ARC SUMMIT 2026

Inclusion Innovation and Indigenous Teachings

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Fredericton, New Brunswick | October 14–17, 2026

Summit objectives

1. Share progress since last year and identify current and future challenges.
2. Review and renew ARC values and vision.
3. Explore inclusive learning environments, innovation in teaching, and Indigenous teachings.
4. Support and challenge one another with our strategic issues.
5. Agree on the next steps for ARC.

Main issue for discussion

How can we best lead our education systems to address the interconnected challenges of inclusion, innovation, and Indigenous teachings?

Questions to explore

- How can education systems create inclusive learning environments where every student can access the curriculum and feel that their ideas matter?
- How can we strengthen educators' ability to select and use technology, including AI, in ways that support learning and respond to real-world challenges?
- How can Indigenous teachings, languages, and relationships with the land be meaningfully carried into education?
- What can ARC members learn from one another, and what are the next steps for our network?

Wednesday October 14

Provincial Day | Crowne Plaza Hotel

Time	Programme
12:00	**Arrival and registration**
13:00	**Welcome to Fredericton, New Brunswick, the Summit, and Provincial Day** Welcoming ceremony with Dr. Imelda Perley, Opolahsomuwehs, and Dr. David Perley.
14:15	**A vision for education in New Brunswick** Address by Ryan Donaghy, Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, followed by an overview of the province and its education system.
	Presentations from New Brunswick education partners New Brunswick Teachers' Association, Provincial District Education Council Chair, and student leadership representatives.
15:15	**Inclusion in New Brunswick** Dr. Kim Korotkov: where the system is today, how it got here, and questions about implementation, impact, and gaps.
15:45	**Discussion and Q&A** Facilitated by Dr. Kim Korotkov.
16:15	**Refreshment break and networking**
16:30	**Innovation and partnerships panel** Dr. Matt McGuire, McKenna Institute/UNB, with EECD and district representatives.
17:00	**Discussion and panel Q&A**
17:30	**Innovation showcase** Highlights from New Brunswick.
18:15	**Wrap-up**
18:30	**Walk along the Green** Optional walk on the trail system behind the Crowne Plaza. Delegates make their own arrangements for the evening meal.

Thursday October 15

School visit and ARC Summit | Fredericton and Crowne Plaza Hotel

Time	Programme
07:30–08:00	**Depart from the hotel for school visits** Delegates will be welcomed by school administrative teams.
Morning	**School visits** Tour the school, visit classrooms, observe learning in action, and speak with students and teachers. See school group assignments at the end of this programme.
12:00	**Return to the Crowne Plaza**
12:30	**Light lunch**

Time	Programme
13:30	**Premier's address and welcome to the Summit**
13:50	**Introductions, ground rules, protocols, and programme** Andy Hargreaves, ARC President.
14:00	**Small mixed-group discussion**
14:30	**Innovation, inclusion, and Indigenous teachings** Tom D'Amico on the challenges of AI in system improvement.
15:00	**Reflections and Q&A** With Tom D'Amico.
15:20	**Refreshment break**
15:35	**Indigenous teachings** Dr. Imelda Perley, Opolahsomuwehs.
16:05	**Reflections and Q&A** With Dr. Imelda Perley, Opolahsomuwehs.
16:25	**Mixed cross-system dialogue** Delegates reflect on what they have heard about innovation, inclusion, and Indigenous teachings.
17:05	**System-group plenary** Groups share and summarise their discussion.
17:20	**Close**
18:15	**Depart from the hotel**
19:00	**Formal dinner at the Lieutenant Governor's House** Tour of the house at 20:30; return to the hotel at 21:30.

Friday October 16

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Time	Programme
08:30	**Learning from yesterday**
08:45	**Introduction to the day**
08:50	**Within-system group task** Identify areas of strength and challenge in inclusion, innovation, or Indigenous teachings. Prepare to share learning and questions with other delegates. This session follows the Chatham House Rule.
09:30	**Education-system presentations and dialogue** Delegates gather around the system posters.
10:30	**Refreshment break**
10:50	**Education-system presentations and dialogue** Continued.
11:20	**Within-system group discussion** What have we learned from the feedback, and how do we move forward?
11:55	**AI, teaching, and inclusion** Armand Doucet, author and former Senior Adviser on AI for New Brunswick.
12:15	**Reflections and Q&A** With Armand Doucet.
12:30	**Buffet lunch**
13:30	**Leadership and system improvement** Michael Fullan.
14:00	**Reflections and Q&A** With Michael Fullan.
14:15	**Role-specific discussion groups** What can you do from your role in the system?
15:15	**Refreshment break**
15:30	**ARC Talks** Michael Fullan; Tom D'Amico; Dr. Imelda Perley, Opolahsomuwehs; and Andy Hargreaves.
16:30	**Close**
17:30	**Beaverbrook Art Gallery** Guided tour and reception.
19:30	**Informal dinner**

Saturday October 17

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Time	Programme
08:30	**Summary of outcomes from Days One and Two**
08:45	**ARC next steps** Short-term plans for three ThoughtMeets and a conversation about ARC's long-term future. Led by Yngve Lindvig and Andy Hargreaves.
09:45	**System-to-system consultancy** Panel facilitated by Marlen Faannessen.
10:45	**Refreshment break** Hotel check-out, if needed.
11:15	**System-to-system consultancy** Continued.
12:15	**Plenary** Next steps for each system and organisation.
12:30	**Summit review and reflections**
13:00	**Indigenous closing ceremony**
13:30	**Lunch and departure**

School visits

Fredericton High School

Chief Harold Sappier Memorial School

Hanwell Park Academy

George Street Middle School

Bio ARC talks:

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