



GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM

Overcoming Social Isolation and Deepening Social Connectedness

OCTOBER 25-27, 2016

McGill University, Montreal, Canada
The Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish Street

October 24th - *Welcome Dinner*, Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, 1050 Rue Sherbrooke O

October 25

Objective: *Understanding the progress and framing the future direction of the movement*

11:00 – 12:30 Opening, welcome & Indigenous ceremony

12:30 – 13:30 Networking and lunch

13:30 – 14:00 Framing and context setting – remarks by Kim Samuel, Professor of Practice, McGill University and President, The Samuel Family Foundation

15:00 – 16:00 Exploring the movement – social connectedness, its applications and movement building

16:00 – 17:00 Social Connectedness and movement building – comments by Tim Shriver, Chairman, Special Olympics International

19:00 – 21:30 **'An Evening of Creativity and Artistic Reflections on Belonging'** at the McCord Museum, 690 Rue Sherbrooke O

October 26

Objective: *Exploring new lenses in addressing human connection and applying them to global development challenges*

9:00 – 12:15 New lenses and new language for social connectedness – exploring Indigenous models in a global context

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Discussion

13:15 – 17:00 From Research to Practice: panel discussion and workshops on global challenges in poverty, education and sustainable communities

19:30 – 20:30 **'Town Hall: exploring social connectedness in current affairs'** moderated by Matthew Bishop, Senior Editor, The Economist, at Decca 77 Restaurant et Brasserie, 1077 Rue Drummond

October 27

Objective: *Tackling applied issues in social connectedness, furthering partner and community initiatives*

9:00 – 12:00 Collaboration Jams: tackling partner challenges in social connectedness

12:00 – 13:00 Networking Lunch

13:00 – 14:00 Applying the principles of connectedness to scale, policy and community driven change

14:00 – 15:00 Distinguished panel on principle themes and the future of the movement

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