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## Shaping the Future of Education: 14th Canadian EdTech Summit Unveils Cutting-Edge Innovations in Ottawa, November 2-3

**Ottawa, November 2-3, 2023** – MindShare Learning, Canada’s award-winning education technology thought leader to host the [14th Canadian EdTech Leadership Summit](#) — “*Empowering Innovative & Sustainable Learning Environments for the Future*”, in partnership with Ottawa Catholic School Board, University of Ottawa (Faculty of Education), and Algonquin College, November 2-3.

*“We’re excited to welcome leading EdTech experts from across Canada and Internationally to Ottawa for the 2023 EdTech Summit. Collectively, our work is shaping the future of education; one where our students are changing the world; and impacting humanity in positive ways,”* said Tom D’Amico, Director of Education, Ottawa Catholic School Board and host partner to the Summit.

In the pursuit of examining innovative and sustainable learning environments, the utilization of generative AI stands out as a pivotal focus at the Summit. This transformative technology can play a significant role in addressing several key challenges in education.

*“Bringing together such an esteemed group of innovators from k-12 districts, post-secondary education, and from the EdTech industry sector in a time of unheard of growth in AI, Gen AI and Machine Learning promises insights that are not to be missed,”* said Geoff Edwards, Superintendent of Learning Technologies, Ottawa Catholic District School Board & Canadian EdTech Summit, Co-Chair.

The [14th Canadian EdTech Leadership Summit](#) will feature world-class speakers, including:

- Peter Singh, Executive Officer - IT services Toronto District School Board
- Daniel Sax, Co-founder and CEO Canadian Space Mining Corporation
- Bonnie Schmidt, Founding President Let’s Talk Science
- Dr. Michael Fullan, Professor Emeritus, OISE/U of T, Co-director of New Pedagogies for Deep Learning
- Tom D’Amico, Director of Education Ottawa Catholic School Board
- Diane Doersch, Senior Director of IT, Digital Promise/National Chair CoSN
- Kristina Ishmael, Deputy Director US Office of EdTech



- Steve Brown, CEO, Nelson
- Dr. Alec Couros, Director, Centre for Teaching & Learning, U of Regina

Delegates will gain valuable insight on the latest global learning and technology challenges focused on Generative AI, Cyber Security, Data Privacy and Online Learning. The summit also offers the opportunity to network at the 27th CanAm Celebration of Excellence reception with Canadian EdTech Alliance colleagues, education leaders and EdTech trade commissioners from both Canada and the U.S. Forge strategic partnerships with key stakeholders from both K12, Post-secondary, industry, and the financial sector.

*“It’s never been a more exciting time to be in education today with the promise and potential of emerging technologies to enhance student learning. We are thrilled to host this year’s Summit in Ottawa inspired by our world-class education partners,”* said Robert Martellacci, Canadian EdTech Summit Founder & Co-chair.

Another notable event is the [8th Dragon Den's Start-Up Challenge](#), inspired by the hugely popular TV show, Dragon's Den. This challenge is an opportunity for EdTech startups across North America to showcase their innovative solutions. The winning startup **Athlete Tech Group - Training Ground** will get the opportunity to be mentored by MindShare Learning in their EdTech Incubator Program for a year.

MindShare announced the [8th Annual Canadian EdTech Awards](#) Honouring Excellence in Innovation in Education. Canadian EdTech Awards were presented and announced at the 14th Canadian EdTech Leadership Summit:

- 1) K12 Educator of the Year - **Dean Vendramin, Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School**
- 2) Post Secondary Educator of the Year - **Andy Hargreaves, Visiting Professor at the University of Ottawa**
- 3) K12 District of the Year - **Louis Riel School Division**
- 4) EdTech Company of the Year - **LEARNstyle**
- 5) EdTech Startup of the Year - **Athlete Tech Group - Training Ground**

## About MindShare Learning

MindShare Learning Technology celebrates 21 years in EdTech as Canada’s leading EdTech industry consulting, news and events company. MindShare Learning Technology, a catalyst in driving innovation counsels education and industry leaders in understanding the emerging needs of learners to succeed in the 21st Century global knowledge-based digital economy to help all students thrive. MindShare Learning is also a proud publisher of Canada’s Leading Technology & Learning eMagazine – The MindShare Learning Report.



## About Ottawa Catholic School Board

The Ottawa Catholic School Board is recognized internationally for being an innovative faith-based learning community that values equity and wellness. With 89 schools and learning sites throughout Canada's capital city, the board provides quality publicly-funded education to over 45,000 students. Their mission is to provide all students with a well-rounded education for the mind, body and spirit through an emphasis on academic excellence, social responsibility and Catholic values.

## About University of Ottawa

The University of Ottawa is a prestigious bilingual institution renowned for its excellence in education, research, and innovation. With a rich history spanning over 170 years, the university is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive learning environment. It offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, attracting students from around the world. The University of Ottawa is recognized for its cutting-edge research initiatives, top-notch faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities. Known for its bilingualism and multiculturalism, the University of Ottawa stands as a symbol of academic excellence and cultural diversity in the heart of Canada.

## About Algonquin College

The mission of Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is to transform hopes and dreams into lifelong success. Algonquin College, an Ontario public sector community college, does this by offering hands-on, digitally connected, experiential learning in more than 200 programs. Algonquin College is the largest polytechnic institute in Eastern Ontario, with campuses in Ottawa, Perth, Pembroke and AC Online.

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