MAKE SENSE. 
MAKE ALLIES. 
MAKE CHANGE. 

WELCOME 
TO 6 DEGREES 

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MON. SEPT. 23
14:30 - 16:30
Institute for Canadian Citizenship
Enhanced Citizenship Ceremony
Corus Quay

TUES. SEPT. 24
8:30 Registration opens,
Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)
9:30
Opening Circle
10:15
6 Degrees Presents:
Jah’kota
with Cotee Harper
10:30
Exchanges
• Groundwork,
  Jackman Hall
• Coffeehouse,
  Education Commons
12:00 Lunch
13:00
360: How to
  Make Sense
14:30 Break
15:00
Exchanges
• How to Talk to Your Racist
  Uncle, Jackman Hall
• Beyond Masculinity,
  Education Commons
• The Social Sorting
  Experiment, Seminar 1
• Online Discourse, Digital
  Exclusion, and Taking
  Action, Seminar 2
• Art and Identity,
  Education Commons
19:30
17th LaFontaine-Baldwin Lecture
by Adam Gopnik
TELUS Centre for
Performance and Learning,
Koerner Hall
Doors open at 19:00
21:00
Book signing with
Adam Gopnik, lobby

WED. SEPT. 25
8:30 Registration opens,
Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)
9:15
6 Degrees Presents:
Bangerz Brass
9:30
360: How to
  Make Allies
11:00 Break
11:30
Exchanges
• Never Again,
  Jackman Hall
• Hot Tips,
  Education Commons
• Vibrant Cities, Seminar 1
• Slow Your Scroll: Field
  Guide to Political
  Conversations
  Online, Seminar 2
12:30 Lunch
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6 Degrees Presents:
W/O/R/K by The
Smartphone Orchestra
15:15
What’s Next?
16:00
6 Degrees Presents:
Pambo
19:00
Adrienne Clarkson Prize
for Global Citizenship
2019 Laureate,
Lieutenant-General (ret) Roméo Dallaire
With a special performance
by Rufus Wainwright and the Wexford Gleeks
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Join us on social media to share what you're hearing and learning throughout 6 Degrees Toronto.

Follow us for regular event updates, content that you may have missed, and to continue the conversations begun at 6 Degrees Toronto 2019.

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OPENING CIRCLE

6 Degrees fuels connection, conversation, and action for inclusion. It opens with a 360 focused on you.

Bring your voice into the circle. Hear from other participants, speakers, and special guests. Share your motivations and your anxieties.

There is power in bringing people together — we invite you to connect and bring your unique perspective to inform the next two days of immersive conversation and action.

WHAT IS A 360?

The circular icon is at the core of the identity of 6 Degrees, representing both the holistic approach of the Indigenous medicine wheel, and the alarm that demands immediate attention towards an issue.

It is the foundation of our unique 360 conversations — a signature part of 6 Degrees. Closer to lively conversations at a kitchen table, these in-the-round 90-minute experiences seek to dissolve the distinction between onstage speakers and offstage audience. Everyone in the space is encouraged to expand the conversation; only then can the circle truly be widened. At the heart of a 360 is a compelling idea, a concern and challenge, one requiring that we talk it through together and see what we can come up with.
GROUNDWORK

Four hands-on activists from different backgrounds come together to share their work, their tactics, and their perspectives on what it means to be an engaged citizen.

HOST
Eva Salinas (Canada)
Managing editor of foreign affairs news site OpenCanada.org, and former editor of the Santiago Times in Chile.
@eva_sita

WITH
Jessica Bolduc
(Batchewana First Nation, Anishinaabe Aki)
Executive director of the 4Rs Youth Movement, which centres the role that Indigenous young people play in reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.
@jboldlygo

Caro Loutfi (Canada)
Executive director of Apathy is Boring, working to engage Canadian youth in democracy.
@apathyisboring

Pambo (Mexico)
Musician, activist, and current spokesperson and operator of #LoveArmyMexico.
@yosoypambo

Fabrice Vil (Canada)
Co-founder and executive director of Pour 3 Points, columnist at La Presse, and Ashoka Fellow.
@fabricivil

Location:
Jackman Hall
Capacity: 200
© CART available

COFFEEHOUSE

The engine of 6 Degrees is deep conversation. The Coffeehouse is where we take our dialogue as far as we can — exploring the ideas that bring us together, and the fault lines that divide us. For centuries, coffeehouses have been engines for innovation and gathering spaces where culture, politics, and current events are debated. Join us for an unfettered dive into inclusion, belonging, and the future of citizenship.

HOST
Abdul-Rehman Malik
(Canada/U.K.)
Award-winning journalist, educator, and cultural organizer. Lecturer and associate research scholar at the Yale Divinity School.
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WITH
Knut Dethlefsen
(Germany)
Representative to the United States and Canada, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.
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(Canada/Ghana)
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@sivahami

Selena Zhang (Canada)
Manager of strategic initiatives, United Way of Greater Toronto.

Location:
Education Commons
Capacity: 120
Our world is defined by media and technology, but consuming news and information presents us with challenges: avoiding misinformation while staying informed; advocating for freedom of speech without amplifying hate speech; recognizing when we’re being manipulated online.

How can we engage responsibly with information?

How can we sort out what’s fact and what’s fiction?

How do we make sense of it all?
HOW TO TALK TO YOUR RACIST UNCLE

A unique workshop with strategies and tactics to meaningfully confront racism in your personal network. Engage with a variety of scenarios that manifest implicit or overt bias, and explore common behaviors used for dismissing conversations about race and minimizing the harmful impact of racist behaviors, beliefs, and language. Learn from a number of techniques that take into account balancing relationships and creating long-term sustained progress and change, while understanding the roots of prejudice and tapping into the individual’s capacity for empathy.

HOST
Rania el Mugammar
(Sudan/Canada)
Artist, anti-oppression consultant, and liberation educator. @raniawrites

ONLINE DISCOURSE DIGITAL EXCLUSION, AND TAKING ACTION

It’s easy to think that if you aren’t spreading false information or hate online, then you aren’t part of the problem. But online discourse is only shaped by those who participate. How can you take action to address online exclusion and contribute to a healthier public square? Drawing on recent data, we discuss how false and dangerous speech is used to silence groups online and the actions that individuals can take to counter disinformation, both on and offline.

WITH
Alena Helgeson
(Canada)
Founder of #iamhereCanada

Anne-Laure Mathieu
(Canada)
Event designer and strategist.

Kate Rowswell
(Canada/U.K.)
Executive director of Memetix. @DisinfoCanada

Scott Young
(Canada)
Director of Ideas & Insights at the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. @scottalyoung

BEYOND MASCULINITY

The last few decades have seen a marked shift in how we perceive and talk about sexuality, gender identity, and gender roles. But many of us continue to internalize a static conception of masculinity. Socialization, expectations, and messaging around masculinity haven’t kept pace.

How does this conception shape our public discourse? What does it mean for those who internalize these messages? And what’s the broader impact on society? Join this hands-on session to explore the social and personal impact of our entrenched notions of masculinity.

WITH
Ahmed Shihab-Eldin
(Palestine/Kuwait/U.S.)
Emmy-nominated journalist, producer, and actor working as a senior correspondent, AJ+. @ASE
THE SOCIAL SORTING EXPERIMENT

BY THE SMARTPHONE ORCHESTRA

Did you know that 70 likes is enough to know more about how you behave than your friends do? That 70 likes is enough to know your sexual orientation? And 300 likes are enough to know you better than your own partner does?! Experience how your data is used in unexpected ways in this absurdist, serious, and fun interactive performance where you and your smartphone become the main stars of the show.

WITH
The Smartphone Orchestra (The Netherlands)
@WildVreemdtech
Steye Hallema Founder and creative director
Hidde de Jong Creative coder
Eric Magnée Composer and creative technologist

Followed by a discussion with
Bianca Wylie (Canada)
Writer and advocate with a dual background in technology and public engagement. @biancawylie

Location: Seminar 1
Capacity: 54
Heads up! This session requires a smartphone, laptop, or tablet for participation.

ART AND IDENTITY

Art is a powerful tool for thinking about the intricacies of identity: its presentation, perception, and intersections. By experiencing the work of several contemporary artists who explore ideas of identity and belonging, we will question the assumptions we bring to our conversations, our interactions, and our own sense of who and what “we” are. Join this mobile conversation in the galleries of the AGO.

WITH
Gillian McIntyre (Canada/U.K.)
Interpretive planner at the Art Gallery of Ontario

Location: Art tour begins in the Education Commons
Capacity: 20

TUESDAY 15:00
MIND OVER MATTER: THE PLANETARY POSSIBILITIES OF LIBERAL INSTITUTIONS.

From fair elections to the free press, liberal institutions are under assault in ways they have not been for half a century.

Bestselling author Adam Gopnik takes on the defense of these institutions, showing that they grow from the ground up, all over the planet, in many places and many times. People naturally practice co-existence. The perpetual challenge is to turn that practice into a principle of pluralism. How those plural principles take root – in everything from Iranian coffee shops to Canadian hockey rinks – is his subject. He mixes pessimism about our present global emergency with hope for the democratic renewal that may be coming.

Since 2000, the LaFontaine-Baldwin Lecture has gathered Canadians to reflect on democracy, citizenship, and the public good. Past LaFontaine-Baldwin lecturers have included Georges Erasmus, Sue Gardner, Michael Sandel, Naomi Klein, Beverley McLachlin, George Elliott Clarke, Louise Arbour, and Naheed Nenshi.
A small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Identifying the problems is only the first step, but building a coalition to make change is necessary. Whether establishing common cause, or having a constructive conversation from opposing viewpoints, we can’t underestimate the power of people talking to people.

How do we find our allies, accomplices, and co-conspirators?

How do we build that coalition for change?
HOT TIPS

Five experts share hands-on tips for being an activist in everyday life. Focus on tactics, learn from experience, and discover simple and direct ways to make change.

Location: Education Commons
Capacity: 50

1. How to take first steps towards reconciliation in business

WITH
Andy Avgerinos (Canada)
Research coordinator at the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

Brittney Sault (Canada)
Project manager at the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (@ccab_national).

2. How to be an internal advocate

WITH
Bailey Greenspon (Canada)
Senior program manager at G(irls)20.
@baileygreenspon

Miranda Hassell (Canada)
Communications manager at The Democratic Engagement Exchange.
@mirandaknight

3. How to run for office

WITH
Samantha Perlman (U.S.)
Civic engagement manager, Scholars Strategy Network and 2018/19 Institute for Canadian Citizenship Fellow.
@SamforMarlboro

4. How to build community one bagel at a time

WITH
Shona Fulcher (Canada)
Chief community officer at the Centre for Social Innovation Toronto (@csiTO).

Marcus Huynh (Vietnam/Australia/Canada)
Community animator at the Centre for Social Innovation Spadina and director of community, TEDx Toronto.

5. How to tell a story that moves people

WITH
Andrew Moir (Canada)
Documentary filmmaker.

NEVER AGAIN

An interactive discussion exploring the role of documentary and popular film in addressing human rights crises, the fight against cultural bias, propaganda, and re-learning lessons from the past.

WITH
Ric Esther Bienstock (Canada)
Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, known for groundbreaking investigative documentaries including The Accountant of Auschwitz.
@Bienstock

Lieutenant-General (ret) Roméo Dallaire (Canada)
Humanitarian, author, government and UN adviser, and former Canadian senator. @romeodallaire

Martin Katz (Canada)
Founder and president of Prospero Pictures, and chair of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. @martinfkatz

Location: Jackman Hall
Capacity: 150
CART available

11:30

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VIBRANT CITIES

Inclusion is the driver of innovation. The successful evolution of our communities, our workplaces, our cities, and our institutions requires a diversity of perspectives. Studies continually show that institutions and organizations that embrace difference outperform those that don’t. There’s a lesson in these successes.

This session connects Toronto, Berlin, and Mexico City, three global cities known for being diverse, vibrant, and resilient. How do we harness the energy of these global places? How can we lead by example through policies, both public and corporate? How do we shape our attitudes and institutions towards belonging?

WITH

Siri Agrell (Canada)
Executive director at OneEleven Toronto, and former director of strategic initiatives for the office of the mayor of Toronto. @SiriAgrell

Javier López Casarín (Mexico)
President of Fundación Reinventando a México, a non-profit organization with the mission to foster social capital in Mexico through initiatives aimed at improving the lives of its citizens. @LopezCasarinJ

Orkan Özdemir (Germany)
City Council member, Berlin/Templehof-Schöneberg; policy adviser for intercultural affairs, Minister for the Interior of Berlin. @orkanoezdemir

Location: Seminar 1
Capacity: 80

SLOW YOUR SCROLL: FIELD GUIDE TO POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS ONLINE

These days, more and more people are online, but fewer are actually connecting. People broadcast their lives on social media, but rarely engage meaningfully with one another; conflict is on the rise, and divides between groups are deepening. This is bad news for democracy. Join the staff of the Samara Centre for Democracy for an interactive and participatory session on how to have civil and constructive conversations online. Explore solutions for how we can all practice slow politics, and work on building a stronger democracy together – one conversation at a time.

WITH

The Samara Centre for Democracy

Kendall Anderson (Canada)
Acting Executive Director @kendallanderson

Mike Morden (Canada)
Research Director @SamaraCDA

Yvonne Su (Canada/China)
Program Manager @suyvonne

Location: Seminar 2
Capacity: 35
Heads up! This session requires a smartphone, laptop, or tablet for participation.
HOW TO MAKE CHANGE

Photo by Elizabeth Wang
Courtesy The Ubyssey
A thorough understanding of a cause and a strong coalition are in and of themselves not enough to make change.

Real change comes from many places — from grassroots movements to the halls of power — but in all cases, it requires action.

How do we organize, mobilize, and maximize impact?

How do we embrace activism over apathy, and fight for real change?
A performance by The Smartphone Orchestra and Anagram about the power of being a cog in a beautiful machine. It’s an extraordinary collective experience that plays out on all the audience members’ smartphones, creating an interactive group experience that parodies the popular team-building exercises and inspirational videos that help us become better.

How do conversations, and the ideas emerging from them, become concrete solutions and calls to action?

For our final 360, we leave the circle open and invite everyone in the space to work together to frame what we’ve learned, and decide what the next steps should be.

WITHE Adrienne Clarkson (Canada) 26th Governor General of Canada, author, and co-chair of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. @APClarkson

John Ralston Saul (Canada) Essayist, novelist, president emeritus of PEN International, and co-chair of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. @JohnRalstonSaul

Abdul-Rehman Malik (Canada/U.K.) Award-winning journalist, educator and cultural organizer. Lecturer and associate research scholar at the Yale Divinity School. @ArMalik
“In these perilous times, it is critical we see ourselves beyond borders and as citizens who share an ethical covenant to respect and protect one another.”

The life and career of Lieutenant-General (ret) The Honourable Roméo Dallaire is an urgently needed reminder of the very real consequences of inaction in the face of growing divisions in Canada and around the world. Whether as military commander for the UN in Rwanda prior to and during the 1994 genocide, humanitarian, senator, or author, General Dallaire forces us to acknowledge and act on uncomfortable truths. He continues to work tirelessly to bring attention to situations too-often ignored: the atrocities of the Rwandan genocide, the struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder that many military veterans face, and the recruitment and use of child soldiers.

General Dallaire is the founder of the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, and author of three books: *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda; They Fight Like Soldiers, They Die Like Children;* and *Waiting for First Light: My Ongoing Battle with PTSD.*

The evening will feature General Dallaire in conversation with Mme. Clarkson about vulnerability, darkness, and hope.
Culture is a pathway to inclusion, and an essential part of 6 Degrees. Through music, spoken word, dance, and creative collaboration, we will build bridges between culture, art, and activism, and celebrate the essence of what it means to be a fully engaged citizen.

Take in performances from these artists throughout 6 Degrees Toronto.

FORTE
Toronto Men’s Gay Chorus (Canada)

SISTEMA TORONTO
Music education for at-risk children (Canada)

JAH’KOTA
Hip-hop artist, entrepreneur and founder of TR1BE Academy (Canada)

COTEE HARPER
Fancy shawl dancer (Canada)

HIDDEN RIVER SINGERS
Indigenous hand-drum ensemble (Canada)

NAI CHILDREN’S CHOIR
Refugee children’s choir (Syria, Lebanon, Algeria)

BANGERZ BRASS
Hip-hop brass band (Canada)

THE SMARTPHONE ORCHESTRA
(The Netherlands)

PAMBO
Musician and activist (Mexico)

RUFUS WAINWRIGHT
Singer, songwriter and composer (Canada/U.S.)

THE WEXFORD GLEEKS
Showchoir from Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts (Canada)
CELEBRATE CITIZENSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our goal at 6 Degrees is to build and share low-barrier ways to close the intention-to-action gap. At the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, we’ve launched the #CelebrateCitizenship Challenge to encourage business leaders and employers across Canada to give their employees paid time off to attend their citizenship ceremony. A citizenship time-off policy is a tangible step in the right direction to make our workplaces, communities, and country more inclusive. It’s a small gesture with a big impact.

Interested in more information or want to sign on? Find a volunteer and let us know!

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is working on a project that explores the experience of people with diverse names, the barriers they might face, and the importance of a name to our identity.

Do you have a story you want to share? An idea to contribute? Find a volunteer and they can give you more information.

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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Monday, September 23
14:30 - 16:30, Corus Quay

Every 6 Degrees Toronto opens with a citizenship ceremony hosted by the Institute for Canadian Citizenship in partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Here we celebrate new Canadian citizens, and bring together community leaders and new citizens for lively roundtable discussions. These conversations offer a unique opportunity for everyone — new and established Canadians alike — to share stories, find commonalities, and reflect on the meaning of active citizenship. This is one of 75 ceremonies we host every year across Canada.
6 Degrees is committed to providing an event that is welcoming and accessible to everyone. Please tell us how we can help. We welcome your feedback as we strive to expand our accessibility offerings at future events. Talk to our staff or volunteers, or contact us at accessibility@inclusion.ca.
“The ICC and 6 Degrees are all about citizenship, engagement, inclusion, and understanding each other. Your support does much more than make this possible. It puts you at the heart of what we do.”

— The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul, ICC Co-founders and Co-chairs

“6 Degrees reframes the conversation on how we can create truly inclusive societies. The vision and support of our partners is the reason we can take this bold idea and transform it into bold action.”

— Yasir Naqvi, Chief Executive Officer, ICC
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