



# Education and Vitality/

Sustainable Futures for Quebec's  
English-Language Education

# FORUM

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Des avenir durables pour l'éducation  
en langue anglaise au Québec

## 2025 Program

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# DAY 1

## WEDNESDAY

### NOVEMBER 5, 2025

9:15AM – 10:30AM

#### PLENARY SESSION 1

##### Keynote Address

Welcoming Remarks

Brian Lewis (QUESCREN, Concordia University)  
Lina Shoumarova (QUESCREN, Concordia University)  
Anna Hunt (QUESCREN, Concordia University)

Partnering with Young People to Forge  
a Better Path Forward: Intergenerational  
Generativity in Education and Beyond

Heather Lawford (Bishop's University)

10:30AM – 11:00AM

#### Coffee break

11:00AM – 12:15PM

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 2A: Youth in Quebec's Rural Communities

Growing Up 'Rural' in Quebec: Supporting  
High School Students' Understandings of Culture  
and Citizenship Through Visual Narration

Joanne Pattison-Meek (Bishop's University)

Un programme éducatif conçu sur mesure pour  
une communauté frontalière

Stéphanie Robert (Colby-Curtis Museum)

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 2B: Digital Literacy in the AI Age

Me, Myself, and AI in the Classroom

Estefania Moreno (Central Quebec School Board)

AI Literacy for Educators

Chris Colley (LEARN)

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 2C: Workshop

Motivating Reluctant Readers

Lea Beddia (Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board)

12:15PM – 1:30PM

#### Lunch

1:30PM – 2:45PM

**CONCURRENT SESSION 3A:  
Artistic and Educational Projects Exploring Belonging in Quebec**

Art & Belonging

Anna J. McIntyre (ELAN)  
Jacqueline van de Greer (Artist & Educator)

Ma Place Est Ici! / I Belong Here!: Empowering English-Speaking Youth to Explore Their Sense of Belonging Within Quebec Society...in French!

Rachelle Dutil (Université du Québec à Montréal)  
Zeina Maatouk (Université du Québec à Montréal)  
Marc-Albert Paquette (LEARN)  
Emma Legault (LEARN)  
Valerie Amireault (Université du Québec à Montréal)

**CONCURRENT SESSION 3B:  
From Classrooms to Communities: Building Literacy Capacity Together**

The Summer Literacy Symposium: Building Teacher Capacity Through Collaborative Professional Learning

Melinda Clifford (Ministère de l'Éducation)

Literacy in Action's Migratory Roots Festival

Yolanda Weeks (Literacy in Action)

**CONCURRENT SESSION 3C:  
Roundtable**

A Needs Analysis of Neurodiverse Students in the Quebec K-11 Educational System

Julie Corrigan (Concordia University)  
Laura Del Giacco (Concordia University)  
Gabiella Buggé (Concordia University)

2:45PM – 3:15PM

**Coffee break**

3:15PM – 4:00PM

**PLENARY SESSION 4:  
Insights Session**

Current State of Quebec's Postsecondary Education Economy

Graham Carr (Concordia University)

Moderator:  
Celine Cooper (Consortium of English-Language CEGEPs, Colleges and Universities of Quebec)

4:00PM – 4:30PM

**REMARKS FROM QESBA**

Quebec's English School Boards: Situation Update and Analysis

Joe Ortona (QESBA)

4:30PM – 5:30PM

**Forum Cocktail**

# DAY 2

## THURSDAY

### NOVEMBER 6, 2025

9:00AM – 10:15AM

#### PLENARY SESSION 5

##### Keynote Address

Opening Remarks

John McMahon (SRQEA)

Beyond the Game: Building Strength Through Sports, Education & Community

Denburk Reid (Montreal Community Cares Foundation and Red Rush Basketball Leadership Program)

10:15AM – 10:45AM

#### Coffee break

10:45AM – 12:00PM

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 6A: FORUM

Beyond Access: Designing Systems of Belonging for Indigenous Learners

Kim Martin (John Abbott College and Kateri Memorial Hospital)

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 6B:

##### Parental Choices and Language Policy: Understanding School Enrollment in Quebec

Language Laws and Education in Quebec: A Case Study of English-Speaking Quebecer Parents' School Choices in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

Thibault Jacquemont (McGill University)

Parental Choice and English-Language School Enrollment in Quebec: An Analysis of Parental Motivations and Educational Choices Using Data From the 2022 Survey of the Official Language Minority Population

Martin Durand (Canadian Heritage)

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 6C:

##### Structures of Support: Strengthening Educational Success for All Students

Extended-Model Community Learning Centres (EM-CLCs): A Value-Added Component to English-speaking Students' Educational Success

Mélissa Villella (Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue)  
Julie Corrigan (Concordia University)

Fostering Connections: Identifying & Removing Barriers to CEGEP for Quebec's Youth in Care

Stephanie Myers (John Abbott College)

12:00PM – 1:15PM

#### Lunch

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12:15PM – 1:00PM

## HUMAN LIBRARY

Black History: A Legacy	Dorothy Williams (Concordia University)
How Is AI Reshaping the Way We Learn – For Better or Worse?	Florent Michelot (Concordia University)
Parenting Children with Special Needs: A Different Kind of Roadmap	Jessica Fortier (Special Education Advisory Committee, Western Quebec School Board) Julie Corrigan (Concordia University)
Rethinking School Gardens	Mitchell McLarnon (Concordia University)
Building Local Capacity for Historical Engagement in English-Speaking Quebec	Linton Garner (Western Quebec School Board)

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1:15PM – 2:30PM

## CONCURRENT SESSION 7A: Bridging Education, Work, and Community: Pathways to Impact and Development for Quebec's English Speakers

Bridging the Gap: Best Practices in Linking Education to the Development of the English-speaking Workforce in Quebec to Maximize Labour Market Outcomes – A Comparative Analysis for a Sustainable Future	Sarine Karajian (CEDEC)
From University to Community: Building Knowledge Mobilization Capacity for Student Engagement and Impact	Hamid Golhasany (McGill University) Ollivier Prigent (Université de Sherbrooke)

## CONCURRENT SESSION 7B: Navigating Transitions: Supporting English-Language Students from High School to CEGEPs

Overcoming Distance: Supporting Regional Students on Their Journey to Cégep	Brittney Chabot (ECO-02) Ashley Roy (ECO-02)
The Transition of Anglophone Students from High School to CÉGEP in Québec City	Carol-Anne Gauthier (Champlain Regional College)

## CONCURRENT SESSION 7C: Workshop

Spectrum Productions' Creative Media Lab: Empowering Neurodiverse Learners through Experiential, Inclusive, Self-directed Filmmaking Education	Dan Ten Veen (Spectrum Productions) Kat Tuck (Spectrum Productions) Felipe Arasanz (Spectrum Productions)
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2:30PM – 3:00PM

Coffee break

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3:00PM – 4:00PM

**SESSION 8:  
Lightning Talks**

Digital Literacy & Vocational Training Teachers:  
Preparing Students for Sustainable Work in a Trade  
Disrupted by a Digital World

Robin Long (PROCEDE)

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A Fragile Start: Understanding Vulnerabilities Among  
English Mother-Tongue Children

Anne-Marie Cech (CHSSN)

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News Flash: Pulling Back the Curtain on Local Journalism

Hayley Juhl (The Gazette)

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Podcasting as Public Scholarship: Making  
Educational Research Accessible

Lina Shoumarova (QUESCREEN)

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Understanding language deprivation in d/Deaf  
children: the missing context in Code 44

Allison Cameron (Concordia University)

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# DAY 3

## FRIDAY

### NOVEMBER 7, 2025

9:00AM – 10:15AM

#### PLENARY SESSION 9

##### Keynote Address

Amplifying Our Strengths, Protecting the Vitality of English Education in Quebec

Toula Drimonis (Opinion Columnist, Writer, and News Producer)

10:15AM – 10:45AM

##### Coffee break

10:45AM – 12:00PM

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 10A:

##### Youth Well-Being and Belonging in Minority Contexts

Addressing The Ripple Effect for Better or Worse: Anglophone Youth Mental Health Crisis and Its Ongoing Causes and Consequences in New Carlisle

Mary Zettl (ENVIZSAGE)

Exploring Motivation for Learning French Among English-Speaking Quebecers

John Davids (McGill University)  
James Avery (McGill University)

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 10B:

##### Workshop

PortraitX: A Creative Model for Innovative, Tech-Enabled Experiential Learning

Nathalie Hazan (Raison d'art)

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 10C:

##### Breaking Barriers in Vocational Training: Language, Gender, and Opportunity

Training for Tomorrow: Addressing the Vocational Attainment Gap for Québec's English-speaking Communities

Morgan Gagnon (PERT)

Jill of all Trades: Breaking Barriers, Building Futures

Tanya Linkletter (Riverside School Board)  
Natasha MacDonald (Riverside School Board)

#### CONCURRENT SESSION 10D:

##### Raising Multilingual Children: Inclusive Approaches for Diverse Families

One Parent, Many Languages: 12 Strategies for Raising a Bilingual Child as a Solo Parent

Sophie Werheimer (Evaluation and research consultant)

The Bilingual Recipe: What Research Tells Us about Supporting Early Bilingualism

Krista Byers-Heinlein (Concordia University)

12:00PM - 12:15PM

##### Coffee break

12:20PM – 12:45PM

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Lorraine O'Donnell (QUESCREN, Concordia University)  
Raymond Théberge (Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada)

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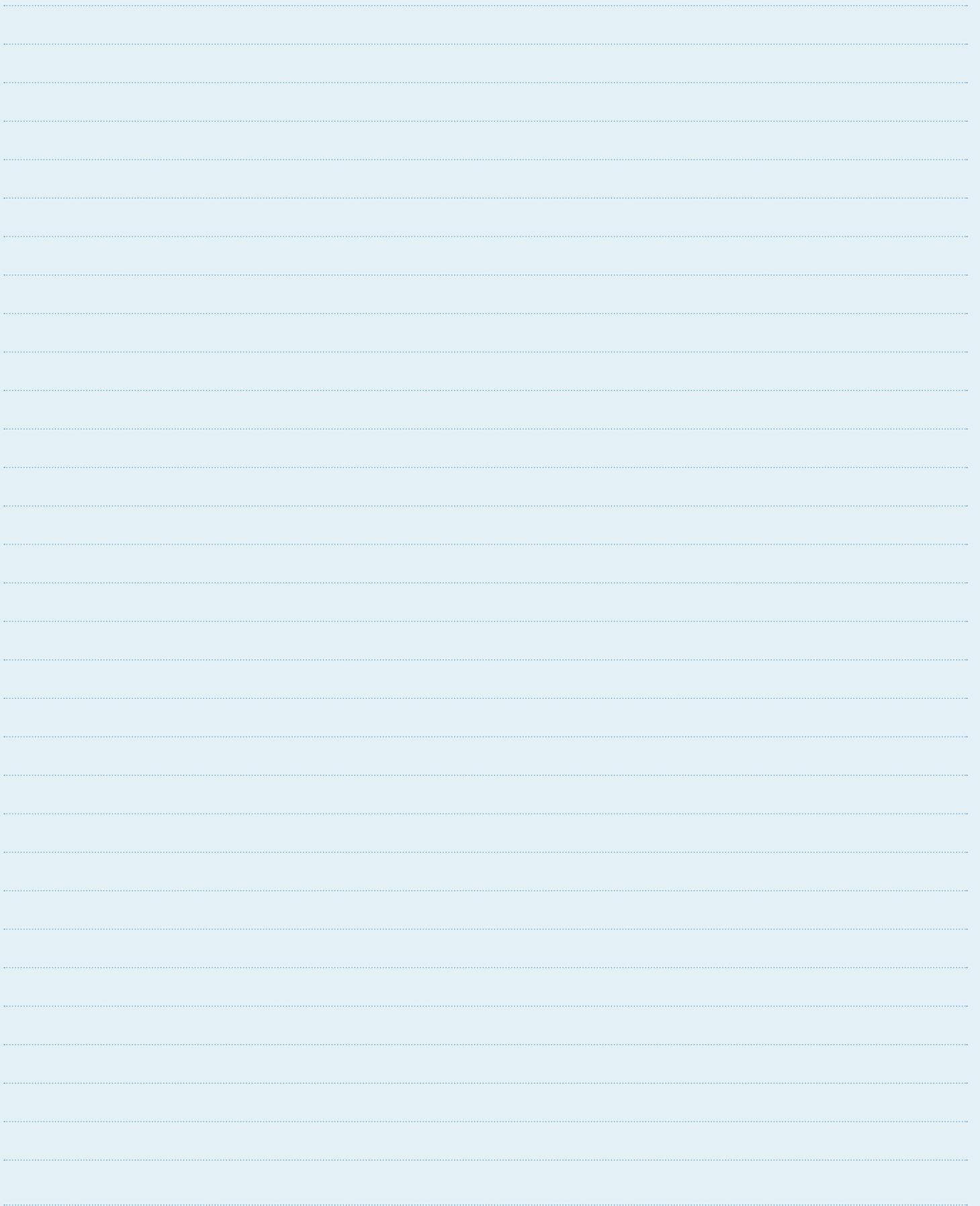
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