A student from the Northwest Territories in his traditional wardrobe

A student teams up with her father, a volunteer Group Leader, at the MP Reception





"Forum not only makes you more politically literate, it actually helps you discover who you are through relevant, effective, and fun activities and simulations."

— Benjamin, QC

"Forum revitalizes everything you thought you knew about the inner workings of the government."

— Simone, ON



"I have met wonderful people who have made me laugh and smile. The lessons I have learned have helped me grow as a person."

— Emma, AB



"It was an eye-opening experience that made me really appreciate how Canadians can engage in politics and bilingualism. I met some really unique and cool people."

— Yuxin, SK





"It was an amazing experience. I will never forget the things I learned and the people I met at Forum."

— Victoria, BC

"Absolutely amazing and well organized program! I would recommend that everyone come and experience it!"

— Clodagh, YT



"Don't be afraid to come out of your comfort zone. You won't regret it."

— Justina, PEI

"Politicians are people, and they are here for you. Come see Parliament like never before, and meet youth from all over Canada."

— Kendra, MB



As we celebrate 40 years, we remember and thank all the volunteers who gave the gift of time and talent to support Forum youth!

Since the very first Forum in 1976, the passion and dedication of our volunteer board of directors, alumni and community members, continues to build the program to what it is today.

Each year Forum welcomes Public Servants who serve as group leaders and mentors guiding youth through their journey at Forum. Forum also recognizes the participation of its many alumni who take time off their job or school schedules to give back to Forum as Logistics Assistants and office volunteers throughout the year.

This year Forum welcomed Mr. Terrance Christopher as an Honourary Member of the Foundation. Mr. Christopher, through his contribution over the years as the former Usher of the Black Rod greeting students at the Senate, as a dedicated board member and an ambassador of the program, continues to inspire and engage our multiple stakeholders, including the youth we serve.

Thanks to all our volunteers, Forum will continue to create a bright future for the youth of our country.



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LES PRODUCTEURS D'ŒUFS DU CANADA

We are thankful and proud to have the Egg and Chicken Farmers of Canada as the top Visionary Sponsors of Forum for Young Canadians for 2015-2016. This year Forum participants' eyes were opened during an engaging "Food is Politics" simulation. They learned that there is a lot that goes into bringing fresh, local food to our stores and discussed the importance of government policies.

Val Amigo	Jim Armour	Mark Audcent
Cynthia Baxter	Colin Betts	Marie Blondeau
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Andy Gibbons	Helaina Gaspard	



Once again, Forum participants spent the day at EDC participating in an international trade simulation and engaging in a Q & A session with parliamentarians on the role of an MP. EDC also collaborated with Challenge U to provide the Forum students with a new digital platform tool that they could access remotely as part of their pre-program activities. Thank you EDC, for your hospitality and partnership.

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We would like to recognize Bombardier, a global leader in aerospace and rail transport, for its enduring partnership with the Forum for Young Canadians. We are thankful for their contribution, as part of our collaborative community of leaders, in supporting and helping foster leadership skills in young Canadians.



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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Trustees of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada

The accompanying summary financial statements of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at July 31, 2016, the summary statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada as at July 31, 2016 and for the year then ended.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated October 7, 2016.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the basis described in note 1.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada as at July 31, 2016 and for the year then ended are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in note 1.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

October 7, 2016

Ottawa, Canada

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FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

Summary Statement of Financial Position

July 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 99,171	\$ –
Short-term investments	81,377	80,756
Accounts receivable	66,151	140,706
	<u>246,699</u>	<u>221,462</u>
Long-term investments	14,130	14,130
Tangible capital and intangible assets	15,515	21,721
	<u>\$ 276,344</u>	<u>\$ 257,313</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Bank indebtedness	\$ –	\$ 52,250
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	27,697	51,015
Deferred revenue	10,075	–
	<u>37,772</u>	<u>103,265</u>
Net assets:		
Invested in tangible capital and intangible assets	15,515	21,721
Unrestricted	223,057	132,327
	<u>238,572</u>	<u>154,048</u>
	<u>\$ 276,344</u>	<u>\$ 257,313</u>

See accompanying notes to summary financial statements.

FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

Summary Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended July 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

	2016	2015
Revenue:		
Programs	\$ 732,621	\$ 674,021
Donations and contributions (including donations of goods and services of \$113,708 (2015 - \$113,114))	355,913	335,170
Investment	1,334	1,614
	<u>1,089,868</u>	<u>1,010,805</u>
Expenses:		
Program services	557,613	622,449
Office	138,048	137,291
Operations	309,683	398,315
	<u>1,005,344</u>	<u>1,158,055</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	84,524	(147,250)
Net assets, beginning of year	154,048	301,298
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 238,572</u>	<u>\$ 154,048</u>

See accompanying notes to summary financial statements.

FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

Notes to Summary Financial Statements

Year ended July 31, 2016

Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada (the “Foundation”) is a Canadian registered charity founded in 1975 and incorporated without share capital under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act. In 2014, the Foundation continued its incorporation under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. Its principal activity is the Forum for Young Canadians program whose objective is to give young Canadians the opportunity to gain a clear understanding of the processes of government in Canada with particular emphasis on the machinery of government in the federal capital.

1. Summary financial statements:

The summary financial statements are derived from the complete audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, as at July 31, 2016 and for the year then ended.

The preparation of these summary financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in the summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

These summarized financial statements have been prepared by management using the following criteria:

- (a) whether information in the summarized financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete audited financial statements; and
- (b) whether, in all material respects, the summarized financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete audited financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Management determined that the statement of changes in net assets and the statement of cash flows do not provide additional useful information and as such has not included them as part of the summary financial statements.

The complete audited financial statements of Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada are available upon request by contacting the Foundation.

2. Economic dependence:

The Foundation receives a substantial portion of its operating funds from the Government of Canada and is economically dependent on its continuing support of the Foundation's mission.