



WINGSForum 2026

28-30 SEPTEMBER MONTREAL, CANADA

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WHY WINGSFORUM?



Philanthropy is at a pivotal moment. Global aid systems are shifting. Civic space is shrinking. Trust in institutions is fragile.

WINGSForum 2026 convenes the leaders shaping how philanthropy responds — not to discuss theory, but to drive coordinated, practical action.

From 28–30 September 2026, over 400 leaders from across the global philanthropy community will gather in Montreal for the eighth edition of WINGSForum.

This year's WINGSForum, building on past gatherings, focuses on how we move from intention to practical action.



WHO ATTENDS WINGSFORUM?



WINGSForum brings together the world's philanthropy leaders from over 50 countries in one place. Including:

- ▶ **Philanthropy Networks & Associations:** Philanthropy networks and associations that represent foundations globally.
- ▶ **Foundations and Funders:** Of all sizes and types including institutional and corporate foundations,

HNWIs, donor-advised funds, family offices, and senior decision-makers and ecosystem architects influencing capital flows and sector strategy.

- ▶ **Community Philanthropy:** Intermediary funds, community foundations, and giving movements.
- ▶ **Global Partners:** Multilateral agencies, academic institutions, policymakers, and media.

QUOTES FROM 2023 ATTENDEES



I thought beforehand that it was going to be great and it was even better than I hoped. I learned a ton, met some incredible people, and feel energised to bring these insights back to our work at LEGO Foundation and most importantly, take action.

REIN TERWINDT, LEGO FOUNDATION



Congratulations to the whole team on the best philanthropy conference I've been to in ages.

CHRIS WORMAN, FORMERLY TECHSOUP
(NOW GIVING TUESDAY)

99%

EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS

Participants said the Forum met or exceeded their expectations

88%

RENEWED COMMITMENT

Participants committed to transforming themselves and their organisations



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WHAT IS WINGSFORUM?



WINGSForum is the flagship international convening, held every three years, where the future of global philanthropy takes shape.

For over 20 years, it has brought together senior leaders, funders, networks, and ecosystem builders from across regions to strengthen the systems that make giving more effective, inclusive, and accountable.

WINGSForum 2026 will convene over 400 decision-makers to move from aspiration to implementation — aligning capital, partnerships, and infrastructure to drive coordinated action across the philanthropy ecosystem.

WINGSForum will also host the global announcement of the newly launched **WINGS Ecosystem Builder Awards (WEBAs)**, recognising the organisations and leaders strengthening philanthropy's connective tissue worldwide.



THE EXPERIENCE



WINGSForum 2026 is a dynamic, participatory gathering designed to move philanthropy from intention to action. Across three days, over 400 global leaders will exchange practical solutions, challenge assumptions, and build partnerships that strengthen communities and shift systems.

» WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ▶ Organised around three Pathways — **Activate, Collaborate, and Transcend** — to reflect the different dimensions of action within philanthropy
- ▶ Plenaries tackling urgent global questions and the role philanthropy can play
- ▶ Hands-on learning labs and workshops
- ▶ The Garden of Experimentation — a creative space for reflection, renewal, and inner growth
- ▶ 60+ collaborators and 30+ speakers from across regions and sectors

» KEY THEMES INCLUDE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

- ▶ The courage to act: Exploring the tension between knowing what needs to change and finding the collective will to act.
- ▶ Letting go to move forward: Why philanthropy must embrace risk and relinquish control.
- ▶ Models for the future: Exploring new philanthropic models rooted in regeneration, equity, and participation
- ▶ Power, politics, and responsibility: Confronting the political nature of philanthropy and what it means to act with integrity.
- ▶ Blending power, not just money: Building partnerships that go deeper than money — grounded in trust, alignment, and co-creation.
- ▶ Rooted knowledge: Indigenous ways of giving: Centering reciprocity, stewardship, and lived knowledge as guides for the future of philanthropy.

In addition, **18 sessions led by WINGS members** will run across the three days, offering deep dives into specific topics aligned with the plenary themes, creating space to explore practical experiences and develop actionable approaches.



WHY PARTNER WITH WINGSFORUM 2026?



- ▶ **Position your organisation at the centre of global philanthropy's strategic conversations:** Connect with 400+ senior leaders, including funders and ecosystem builders from across the world.
- ▶ **Shape key conversations:** Contribute to plenaries, roundtables, and curated sessions.
- ▶ **Champion ecosystem builders through the new WEBA Awards:** Support and celebrate the often unseen leaders strengthening philanthropy worldwide.
- ▶ **Showcase your work in a values-driven space:** Present your initiatives and insights within the Ecosystem Marketplace and across key Forum touchpoints.
- ▶ **Amplify your leadership across a global audience before, during, and after the Forum:** Be featured across WINGSForum communications before, during, and after the event.
- ▶ **Build lasting partnerships:** Benefit from curated introductions and ongoing engagement with the global WINGS community.



PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



› ECOSYSTEM MARKETPLACE EXHIBITOR

Position your organisation within the infrastructure of global philanthropy, contributing tools and insights that enable coordinated action across the ecosystem.

› COMMUNITY PARTNER

Help bring the WINGSForum experience to life by supporting high-impact elements, including a networking dinner and cocktail reception for all attendees.

› GLOBAL SOLIDARITY PARTNER

Demonstrate visible commitment to equity and global representation by investing in access for leaders from underrepresented regions. This partnership affirms your organisation's role in strengthening philanthropy's global legitimacy and inclusivity.

› WEBA AWARD PARTNER

Signal your organisation's commitment to strengthening philanthropy's connective infrastructure by elevating and investing in ecosystem builders worldwide.

› CATALYST PARTNER

Champion one of the Forum's strategic pathways — **Activate, Collaborate, Transcend or the Garden of Experimentation**— and signal your organisation's commitment to advancing that dimension of ecosystem change globally.

› LEAD PARTNER

Take a defining leadership role in shaping the future direction of global philanthropy. As a Lead Partner, your organisation will align with the core narrative of ACT and contribute to setting the strategic tone for sector-wide action — before, during, and beyond WINGSForum 2026.

TAILORED PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Beyond these opportunities, we can work closely with each partner to shape an engagement that reflects your priorities, values, and ambitions.



OVERVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS *



WINGSForum 2026 comes at a time when philanthropic systems are under pressure and undergoing transformation. Investing in this Forum is an investment in the

coordination, resilience, and credibility of the global philanthropy ecosystem itself.

	LEAD	CATALYST	COMMUNITY	GLOBAL SOLIDARITY	EXHIBITOR
	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$10,000+	\$10,000+	\$10,000
Access and engagement benefits					
Speaking Opportunity**	x				
Align with a Forum Pathway	x	x			
Complimentary Conference Tickets	5	3	1	1	2
Invitation to VIP dinner	x	x			
Access to private meeting room	x	x			
Exhibit space (if of interest)	x	x			x
Early access to the guestlist	x	x			
Recognition benefits					
In opening and closing plenary	x	x			
Spotlight in promotional email & socials	x	x			
Screen & printed signage	x	x	x		
Logo on Forum website, app, post-Forum wrap-up video	x	x	x	x	x

* WEBA Awards Partners have access to a distinct set of benefits, including many of those listed above. Full details are available upon request.

** For Chair/CEO/C-Suite, to be discussed to align interests



LEAD WITH US



WINGSForum 2026 is an opportunity to shape how philanthropy responds to today's systemic challenges. We invite you to join us as a leadership partner in advancing coordinated, courageous action.

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