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FOR THE STUDY OF  
PROCESSES OF  
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2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

# LEADERS IN MOTION

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Year after year, we see our participants rise to new heights. As progress, change, and action are pivotal in contemporary society, it is imperative to evolve the leadership that drives success. Forum for Young Canadians is doing just that as we empower young Canadian leaders and move them forward to create positive and impactful change in our society - just like how we believe they can.

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# HONOURARY PATRON



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Her Excellency the Right Honourable  
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Son Excellence la très honorable  
**Julie Payette**  
gouverneure générale et  
commandante en chef du Canada



# MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE AND MULTICULTURALISM

Ministre du Patrimoine canadien  
et du Multiculturalisme



Minister of Canadian Heritage  
and Multiculturalism

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**J**e vous félicite d'avoir pris part au Forum pour jeunes Canadiens. J'espère que vous avez aimé votre aventure.

**J**e suis convaincu que l'expérience que vous avez vécue vous a permis d'en apprendre davantage sur notre merveilleux pays et d'en apprécier la diversité, tout en vous donnant l'occasion de développer un plus grand sentiment d'appartenance au Canada. J'espère que vous avez pu rencontrer d'autres jeunes des quatre coins du pays et nouer des liens d'amitié, et que vous garderez des souvenirs mémorables de votre expérience.

**S**i vous souhaitez obtenir un certificat de participation, veuillez en faire la demande à Patrimoine canadien, en écrivant à [PCH.echanges-exchanges.PCH@canada.ca](mailto:PCH.echanges-exchanges.PCH@canada.ca). Je vous invite aussi à m'écrire sur mon compte Twitter (@Rodriguez\_Pab) pour me faire part de votre expérience.


**I** congratulate you on having taken part in the Forum for Young Canadians and I hope you enjoyed your adventure.

**I** trust that this experience has allowed you to learn more about our wonderful country and appreciate its diversity, while giving you the opportunity to develop a greater sense of belonging to Canada. I hope that you were able to meet other young people from all across the country and build friendships, and that you will have fond memories of your experience.

**I**f you would like to receive a certificate of participation, please request one by writing to Canadian Heritage at [PCH.echanges-exchanges.PCH@canada.ca](mailto:PCH.echanges-exchanges.PCH@canada.ca). I also invite you to share your experiences with me on Twitter (@Rodriguez\_Pab).

L'honorable / The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez

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We are honoured to have the support of the Senate of Canada and the House of Commons.



The Honourable George J. Furey, Q. C.  
Speaker of the Senate


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## HONOURARY CHAIRS

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The Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P.  
Speaker of the House of Commons



We thank both of the Speakers for granting us the opportunity to visit the new Senate and the new House of Commons while Centre Block undergoes renovations.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR AND OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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At last year's AGM we presented the outcomes of a strategic planning process that would guide the work of the Board of Directors, employees and volunteers for the next 3 years. This year we have been focussing on processes which will enable us to establish a stronger future for the Foundation.


When the Foundation was created 43 years ago, its mandate was to engage and educate young Canadians about the role and function of the three levels of democratic government in Canada. In keeping with this mandate, our vision is now to empower and equip our delegates to participate in meaningful civic engagement. To this end, our programming is constantly adapting as we strive to motivate young Canadians to action by providing them with tools and platforms where challenges faced in their communities can be shared and where priorities that are relevant and important to them can be discussed and, hopefully, acted upon.

Engaging our alumni is a key component of our strategic plan and is vital to the future of our organization. This year, 20 alumnae and Friends of Forum attended the

Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver. Creating impact was our focus and the delegates were mandated to implement community projects which would lead to further empowerment of girls and women across the country. This inaugural initiative engaged our alumnae in a powerful way and we look forward to future opportunities for further meaningful impact.

The Foundation went through a number of changes this past year and we would like to acknowledge the dedicated work of staff and board members who have left or will be leaving us. In April, after nearly 23 years, Val Amigo resigned from his position as Director of Operations. Val played a critical role in the development and success of the organization. He held the Forum for Young Canadians program in high regard and his commitment and dedication were evident to all. Sandra Sawers, our Director of Stakeholder Relations, also left her position earlier this year. Sandra forged relationships with many nonprofits, business leaders and public officials.

As well, five members of our Board will be leaving their positions and we would like to thank the following members for their



valued contribution to the Foundation: John MacLean (9 years), Corey Willard (8 years), Andy Gibbons (3 years), Jillian Stirk (2 years) and Irene D'Entremont (2 years). (As Executive Director, I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Justine Hendricks, who after 12 years as a Board member (6 years as Chair), is leaving the organization in a strong position to grow and prosper.

Armed with a Strategic Plan and a Target Operating Model focussing on Governance, Technology, and Fundraising, we are facing the upcoming year with optimism as we continue to have positive impact and inspire young Canadians, who, in their own ways, are already leaders in motion.



**Justine Hendricks**  
Chair

**Marie-Michèle  
Laferrière**  
Executive Director

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# FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

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## MISSION

The Foundation offers innovative programming that engages youth in Canada's democratic process and its institutions.

## VISION

Empowering youth for lifelong and meaningful civic engagement.



# IN

## 2018-2019

### The Foundation...

- rose to new heights with the creation of the new initiative, *She Moves. Elle, en Mouvement.*
- initiated new goals with the implementation of our 2018 strategic planning model.
- travelled to new places as Forum alumnae made their way across Canada to Vancouver, BC, to attend the Women Deliver 2019 conference.



## AGM 2018

The objective of the 2018 Annual General Meeting was to present a new Strategic Plan that will be directing our work as a Foundation for the next 3 years. This Strategic Plan focuses on Foundation structure, program development, and fundraising.



We expressed our sincere appreciation to Jim Armour, Leon Lubin & Lloyd Hobbs (not pictured) and thanked them for all their years of service to the Foundation as members of our Board of Directors.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Frederick Gall, a founding member and previous Chair of Forum for Young Canadians.

On behalf of the team and the current Board of Directors at the Foundation, we would like to express our deepest condolences to Mr. Gall's family. Forum will continue to honour his vision by giving young Canadians opportunities to engage in the processes of government and to play an active role in Canada's democracy.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This year, staff, board members, alumni and volunteers attended over 25 events in the greater National Capital Region. These events helped strengthen our valued relationships with our partner and stakeholder groups across the nation.

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# FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

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“Forum truly changed my life in the sense that I am now more certain than ever that I will follow a career path in politics.”

- Melissa, QC

“At Forum, I learned that it’s better to speak up about your beliefs, but remember to be open to ideas and opinions of others as well. Forum taught me how to explore the world and develop my own informed opinions based on what I learn.”

- Serena, ON



We were once again amazed and inspired by our 2018/2019 student participants. They were an incredible group of young Canadian leaders!

“It was really great! Amazing experience! I met so many amazing people and learned a lot!”  
- Cole, NB

“Not only did I have the opportunity to meet and network with professionals involved in Canadian and international politics, but I have also made lifelong friends from across Canada that I still talk to on a daily basis.”

- Victoria, AB

## Fall session made a return... and it was a success!

For the first time in several years, we added a Fall Forum session to programming. A smaller group than usual, the 68 students who attended the Fall session loved their experience in the Capital during the season. This was the last Forum group to visit the Senate and the House of Commons before renovations began in Centre Block - an opportunity that was fully taken advantage of by the students!



## First youth group to visit the new Senate and HOC

During Sessions 2 and 3 of 2019, students had the opportunity to visit and sit in the new House of Commons located in West Block. In Session 3, students were honoured to visit and sit in the new Senate.

Furthermore, Forum was the first youth group ever to be invited to tour the new House of Commons!



## Canadian Club of Ottawa Luncheon

Session 2 participants attended the February Canadian Club of Ottawa Luncheon on the #FutureOfWork in Canada.

Thank you to the Canadian Club of Ottawa for their invitation and for allowing our 120 future workers to ask excellent (and tough) questions of importance to them!



## Our new Parliamentary Reception - not just an MP Reception!

Every year, we invite Members of Parliament to our reception to meet constituents who are participating in Forum. This year, we opened the invitation to all Parliamentarians and had great participation from both Senators and Members of Parliament.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Senate of Canada. Thank you for attending our receptions and supporting these young Canadian leaders!



## Extra day, thanks to NRCAN

In partnership with Natural Resources Canada, Session 3 participants attended a full day of programming on *Environment, Energy and the Future of Transportation in Canada*.

Prior to Forum, participants were encouraged to engage in community-based conversations to identify specific concerns in their communities with respect to the environment and sustainable transportation. Identified challenges included the reduction of carbon emissions, protecting river banks and water conditions, sustainability of waste management, subsidies for electric vehicles, improved bike paths, community gardens and public transportation.

What a great way to create potential community action projects! Types of projects that were discussed include: the installation of charging stations for electric cars at school, further educating the community about the importance of recycling and composting, advocating for pedestrian only paths, more accessible bike paths, green roofs on main streets, and green public transportation.



## 2018/2019 DEMOGRAPHICS

Forum's 321 leaders travelled to Ottawa from all across Canada in 2018-2019. They came from rural and urban communities, and represented a wide variety of perspectives and views.

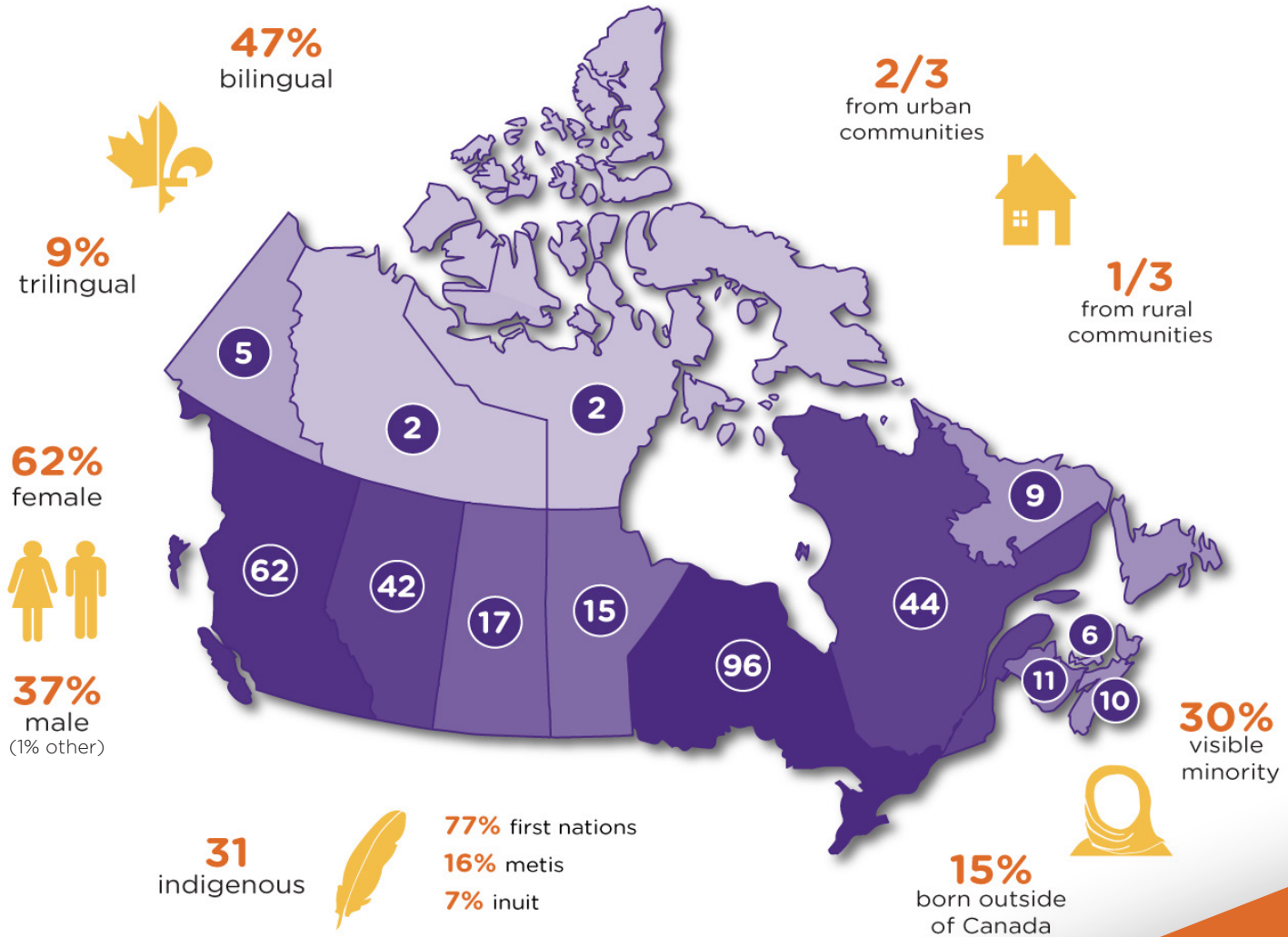
Every province and territory was represented at Forum for Young Canadians this year - something we are very proud to share!





# 321 STUDENTS

2018/2019



## INTRODUCING...



Elle, en Mouvement.  
She Moves.

*20 women, 20 communities, 20 projects: 1 experience...*

*She Moves. Elle, en Mouvement.* is a journey of personal and professional growth fueled by empowering leadership experiences that will create meaningful impact in communities across Canada.

**Elevate International** and **Forum for Young Canadians** partnered in early 2019 to unite 20 women delegates to travel across Canada and take part in an important global event - **the Women Deliver 2019 Conference**. Delegates also are engaging in a series of leadership opportunities leading up to, and following, the Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver - June 3-6, 2019.

The purpose of the She Moves project is to unite a group of aspiring young female leaders with other multigenerational stakeholders, to live a once in a lifetime experience and, ultimately, shine as empowered Canadian women! Our 2019 delegation includes **17** Forum for Young Canadians alumnae, ranging from Forum 1981 to 2019!

The 3-part project has the participants meeting 3 times in 2019-2020, with Community Impact Project meetings along the way.



## ACTIVITIES

- 1. International Women's Day Conference:** The first meeting, hosted by Elevate International, took place during the International Women's Day conference in March, 2019. Our delegates actively participated in the 2-day conference and began conceptualizing and shaping their Community Impact Projects.
- 2. Women Deliver Global Conference:** Via Rail provided half of our our delegation with a 4-day train journey from Toronto to Vancouver to take part in the Women Deliver 2019 Conference in June 2019. Throughout this
- 3. 1-Year Milestone:** Our delegation will meet once more in Ottawa in 2020 and will present their Community Impact Projects and impact stories.

# WOMEN DELIVER CONFERENCE 2019

In June 2019, our multi-generational *She Moves* delegation joined a network of over 6,000 world leaders, parliamentarians, royals, private sector executives, civil society leaders, young people, advocates, academics, activists, and journalists from over 160 countries with the common objective to power progress for girls and women everywhere.

Today, Canada is driving change for women. This is a pivotal moment in our history to unite the voices, knowledge and experience of all generations and to maximize our impact for generations to come. It is an even greater moment in history as Canada hosts the

world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights and well-being of girls and women in the 21st century.

Throughout the conference, delegates acquired tools and resources through a vibrant network of like-minded peers and put their leadership into practice by creating community impact projects. 2019 is just the beginning of this journey, as each delegate continues to develop their Community Impact Project!





# She Moves. Elle, en Mouvement.

We would like to thank our community partners who were instrumental in transforming the *She Moves. Elle, en Mouvement* dream into a reality in 2019:

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**WOMEN DELIVER 2019  
MOBILIZATION CANADA**



Canada's Capital University



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## OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Forum would not be possible without the support of its many partners and we would like to thank our many volunteers. Their dedication and support facilitate student learning and empowerment and has allowed Forum to remain Canada's premier youth civic engagement program for over 43 amazing years!



Additionally, we'd like to congratulate and thank our Volunteer of the Year, Dariya Petryshyn! Dariya has been a longtime volunteer of the Foundation, and this year stepped up as Logistics Leader for Session 3, 2019. Way to go Dariya! We sincerely appreciate all of your hard work and passion.

# SUPPORTERS

## TOP LEADERS (\$1000+)

Mike Flintoff<sup>o</sup>  
 Patrick & Paula Farrell<sup>o</sup>  
 Justine Hendricks<sup>o</sup>  
 Sandra Sawers<sup>o^</sup>  
 Bob Weins<sup>o^</sup>  
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# PARTNERSHIP

During the 2018-2019 sessions, Forum for Young Canadians was able to offer innovative options to showcase the generosity and support of our partners.

Prospective students were able to explore the campuses of the University of Ottawa and Saint Paul University. The Canadian Club of Ottawa hosted a luncheon on the future of work in Canada. Other partners such as Natural Resources Canada, Carleton University, Global Automakers of Canada and Bombardier were able to interact directly with participants by leading the Civil Society Sessions.

As the 2020 sessions approach, we look forward to working with all of our partners to create new opportunities to emphasize and highlight the vital role that their support plays in promoting youth participation in the Canadian democratic process.





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Thank you to our partners, supporters and other Friends of Forum for moving our young leaders to new heights in 2018 & 2019.

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Director of Stakeholder Relations

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Operations Coordinator

**EMMA PREDAN-LÉPINE**  
Summer Project Officer

### FAREWELL VAL AMIGO & SANDRA SAWERS!

Earlier this year, we said goodbye to Val Amigo and Sandra Sawers - two very special staff members.

Val Amigo, Director of Operations, left the Foundation after nearly 23 years of dedication, commitment and passion. We are very thankful for Val's years of service and leadership and are forever grateful for all his accomplishments. Val played a critical role in the development and success of the organization for over two decades, and we will miss him and his inspiring leadership.

Sandra Sawers, Director of Stakeholder Relations since 2016, and interim Executive Director in 2015, also left the Foundation. Our mission was always at the heart of her work: empowering young Canadians to become active citizens and take part, in their own way, to civil society.

We wish Val and Sandra the best of luck in their future endeavours.



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*It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Tom Molloy - the 22nd Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. Tom was a Board Member of the Foundation for close to 9 years. The staff and Board of Directors express their condolences to his family.*

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