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Policy priorities in support of children and youth take centre stage at Queen's Park reception hosted by the School of Public Policy & Administration

As part of its outreach and celebration of public service, the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) hosted its annual spring reception on March 27, 2018 at Queen's Park to bring together policymakers and professionals from the public and not-for-profit sectors with faculty, students and alumni. The focus of this year's reception was policy priorities in support of children and youth.

"It is well documented that the early years of our lives have a profound and long-lasting impact on all of us. While we may face different challenges, it is important to try to ensure that we all have opportunities and a chance to overcome those challenges." – Professor Alena Kimakova, Director of the School, noted in her opening remarks. She also explained that the work of Irwin Elman, the first Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth of Ontario, had served as an inspiration for the theme of the event based on the recommendation of a Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) student who worked in his office and had the opportunity to observe his work first-hand.



Irwin Elman, Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth of Ontario speaks to the importance of having a voice

Elman, currently serving his second term as the independent Provincial Advocate, spoke to the importance of giving children and youth a voice. He shared a moving account of a young woman who had spent many years in the child welfare system facing abrupt, dramatic changes in her life without any opportunity to shape the decisions made on her behalf. This experience of not having an ability to provide input and maintain control led her to give up on any long-term planning, which became a way of life and thinking. Elman emphasized that while this particular example of not having a voice came from the child welfare system, he had encountered similar experiences and the same sense of disenfranchisement working with youth with disabilities and other challenges. Stakeholder input is an integral part of policy making and service delivery and Elman urged everyone to remember to create channels for children and youth to provide their input.

The Hon. Sophie Kiwala, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kingston and the Islands, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children and Youth Services as well as the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliations, shared her experiences working with indigenous children in Northern Ontario communities and the Right to Play initiative. Professor Kimakova also highlighted MPP Kiwala's support for the National Aboriginal Organizations' call on the federal government for a national public inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women with a private members' motion, which was passed in 2014.

The remaining two speakers at the event focused on the economic empowerment of youth by supporting successful transition to the workplace. Aretha Constant, Director of Integrity Operations at Employment and Social Development Canada/Service Canada spoke to the federal government's initiatives in support of youth such as the Federal Student Work Experience Program and the Canada Student Loans Program. Julia Deans, CEO of Futurpreneur Canada, a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance with start-ups, including business skills coaching, financing and mentoring, highlighted the growing role of entrepreneurship in our changing world of work.



From left to right: Aretha Constant, Irwin Elman, MPP Sophie Kiwala, Alena Kimakova and Julia Deans



From left to right: MPPAL Alumna and Ontario Legislative Intern Shireen Salti with the Hon. David Zimmer, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Alena Kimakova, Director of the School of Public Policy and Administration



MPP Sophie Kiwala during her address



Aretha Constant in the centre with MPPAL students Mary Anne Forcadilla (left) and Avesta Naseer (right)



Graduate Program Director Dagmar Soenneken in the centre with MPPAL students Jocelyn McCauley (left) and Lisa Druchok (right)



MPPAL alumni Kevin Giddings and Romina Chencheva



Professor Brenda Spotton Visano with President Emeritus Ian Macdonald

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25/06/2018—29/06/2018
Location: Maastricht (NL)

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Thursday, May 24th us as we explore the new vision of public service delivery that embraces disruptive technology transformation during:

Disruptive Technologies for Public Services

Overview of the potential of disruptive technologies for public services - Diane Francis

Approaches for leveraging disruptive technologies for public services - Hilary Hartley (Chief Digital Officer, Government of Ontario)

Blockchain for Public Services - Kevin Armstrong (Partner, Deloitte)

Autonomous Vehicles - Ryan Lanyon (Autonomous Vehicles Working Group, City of Toronto)

Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Process Automation - Alida Meghji (Cognitive Advantage Lead, Deloitte)

Location: Deloitte, 8 Adelaide Street West, Toronto

Students
 (with valid student ID) \$25

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The RightsCon Toronto 2018

RightsCon brings together business leaders, policy makers, general counsels, government representatives, technologists, and human rights defenders from around the world to break down silos, create partnerships, and drive large-scale, real-world change toward a more free, open, and connected world.

RightsCon Toronto (May 16-18, 2018)

2000

PARTICIPANTS

115

COUNTRIES

450+

SESSIONS

700+

COMPANIES, GOVERNMENTS, & ORGANIZATIONS

Access Now is thrilled to share with you the draft RightsCon Toronto 2018 schedule. Built by our global community, this is the biggest program in RightsCon history, with **more than 450 sessions and representing more than 70 countries**. We're excited to share with you that this year, a majority of our session organizers identify as female, and our community has grown to include 46% first-time organizers.

Check out the schedule below and visit the entire program on our [Sched page](#) or [Google Sheet](#).

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Policy Development officer City of Toronto

The Policy Development Officer will contribute strong analytical and conceptual thinking, research skills, data analysis and expertise in stakeholder engagement to a smart, dynamic social policy team. Current social policy priorities include Equity Responsible Budgeting, a Disaggregated Data Strategy, Community Benefits, and other poverty reduction strategies. [More information >>](#)

Policy Advisors (3 positions) Treasury Board Secretariat

Are you looking to gain a better understanding of policies that guide the oversight of government's provincial agencies? Are you interested in supporting government's drive to enhance and modernize agency governance and accountability? If so, the Treasury Board Secretariat has three openings with the Public Appointments and Agency Governance Branch.

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Government Relations Advisor CIFAR

The Government Relations Advisor is responsible for the Institute's government portfolio, including public sector funding by provincial governments, the federal government, and governments outside of Canada. In addition to securing funding from government partners, this contract position is responsible for developing and delivering CIFAR's government relationship management plans, contract negotiations, and performance reporting requirements with all levels of government. [More information >>](#)

Senior Policy Analyst University of Toronto

Reporting to the Director of Government Liaison, the Senior Policy Advisor provides research, analysis, and policy advice/development on policy issues stemming from the University of Toronto's interactions with government, institutional partners, and other external stakeholders. The Senior Policy Advisor provides recommendations, such as outlining policy options and an assessment of impacts.

[More information >>](#)

Indigenous Relations Advisor Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Closing date: Monday, April 30, 2018

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has a long history of working with Indigenous communities and working toward reconciliation with Indigenous communities is a top priority for us.

[More information >>](#)

Program Advisor (2 positions) Ministry of Labour

Are you an analytical person who enjoys working in a stimulating environment? Consider working with the Health and Safety Policy Branch at the Ministry of Labour, where you will support policy and program development to improve the health and safety of workers.

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