Plenary Sessions

Wednesday April 10
8:00 a.m.
**Créativité. Collaboration. Connexion.**
(presented in French with simultaneous translation)

Elizabeth-Ann Doyle perfectly embodies this year’s conference theme. She is an inspiring leader with a vision that unites generations and cultures. In collaboration with local communities, youth and the city of Montreal, her charitable non-profit called MU, creates large scale murals anchored in local communities in order for people to experience art on a daily basis, to trigger a social transformation and to turn Montreal into an open-air art museum. Elizabeth-Ann will talk about her creative vision, and the important collaborations and connections that have helped her to shape it.

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Wednesday April 10
12:30 p.m.
**One Plenary – Two Important Topics: Government Relations at CAGP & Networking Tips for Greater Impact**
(presented in English and some French translation)
Grant Monck, Chair, CAGP GR Committee
Amanda Stacey, Chair, CAGP National Board
Senator Terry Mercer, Chair, Special Senate Committee on the Charitable Sector

Being a strong and knowledgeable voice on tax issues impacting philanthropy is core to CAGP’s mission of championing the growth and development of strategic charitable gift planning, and 2018 was an important year on legislative matters effecting Canada’s charitable sector. This plenary panel will include National Board Chair Amanda Stacey and Government Relations Committee Chair Grant Monck, who will give an overview of CAGP’s government relations work in 2018 and plans for the future. Delegates will then hear from Senator Terry Mercer, Chair of the Special Senate
Committee on the Charitable Sector, who will share insights and findings from the Committee’s consultations and discussions over the last year. Bring your questions for a Q&A before wrapping up for dessert and more networking in the exhibitor area!

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Thursday April 11
8:00 a.m.
**Misfit – autistic. gay. immigrant. change-maker.**
(presented in English)
Andreas Souvaliotis, Carrot Rewards

“Andreas’s message is straightforward and powerful: harness the things that make you different in order to change your world for the better. We’re all misfits, with our own particularities. And, in our quest to fit in and live ‘normal,’ we too often quash those very things that could make us special.” – Justin Trudeau and Sophie Grégoire, from their foreward to Andreas Souvaliotis’ upcoming book.

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Thursday April 11
12:30 p.m.
**CAGP Annual General Meeting**
Don’t miss CAGP’s Annual General Meeting! Hear from the Board Chair and CEO on highlights of the last year, elect new national Board members and receive the 2018 auditor’s report. As members, this is your opportunity to engage and ask questions on issues pertinent to you. A brief report from the CAGP Foundation will follow highlighting their 2018 successes and the impact the Foundation is having on strategic gift planning in Canada.

Thursday April 11
2:30 p.m.
**The FRANK Debate**
(presented in English)
FRANK is back for 2019, still honouring Dr. Frank Minton but with an exciting new format – the FRANK Debate!

Charities are an important part of Canada’s social and economic fabric and play a vital role in creating quality, caring communities. But as society evolves, as technology disrupts our lives and as issues facing communities are increasingly complex, are charities sufficiently adapting and innovating to provide services to meet social needs while also paying a role in resolving new and emerging social challenges?
Our four debaters will argue the motion: *Be it resolved, charities’ best days are behind us.*

**PRO:**

Stephen Huddart, McConnell Foundation
"The role of charity in society is shrinking. When we know how to prevent poverty through higher minimum wages and universal basic income, almsgiving seems quaint and paternalistic. The challenges of our time are better addressed at their source, and systematically - through the collaborative efforts of the public, private and community sectors."

Lauren Sears, Common Good Solutions
"Canadians collectively donate billions of dollars a year to charities, yet the very social problems these charities claim to address continue to persist. As the generation that is inheriting these challenges, we want solutions that address problems as well as treat symptoms."

**CON:**

Susan Manwaring, Miller Thomson LLP
"Poverty, addiction, environmental damage, diseases – all circumstances which don’t generate money or the ability to make money. The beauty of charity is that it doesn’t judge – it makes our communities better for all and it must be preserved to avoid the economy driving everything."

Bob Wyatt, The Muttart Foundation
"Charities have served people for more than 400 years. It’s hardly ‘flash in the pan’. The same can’t be said of some of the other buzzwords that are making the rounds."

**Moderator:** Nancy Wood, CBC Montreal News

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Friday April 12
8:00 a.m.
**The Molson Story: Leadership, Engagement & Long Term Mindedness**
(presented in English)
Helen Antoniou, Executive Coach and Author

As an executive coach, volunteer board member and author of the *Globe and Mail* bestseller, *Back to Beer...and Hockey: The Story of Eric Molson*, Helen speaks to the ideals we strive for in philanthropy in our city, province and country. Through stories from her book, she’ll look at how leadership, engagement, and long term mindedness can have a lasting, positive impact.

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**Friday April 12**
12:30 p.m.
**Chasing Down a Dream**
(presented in English)
Mike Downie, Co-Creator, Secret Path; Documentary Filmmaker

For over 30 years, Mike Downie had a front row seat to his brother Gord’s meteoric musical career. Watching Gord chase down his dreams inspired Mike to pursue his own with everything he had. In this compelling talk, Mike uses “turning point” stories from his life — in a humorous and insightful way — to inspire others to go out and unabashedly chase down their own dreams. Taking the circuitous route ultimately led him to develop his love for film and television, and to create his most personally meaningful project to date the multi-media project Secret Path with his brother Gord.

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