



Conference Agenda

Strength in Unity - Building Community Together!

7:00 - 8:30

Registration and Continental Breakfast

- Performance by Razom Orchestra Members

8:30 - 9:10

Opening Session and Welcoming Remarks

Plenary

Speakers:

- Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani - AOE, BSc, LL.D (hon) Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
- The Honourable Randy Boissonnault - Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages, Gatineau, QC
- Garnett Genius - Member of Parliament for Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan, AB
- Yuliya Kovaliv - Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada, Ottawa, ON
- Oleksandr Danyleiko - Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton, AB
- Jackie Lovely - Member of the Legislative Assembly for Camrose, AB
- His Worship Mayor Amarjeet Sohi - Mayor, City of Edmonton, AB
- Alexandra Chyczij - President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Ottawa, ON
- Orysia Boychuk - President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Provincial Council, Edmonton, AB

9:15 - 10:35

Breakout Sessions

Breakout A

✦ Engaging our Diverse Communities

Engaging our diverse communities: understanding the gaps.

Speakers:

- Olha Skliar-Reva - Board Director, Edmonton Association of the Deaf, Edmonton, AB
- Diana Artemenko - Community Services Coordinator, Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, Edmonton, AB
- Nataliia Khmelova - Community Support Groups Coordinator, UCC-APC, Edmonton, AB
- Dr. Jeffrey Stepnisky - Associate Professor, MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB
- Dr. Oksana Tashkinova - Research Project Manager, Dalhousie University Resilience Research Centre, Halifax, NS

Moderator: Markian Gowda - President, Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, Edmonton, AB

Breakout B

✦ Developing Political Leadership

Strategies for developing political leadership; encouraging youth and how to prepare for leadership.

Speakers:

- Tyler Shandro - Former Minister, Government of Alberta, Calgary, AB
- Alyssa Stoddard - Board Member, UCC-APC; Youth Engager, Edmonton, AB
- Deron Bilous - Former Minister, Government of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- Taneen Rudyk - Municipal Councillor, Town of Vegreville, AB

Moderator: Ihor Michalchysyn - CEO, Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), Ottawa, ON

Breakout C

✦ Ukrainian Bilingual Education

How to empower families through Ukrainian bilingual education, with an emphasis on the Ukrainian bilingual parents committee.

Speakers:

- Yuliia Marcinkoski - Vice President, Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society, Edmonton, AB
- Melody Kostiuik - Former Bilingual Consultant & Senior Manager, AB Education, Edmonton, AB
- Daria Luciw - President, Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association, Edmonton, AB
- Andrea Chmilar - Board Member, Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parents Society, Sherwood Park, AB

Moderator: Larissa Bombak - Teacher, Elk Island Public Schools, Vegreville, AB

Breakout D

🌿 Ukrainian Dance in Alberta

Celebrating achievements, overcoming challenges, and shaping the future of Ukrainian dance.

Speakers:

- **John Stadnyk** - President, Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Society, Calgary, AB
- **Emily Belke-Farrell** - Dance Director, Viter Ukrainian Dancers, Edmonton, AB
- **Lee-Anne Kumka** - President, Fort McMurray Aurora Ukrainian Dance Club, Fort McMurray, AB
- **Dean Mackedenski** - Artistic Director, Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Club, Lethbridge, AB
- **Anastasia Sereda** - Lead Instructor, Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Club, Lethbridge, AB

Moderator: Kayla Deveaux - President, Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association, Edmonton, AB

10:35 - 10:50

Coffee and Networking

10:50 - 12:00

Breakout Sessions

Breakout A

🌿 Nonprofit Governance and Operations

Building a strong foundation: best practices in nonprofit governance and operations.

Speakers:

- **Olha Kulybanych** - President, UCC Bow Valley, Banff, AB
- **Joel Christianson** - Community Development Officer, Arts, Culture and Status of Women, GOA

Moderator: Christine Teterenko - President, UFest Edmonton Ukrainian Festival, Edmonton, AB

Breakout B

🌿 Building Your New Business

Strategies to build your own business.

Speakers:

- **Janice Krissa** - Co-Founder & CEO DON'YA Ukraine's Kitchen, Edmonton, AB
- **Olha Frolova** - Founder, ARTSPACESOL, Edmonton, AB
- **Alexandra Cybulsky** - Business Owner, Cybal Finance and Tax Services Inc., Edmonton, AB

Moderator: Ivan Lypovyk - Owner & CEO, Permanent Window Solutions Inc., Edmonton, AB

Breakout C

🌿 Ukrainian Language

Preserving heritage: building and strengthening Ukrainian language schools across Alberta.

Speakers:

- **Liliya Sukhy** - Principal, Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies, Edmonton, AB
- **Olia Myc** - Principal, Ridna Shkola, Edmonton, AB
- **Taras Voitkiv** - Principal, Ukrainian Heritage School, Calgary, AB
- **Liubov Nykolyshyn** - Principal, Ukrainian Heritage School, Fort McMurray, AB

Moderator: Leanna Buzak - Coordinator, Adult Ukrainian Heritage School, Edmonton, AB

Breakout D

🌿 Youth Communities

Building our youth communities; what is being done and what you can do.

Speakers:

- **Inna Ivchenko** - President, Edmonton Ukrainian National Youth Federation, Edmonton, AB
- **Lukian Podilsky** - President, Ukrainian Students' Society, Edmonton, AB
- **Mykhaylo Kozlovskyy** - President, Ukrainian Youth Association-Edmonton Branch, Edmonton, AB
- **Andrei Kisil** - President, PLAST-Edmonton Branch, Edmonton, AB
- **Chloe Smith** - Vice-President, Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union, Ottawa, ON

Moderator: Cody Mackoway - UCC-APC Youth Ambassador, Edmonton, AB

12:00 - 13:20

Lunch and Keynote Address

- [Dnipro Choir Performance](#)

Speaker:

- [The Honourable Chrystia Freeland](#) - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

13:25 - 15:25

Breakout Session

Breakout A

🌿 Media and Journalism

Voices of Ukraine: celebrating achievements, addressing challenges, and shaping the future of Ukrainian media and journalism.

Speakers:

- [Dmytro Gospodinov](#) - Radio Producer and Host, UCAN Radio, Calgary, AB
- [Yulianna Voloshyna](#) - Radio Producer and Host, Edmonton Ukrainian Radio, Edmonton, AB
- [Anhelina Taran](#) - YouTube Blogger, Calgary, AB
- [Marco Levytsky](#) - Editor, New Pathway Ukrainian News, Edmonton, AB
- [Vlodko Boychuk](#) - Producer & Editor, Alberta Kontakt TV, Edmonton, AB
- [Ksenia Lykiianchuk](#) - Co-Founder, online community nashi.uk, Edmonton, AB

Moderator: Olena Goncharova - Head of the North America Newsdesk at the Kyiv Independent, Kyiv, Ukraine - Edmonton, AB

13:25 - 14:50

Breakout Sessions

Breakout B

🌿 Nonprofit Fundraising

Maximizing impact: strategies for effective nonprofit fundraising.

Speakers:

- [Corrie Fortner](#) - Consultant, Global Philanthropic Canada, Edmonton, AB
- [Amy Gomez](#) - Consultant, AG Grant Development, Edmonton, AB

Moderator: Andrea Kopylech - Assist. Director, Operations and Communications, CIUS, Edmonton, AB

Breakout C

🌿 Post - Secondary Institutions

Connecting pathways: engaging with post-secondary institutions to build stronger community ties.

Speakers:

- [Larysa Hayduk](#) - Director, Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre, Edmonton, AB
- [Dr. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn](#) - Director, Kule Folklore Centre, Edmonton, AB
- [Dr. Olenka Bilash](#) - Professor, Secondary Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- [Dr. Nataliia Khanenko-Friesen](#) - Director, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, Edmonton, AB

Moderator: Artem Mamadzhanov - MA Community Engagement, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Breakout D

🌿 Ukrainian Music and Art

Honouring heritage, navigating challenges and inspiring future direction.

Speakers:

- [Larissa Pohoreski](#) - Multidisciplinary Artist, Edmonton, AB
- [Team of Artis Theatre](#) - The First Ukrainian Theatre in Calgary, AB
- [Irena Szmihelsky](#) - Interim President, Ukrainian Music Society, Edmonton, AB
- [Lyubov Kostetska](#) - Independent Artist from Ukraine, Edmonton, AB
- [Yaroslav Kitynsky](#) - Vice President, Dnipro Choir, Edmonton, AB

Moderator: Darka Broda-Masiuk - Board Member, Alberta Council for Ukrainian Arts, Edmonton, AB

14:50 - 15:00

Coffee and Networking

15:00 - 16:00

Breakout Sessions

Breakout B

🌿 Humanitarian Aid

Rebuilding hope: collaborative efforts and future visions for humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

Speakers:

- [His Grace Bishop David Motiuk](#) - Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton, AB
- [The Very Rev. Archpriest Cornell Zubritsky](#) - Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Edmonton, AB
- [Olesia Luciiv-Andryjowycz](#) - Executive Officer, Canada Ukraine Foundation, Toronto, ON
- [Roman Mykytenko](#) - Vice-President, Ukrainian World Congress, Denmark

Moderator: Stephanie Romaniuk - Vice President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Calgary Branch, AB

Breakout C

🌿 Archiving, Recording and Sustaining Ukrainian History

Preserving our legacy: strategies for archiving, recording history, and sustaining institutional memory.

Speakers:

- [Dr. Elaine Harasymiw](#) - President, Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch, Edmonton, AB
- [Joyce Chronik-Rudiak](#) - President, Ukrainian Museum UCWLC (Alberta) Society, Edmonton, AB
- [Gordon Yaremchuk](#) - Executive Director, Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society, Edmonton, AB
- [Dr. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn](#) - Director, Kule Folklore Centre, Edmonton, AB

Moderator: Maryna Chernyavska - Digital Archivist, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Breakout D

🌿 Business Networking

Unlocking success and increasing your business networking in circles.

Speakers:

- [Alex Taraiev](#) - President, Ukrainian Calgary Professional Business Club, Calgary, AB
- [Dr. Walter Kowalchuk](#) - President, Ukrainian Professional Business Club of Edmonton, AB
- [Olha Vozna](#) - Founder, Ukrainian Women Business Foundation, Calgary, AB

Moderator: Iryna Shyroka Geller - President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress - British Columbia Provincial Council, Vancouver, BC

16:05 - 16:15

Closing Sessions

Plenary

🌿 The Signs of Russian Propaganda and Their Interpretation

Speaker:

- [Dr. Oleksandr Pankieiev](#) - Editor-in-Chief of the Forum for Ukrainian Studies, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, U of A, Edmonton, AB

16:15 - 16:45

🌿 The Future of the Diaspora

Speakers:

- [Paul Grod](#) - President, Ukrainian World Congress, Toronto, ON
- [Alexandra Chyczij](#) - President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Ottawa, ON
- [Orysia Boychuk](#) - President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council, Edmonton, AB

Moderator: Andrea Kopylech - Assist. Director, Operations and Communications, CIUS, Edmonton, AB

Closing Remarks: Orysia Boychuk, President, UCC-APC

16:45 - 17:30

Reception and Networking

- ShokolaD Jazz Band and Cash Bar