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# Introduction

The 2025 Canada Youth IGF marked this initiative as an annual recurring event. In preparations for this Forum, the multistakeholder organizing committee looked for opportunities to increase youth representation and network development across Canada's Internet governance sector. To succeed in ensuring that this Forum would allow youth from all of Canada to attend, we offered travel support to 20 youth from across Canada (10 youth on the Organizing Committee and 10 youth considered 'Honorary recipients') to develop cross-Canada representation. We hosted the Forum in Ottawa, Ontario as Canada's national capital and offered a hybrid event for virtual participation. With the support of our sponsors, the youth we brought in for the Canada Youth IGF were also able to attend the Canadian IGF. After the Canadian IGF and Canada Youth IGF, we further coordinated and hosted a Digital Governance Leadership and Civic Engagement Day for these youth travellers. Those youth had private tours of Canada's Parliament, along with meeting high-profile stakeholders with long careers in Canada's Internet sector. This mentorship allowed for youth to learn how to be digital leaders within their local communities.

The Canada Youth IGF had a significant number of registered participants, however, a low in-person turnout. The weather was poor during the Forum with wintery conditions likely leaving some participants to stay home. Those who were able to make the event in person learned from youth and seasoned experts in Canadian Internet governance. We were honoured to have the Privacy Commissioner of Canada to serve as our keynote speaker.

Although the impacted audience of the Forum was low, it is still growing. The Honorary recipients, as part of making their travel support into a wider programme, are hosting digital governance civic engagement projects in their local communities across Canada. These projects will engage at least 10 youth in local communities, thereby growing the conversation for another 100 participants to grow in Canadian youth Internet governance. These projects will be completed by mid-April 2026.

Finally, the 2025 Canada Youth IGF welcomed an incorporated holding organization to ensure financial resiliency long-term. After the Forum, during a social gathering, the first Annual General Meeting of the Young Digital Leaders of Canada took place, marking incorporation. This moment was significant as it allows for youth-led organizing for a youth-serving annual event. As part of the bylaws for the Young Digital Leaders of Canada, membership is considered those who live in Canada who register for an in-person or virtual ticket for the Canada Youth IGF. With this membership signifier, the Canada Youth IGF becomes constitutionalized to be held annually as part of governance compliance for the Young Digital Leaders of Canada, which if a future Forum does not occur, the holding organization would be required to dissolve itself with Corporations Canada.

## Multistakeholder Organizing Committee

<b>YDLC Executive Committee (Canada Youth IGF Organizing Committee)</b>		
Dana Cramer	Academia	Toronto, ON
Mira Gillis	Government	Ottawa, ON
James Caldwell	Civil Society	Glen Levit, NB
Julianna Kowlessar	Academia (aspiring)	Toronto, ON
Shannon Thom	Government	Toronto, ON
Laine McCrory	Academia (aspiring)	Toronto, ON/New York City, USA
Bianca Salamis	Government	Vancouver, BC
Jared McGill	Private Sector	Vancouver, BC
Hammad Khan	Government (aspiring)	Edmonton, AB
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# Preparatory Process

## Number of Meetings

Because the Organizing Committee is also the Executive Committee of YDLC, meetings to prepare happen year-round on a biweekly basis. Recruitment for this organizing role and to join YDLC's core group occur in December/January with an operational year stemming from 1 February until 31 January the following calendar year.

YDLC began focusing on the Canada Youth IGF and planning for it on 4 May 2025, resulting in 14 meetings taking place as a full organizing committee. An additional 13 meetings took place by four members for logistical leadership.

## Listservs

YDLC utilizes Google Groups for a listserv, for both external communications as well as internal processes. This allows for an archive of all communications. The Canada Youth IGF Executive Committee has a listserv, as well as each of the Sub-Committees having a dedicated listserv. These listservs are also mirrored with a WhatsApp community and groups for quick-turnover communication, but with the caveat that any decisions or voting occurred over the various listservs for accountability in governance processes.

## Outreach Process for Draft Agenda

To begin writing the Draft Agenda, a Call for Topics was circulated on social media and via our listserv to solicit topics for the Canada Youth IGF for 14 days. This Call for Topics began on 5 May 2025. After the 14-day window concluded, the organizing committee analyzed results and chose the most highly-rated topics. The organizing committee creatively developed summaries for the topics and discussed if these summaries reflected the Call for Topics accurately. A Draft Agenda reflecting these final topics and their summaries was created on 13 July 2025. The Coordinator sat meetings with each sponsor and circulated the Draft Agenda for their feedback, resulting in four distinct meetings for feedback and potential speakership by these organizations at the Canada Youth IGF. This Draft Agenda was presented in a broader Concept Note soliciting their sponsorship.

# Report of Meeting Day

## Opening Remarks

### Summary

Dana Cramer, the President and Founder of the Young Digital Leaders of Canada spoke first during the opening remarks. She spoke about the importance of youth leadership in internet governance and how the changing digital world has significant impacts on young Canadians. She emphasises that youth are ready to be part of the conversation, not only in domestic policy discussions, but also globally.

Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry, Karim Bardeesy, then addressed the room speaking about the importance of accelerating technology and how young people can help shape that acceleration and the internet governance policies of Canada. MP Bardeesy discussed the increased awareness that young Canadians have about AI and social media and how powerful that technology can be. He encourages the audience to continue to engage with internet governance and to keep growing the movement of young Canadians participating in digital policymaking.

Senator Katherine Hay was the final speaker for our opening remarks. Senator Hay spoke about how powerful data and technology can be used to help support young Canadians and how critical having youth voices around the table is for determining the decisions around digital innovation. She also highlighted the importance of mentorship for both the mentee and the mentor. In her view, mentorship is how people, both youth and adults, can learn from each other and shift policy to ensure that everyone feels heard.

### Recommendations

- **Engage with the government policymaking process.**
- **Seek out mentorships, either as a mentee or a mentor.**

## Panel 1: Determining a Human Rights Design to Future AI Governance

### Summary

This panel featured Dr. Channarong Intahchomphoo (Professor at the University of Ottawa), Jaxson Khan (CEO of Aperture AI), and Mahtab Laghaei (Policy Analyst at The Dais). When discussing the key issues in human rights and AI, Dr. Intahchomphoo noted applying human rights principles to AI can be difficult, especially in relation to bias, meaning transparency is crucial. On the topic of understanding AI and its governance, Mahtab Laghaei emphasized the importance of remembering that the future of AI is not pre-ordained, and it is the people who

decide its direction. Regarding ethical AI adoption, Jaxson Khan suggested the focus should be on identifying the places to utilize AI for highest impact, establishing the appropriate government use cases, and determining the potential of AI in education development.

The panel then addressed AI youth involvement. Dr. Intahchomphoo emphasized AI literacy, social media advocacy, and innovation education, urging transparency in Government of Canada surveys. Mahtab Laghaei reinforced transparency and highlighted AI's ubiquity for youth engagement. Jaxon Kahn called for demographic data transparency and youth assertion, referencing Bill C-27 and prioritizing progress over perfection. During the question period on the idea of progress over perfection, Jaxon advocated for courage and seizing opportunities, while Dr. Intahchomphoo noted that international tension is normal. Mahtab stressed protecting Canadian values amid polarization. Regarding child protection, Mahtab highlighted trade-offs, while Jaxon advocated for codifying children's rights and treating their data as sensitive. Finally, Dr. Intahchomphoo warned of AI psychosis and the need to balance rapid adoption with deliberate, sovereign data practices.

## Recommendations

- **Enhance accessibility:** of session materials by making session background resources, such as questions that are going to be asked, for example, easily available in advance sessions to support deeper engagement.
- **Investment and promotion of AI and digital literacy**
- **Ensure transparency and security of AI systems**
- **Improve public trust in AI**
- **Identify most impactful uses of AI**
- **Harness research and advance commercialization**

## Keynote Speech

### Summary

The Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Philip Dufresne, delivered a keynote speech addressing the evolving Canadian and global privacy landscape. He emphasized that privacy is a fundamental human right and a prerequisite for freedom, dignity, democratic participation, and protection from online harms. Commissioner Dufresne underscored the importance of youth leadership in shaping future privacy governance and highlighted the inherently global nature of privacy challenges, noting that effective protection depends on international cooperation. Drawing on Canada's leadership role within the G7 and his election as Chair of the Global Privacy Assembly, he positioned Canada as a bridge between rights-based and economic-based regulatory models, advocating for privacy by design, responsible innovation, and consensus-building, particularly to advance shared priorities such as the protection of children.

The Commissioner identified several pressing privacy issues, including the urgent need to modernize Canada's outdated privacy laws and the continued application of existing frameworks to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. He highlighted growing risks associated with online harms, deepfakes, and the non-consensual sharing of intimate images, and emphasized children's and youth privacy as a central priority. In doing so, he noted persistent shortcomings in consent practices, the use of dark patterns, and the disproportionate burden placed on individuals despite organizations holding the greatest power and responsibility. He also stressed the importance of international coordination to address cross-border data flows, data sovereignty, and foreign government access to personal information, concluding that privacy protection, innovation, and security must be advanced together through proportionate, rights-respecting regulation that builds and maintains public trust.

## Recommendations

- **Embed privacy by design and by default:** in the development and deployment of digital technologies, particularly those affecting children and youth.
- **Shift responsibility from individuals to organizations:** by reducing reliance on complex consent mechanisms and requiring organizations to take greater accountability for protecting personal information.
- **Use privacy law to address online harms:** including non-consensual sharing of intimate images, deepfakes, and other forms of synthetic media that cause significant individual and societal harm.
- **Enhance coordination among domestic regulators:** (e.g., privacy, competition, telecommunications, and copyright authorities) to ensure consistent, complementary oversight of complex digital issues.
- **Deepen international cooperation and alignment on privacy standards:** to address the global nature of data flows and raise baseline protections across jurisdictions.
- **Balance innovation, economic competitiveness, and rights protection:** recognizing that strong privacy safeguards are essential to public trust and long-term digital participation.
- **Invest in guidance, codes of practice, and regulatory leadership:** using enforcement strategically while prioritizing education, promotion, and consensus-building with industry and the public.

## Keynote Q&A

### Summary

The 20 minute moderated Q&A with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Philip Dufresne, followed his keynote address, occurring before the lunch break. Moderator and CEO of YDLC Dana Cramer asked five questions focused on privacy challenges facing young Canadians, collective responsibility for data protection, Canada's international leadership, and the growing influence of AI in education and the workplace. Dufresne emphasized that young people are uniquely vulnerable not because they lack digital skills, but because participation in digital

systems, whether through school technologies, social media, or early-career workplace tools, is often mandatory, noting that many digital tools depend on extensive personal data collection. He warned against treating privacy as the inevitable “price” of innovation or convenience and highlighted risks such as targeted political manipulation, algorithmic pricing, and manipulative design. He stressed the importance of informed choice and understanding how platforms use personal data.

The Commissioner noted that privacy protection requires coordinated action, such as individuals asserting their rights, organizations adopting responsible practices, and governments enforcing modernized legislation. International collaboration, he explained, is crucial for amplifying Canada’s regulatory impact, especially through joint investigations and G7-level coordination on AI and children’s privacy. Regarding AI in workplaces and schools, Dufresne emphasized the need for human oversight, meaningful guardrails, and awareness of AI’s impacts on decision-making, fairness, and cognitive skills. He closed by encouraging youth to see themselves as privacy champions, engage regulators and institutions with their ideas, and participate in initiatives such as his office’s new youth council.

## Recommendations

- Provide a longer Q&A session for high-interest topics such as AI and youth privacy, allowing for deeper discussion.
- Incorporate opportunities for participants to submit questions digitally in advance to enable broader participation from all attendee methods.

## Lunch Sessions

### Summary

During the lunch break, three YDLC leadership members highlighted projects completed in 2025. Mira Gillis, Chief Operations Officer, began by soft-launching the Canadian Internet Governance Academic Guide. This guide was developed by Mira Gillis, Emily Vibien, Luzalen Marcos, and Paula Morella. The guide lists all Canadian post-secondary programs related to internet governance. Users can filter the guide by province, university, and program. The project will be ongoing and updated annually to ensure it is as up-to-date as possible for the benefit of all users. The guide will become available at the beginning of 2026 with the relaunch of the Young Digital Leaders of Canada website.

Julianna Kowlessar, Director of Engagement and Programming, soft-launched the social media literacy toolkit to combat misinformation and disinformation. Julianna led this initiative alongside YDLC members James Caldwell, Bianca Salamis, Hammad Khan, and Shannon Thom. This 36-page document covers five core digital literacy topics to help youth ages 18 to 30 navigate the digital landscape. The five categories include understanding social media, digital footprints and privacy; deciphering misinformation and disinformation; the significance of algorithms and echochambers; sound digital citizenship and cyberbullying; and social media and mental health.

There is also an interactive component of the toolkit that will allow those who complete it to put what they've learnt into practice.

Lastly, Dana Cramer, President and CEO, announced YDLC's AI Youth Hub initiative. Beginning in Hamilton, Ontario, these AI Youth Hubs will enable young Canadians to participate in global conversations by recognizing their hubs in the ITU's young AI leaders network. This ensures Canadian youth have a seat at the international table and can interact with their counterparts worldwide. This first hub is being developed in partnership with the Wilson College of Leadership and Civic Engagement at McMaster University. YDLC will serve as the regional coordinator for these hubs to ensure they can work in tandem.

## Panel 2: Keeping the Internet Secure from Malicious Actors

### Summary

The panel discussion focuses on the critical role of the Domain Name System (DNS) in maintaining a stable, secure, and resilient Internet, and how it is increasingly targeted by cybercriminals through phishing, malware, botnets, fraud, and domain hijacking. Panelists from ICANN, CANARIE, Invest Ottawa, and the NetBeacon Institute explain that while DNS abuse has existed for years, it has only recently been formally addressed through coordinated policy, technical standards, and contractual obligations.

The discussion emphasizes that addressing DNS abuse requires collaboration across the Internet ecosystem, including registries, registrars, governments, research networks, and civil society. Technical approaches such as threat intelligence sharing, DNS firewalls, routing security, and emerging uses of AI and machine learning are highlighted as essential tools for early detection and mitigation.

A central theme is the dual role of youth in cybersecurity. While young people are increasingly involved in cybercrime due to low barriers to entry and limited employment opportunities, they are also well-positioned to be part of the solution. The panel stresses redirecting technical curiosity into ethical pathways through mentorship, experiential learning, and community engagement.

The conversation also explores cybersecurity careers, noting that entry-level opportunities often require blended technical, social, and trust-based skills. AI is discussed as both an enabler of attacks and a powerful defensive tool when used responsibly. Ultimately, the panel underscores that human awareness, education, and trust remain as important as technology in securing the Internet.

### Recommendations

- **Early detection and shared responsibility:** Organizations should deploy DNS firewalls, threat intelligence feeds, and routing security measures, while improving

coordination between registrars, registries, and research networks to rapidly share indicators of abuse.

- **Fraud prevention with abuse mitigation:** We should be using AI and machine learning to identify malicious domain registrations earlier in their lifecycle. AI should be treated as a tool that enhances human expertise rather than replacing it.
- **Youth engagement is critical:** We should be creating ethical, accessible pathways for young people with technical skills through hackathons, capture-the-flag competitions, volunteering, and mentorship. Mentorship is especially important for building trust, understanding industry norms, and navigating cybersecurity careers.
- **Soft skills alongside technical training:** Employers and educators should prioritize soft skills alongside technical training, including communication, teamwork, and professional networking. Finally, organizations should invest in cybersecurity awareness training and promote transparency around incidents, recognizing that informed users and trust-based cultures are foundational to long-term Internet resilience.

## Panel 3: The Future of Online Harms in Canada

### Summary

The Future of Online Harms in Canada panel discussed the complex and evolving challenges of online harms in the digital age, including issues related to misinformation, privacy, and the regulation of AI technologies. Panelists acknowledged the need for up-to-date legislation that addresses the shifting digital landscape, with a particular focus on protecting users while avoiding overly disciplinary measures. For instance, when discussing the Online Harms Act, there was concern about the potential for excessive criminalization, particularly regarding hate speech and online abuse. The panel emphasized the importance of case-by-case judicial decision-making to ensure fairness and prevent disproportionate legal consequences.

The conversation also explored the potential of cooperative digital platforms, where users could have ownership and decision-making power. Digital co-ops were seen as a promising model to democratize platforms like Twitter, allowing users to share in governance and profit.

A significant part of the discussion was about data privacy and age verification mechanisms, particularly for children and vulnerable populations. Panelists voiced concerns about the risks of data collection and recommended limiting personal data usage to protect privacy. Additionally, AI literacy emerged as a key focus, with the need to integrate AI education into school curricula and to make it accessible to all demographics, including rural and remote communities.

Panelists highlighted the importance of fostering critical thinking to counter misinformation and prevent the negative impacts of AI technologies.

Finally, community-based initiatives like fact-checking models were discussed as tools for combating misinformation and empowering users to actively participate in verifying online content.

## Recommendations

- **Encouraging Digital Co-ops & User Governance:** Promote the idea of cooperative social media platforms where users have a stake in decision-making and governance. This could democratize platform management and prevent the concentration of power in the hands of a few large corporations.
- **Protecting Privacy & Data:** Implement data minimization practices, particularly for age verification systems, to avoid over-collection of personal information. Concerns were raised about the risks of using digital IDs to verify age, particularly for children, as it may lead to the collection of sensitive data without adequate safeguards.
- **Integrating AI Literacy Education Into Curricula:** Integrate AI literacy into the curriculum from an early age. This should include education on critical thinking, how to spot AI-generated misinformation and disinformation, and how to safely and effectively use AI tools for research and creativity.
- **Fostering Empathy & Community in Digital Spaces:** Encourage the development of empathy and community-based solutions to online harms. This includes creating safe spaces for youth to discuss digital risks, with programs also focusing on stigma reduction to help youth feel comfortable sharing online experiences with trusted adults.
- **Community-Based Fact-Checking:** Support and expand community-driven fact-checking efforts to counter misinformation and disinformation. Germany's Corrective model was highlighted as a useful example of how fact-checking organizations, in collaboration with journalists, can help combat the spread of misinformation and disinformation, providing reliable sources for users.

## Panel 4/Workshop: Youth Leadership in Canadian Digital Governance

### Summary

The workshop focused on the critical role of youth in shaping the digital landscape, beginning with panelists sharing their **non-traditional career paths** into the digital policy space. This underscored a key theme: you don't need a conventional background to be an effective advocate.

The discussion centered on leveraging the youth advantage, specifically the **flexibility** young people often have to pivot and take on emerging projects. However, the panel balanced this with a call to **"embrace your finitude,"** acknowledging that while passion is high, individuals cannot solve every problem at once—focus and sustainability are key.

A major takeaway was the importance of **physical and digital presence**. Policy can be heavily influenced within the private sector long before it reaches government levels; therefore, getting "into the room" early is vital. The panel also addressed the international landscape, noting some of the barriers to meaningful engagement such as the discrepancy in how "youth" is defined

globally. While highlighting initiatives like ISED's sponsorship for young women to attend the **World Summit on the Information Society**, which ensures diverse voices are at the table.

Ultimately, the workshop called for a shift from passive consultation to **meaningful agency**. For engagement to be successful, it must be **iterative, reciprocal, comprehensive, and intersectional**.

## Recommendations

For young people

- **Stay Battle-Ready:** If an organization or policymaker asks for your feedback, have a clear, concise set of priorities ready to go. Don't let the opportunity pass because you weren't prepared.
- **Leverage Your Flexibility:** Use your ability to learn quickly and adapt to new technologies (like AI or changing social media landscapes) to position yourself as a subject matter expert in rooms where older leaders may be lagging.
- **Advocate Upward:** Speak directly to your managers or mentors about the specific policy changes or projects you want to see. Clarity in your own goals makes it easier for others to support your trajectory.

For Organizations

- **Ensure Meaningful Agency:** Move beyond tokenism. Create spaces where young people have actual decision-making power rather than just advisory roles.
- **Compensate Youth Experts:** Recognize that youth perspective is professional expertise. **Pay young people** for their time and insights to ensure participation is accessible to all, not just those who can afford to volunteer.
- **Standardize Engagement Models:** Adopt the "Four Pillars" mentioned in the workshop: ensure your engagement is **iterative** (ongoing), **reciprocal** (beneficial to the youth), **comprehensive**, and **intersectional**.
- **Lower Barriers to Entry:** Sponsor travel and participation costs for forums to ensure a diverse global youth presence that reflects different socio-economic backgrounds.

## Closing Remarks

### Summary

The closing remarks emphasized gratitude, youth leadership, and the importance of sustained engagement in internet governance in Canada. Maureen James from CIRA thanked participants and organizers, highlighting CIRA's Net Good Grants, which support initiatives in policy engagement, online safety, and connectivity for underserved communities. She praised the Canada Youth IGF and Young Digital Leaders of Canada for their energy, attentiveness, and growing influence, noting that such forums help youth claim their voice, reshape power dynamics, and build pathways into long-term policy and governance work. She underscored the

value of partnerships and the need for a strong pipeline of youth leaders to ensure a safe, inclusive, and thriving internet.

The final remarks also acknowledged sponsors, organizers, and virtual participants, and stressed that the impact of the event extends beyond Ottawa, as participants will return to their communities to lead digital governance projects. The session concluded with announcements about the organization’s new federal non-profit status and its first annual general meeting, marking an important milestone in YDLC’s growth.

## Meeting Records and Logistics

### Number of Meeting Participants

Tickets registered, in person	136
Tickets registered, virtual	39
In person attendees	55
Virtual attendees day of	23

- In person attrition rate came to 60%. Virtual attrition rate came to 41%. We had planned for a 50% in person attrition rate. We suspect the in person attrition rate was high due to on-again-off-again snowy ice flurries the day of the event and the Carleton University exam schedule as earlier in the semester than other universities, resulting in student attendees as our largest catchment group under academic pressure and adjusting their schedules accordingly.

### Demographic Information

- **Geographic:** The vast majority of participants were local to Ottawa, Ontario as this was the site for the Forum. Through the CIRA Net Good grant, we were able to fly in youth from nine of 13 provinces and territories in Canada. The geographic areas not represented in person were Canada’s northern territories and Newfoundland and Labrador which we did not receive travel support applications from.
- **Gender:** We did not request attendees to self-identify their gender identities. However, our panelists comprised the following gender demographics:
  - Female: 15
  - Male: 10
  - Non-Binary: 1

## Feedback from Participants

“Thank you for your leadership in supporting the program and creating spaces for Youth to increase the visibility of the work they are actively leading in their respective communities.”

“Thank you for organizing a wonderful week in Ottawa! I had an amazing time, and truly appreciated all of the work that each member of the team put in to make it so successful.”

## Budget

Our budget came from five sponsors of varying amounts. The sponsors confirmed their funding at separate times, with one who confirmed their capacity to fund our event the week of. Due to the late confirmation of our final sponsor, we sent post-Forum per diems to the youth who travelled to Ottawa and incurred personal costs to be part of this event. After all invoices were paid, and 15% administrative costs were provided to help with bookkeeping, accounting, and technology support (e.g., costs of a website and hosted emails), we divided the remaining monies by 24 of these qualifying post-Forum per diem recipients and sent cheques in the mail. Our sponsors funded both the Canada Youth IGF, youth to attend the Canadian IGF, and a Digital Governance Leadership and Civic Engagement Day after the two forums for youth to reflect on the week and connect with sector leaders in Ottawa. Finally some funds were used for Ubers for youth to drive from the airport to CIRA's offices to film a promotional video about the Canada Youth IGF. These Uber costs are not reflected in the below table. Therefore, where the below budget outlines the costs of the Canada Youth IGF, additional monies were spent for this Canadian IGF participation, funds to host the Digital Governance Leadership and Civic Engagement Day, and Uber costs.

<b>Funding Sources</b>	
Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) Net Good grant program	\$30,000.00
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)	\$8404.80
Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)	\$5000.00
Wilson College of Leadership and Civic Engagement at McMaster University	\$1350.00
CANARIE	\$5000.00
<b>Costs</b>	
Venue Rental	\$2547.68
Audio-Visual Costs	\$3597.26

Catering	\$4187.22
Transportation for Youth to Attend from Across Canada	\$12,194.55
Hotel Accommodation for Youth in Ottawa	\$11,256.66
Branded Swag	\$828.25
Post-Forum Pizza Dinner	\$296.63
<b>Total: \$34,908.25</b>	

## Meeting Main Information Sources

Official Website	<a href="http://youthigfcanada.ca">youthigfcanada.ca</a>
Official Listserv	<a href="https://groups.google.com/g/youth-igf-canada-general">https://groups.google.com/g/youth-igf-canada-general</a>
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Official Social Media Handle	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/youthigfcanada">linkedin.com/company/youthigfcanada</a>

## Video Recording

The Canada Youth IGF was a hybrid event with a recording available. The full event can be watched on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQxMQjh3JRE>

## Meeting Programme

The final programme is available on the Youth IGF Canada website: <https://www.youthigfcanada.ca/2025-canada-youth-igf/>

## Photo Gallery

All Canada Youth IGF photos are available via [Flickr](#).