

We Value People

The Public Interaction Program brings together all Trudeau award winners – Fellows, Scholars and Mentors – to generate informed and lively debate on major issues of public policy affecting Canadians and global society. The Foundation is establishing a community of creative and critical thinkers and providing ways for them to work together with the wider public to develop and communicate ideas that matter.

We Build Connections

The program brings together thinkers and decision-makers from the public, private and NGO sectors, as well as high-ranking civil servants, renowned scholars and young researchers, who all wish to engage in a rich and stimulating dialogue. Critical, provocative, informed and engaged, the members of this network collaborate on the transformation of great ideas into concrete improvements for society.

We Encourage Audacity

Our unique public activities are organized to reflect a particular approach – nicknamed “KATE” for Knowledge Acquisition, Transfer and Exchange. We believe that everyone who attends a Trudeau event will learn something new. Furthermore, we make sure that the meetings and the networking opportunities are conducive to the transfer of the most creative and promising ideas articulated by Trudeau community members, invited experts, and other guests.

To foster a community of engaged citizens, the Foundation organizes and provides financial and logistical support for some 20 events every year, attracting hundreds of participants.

The Public Interaction Program continues to highlight the work of our members and creates opportunities for the dissemination of ideas. It comes to life through four major annual events – the Annual Conference on Public Policy, the Trudeau Lectures, the Mentors-Scholars Retreat, and the Summer Institute. Members of the Trudeau community are also encouraged to organize events linked to one or more of the Foundation’s four themes with a view to generating a richer public debate on important societal issues.

We believe that the best solutions emerge when individuals from different generations and different backgrounds focus on a problem together, when technical, scientific and policy innovations are informed by outstanding contributions from intellectual fields rich in deep cultural understanding, from ethics to literature, and from geography to law, and when new patterns of human behaviours are revealed and deep cultural understanding achieved.

THE PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU FOUNDATION PUBLIC INTERACTION PROGRAM

ABOUT US An independent and non-partisan Canadian charity, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation was established in 2001 as a living memorial to the former Prime Minister by his family, friends, and colleagues. The Foundation supports outstanding creative thinkers who make meaningful contributions to critical social issues through scholarships, fellowships, mentorships and public interaction events. To date, the Foundation has granted hundreds of major awards to top researchers and highly accomplished individuals, in Canada and abroad.

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