



Lieutenant Governor of Ontario announces the Visionaries Prize

On the eve of Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations, the search is on for innovative and creative thinkers in Ontario

TORONTO—September 29, 2016—In partnership with the Walrus Foundation, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, today announces the **Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize**, an opportunity for innovative and creative thinkers across Ontario to identify and present their solutions to the great challenges facing Ontarians and Canadians over the next 50 years—from evolving environmental pressures to the future of governance in the 21st century.

The Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize will challenge Ontarians aged 18 and over to present their ideas in a short essay and/or brief video. Following the close of submissions in March 2017, 36 finalists will be identified in 6 categories. Finalists will have a chance to publicly showcase and defend their proposed policy solutions before a live audience during moderated intensive sessions held across Ontario in the fall of 2017. The 6 winners will formally receive the Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize in October 2017.

Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize: Challenge categories, locations, and dates

- Reconciliation
Thunder Bay, September 13, 2017
- Environmental stewardship
Waterloo, September 26, 2017
- Governance
Kingston, September 19, 2017
- Social cohesion
Brampton, September 28, 2017
- Inclusive prosperity
Windsor, September 21, 2017
- Scientific and technological innovation
Toronto, October 2, 2017

Complete information about the Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize is available on The Walrus Foundation's website at www.thewalrus.ca/LGvisionariesprize.

The Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize is managed by the Walrus Foundation in partnership with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and is supported by the Ontario Government through its Ontario150 program as part of Canada's sesquicentennial celebrations.

“Disruptive technologies. Political detachment. Poverty, water shortages and food insecurity. These are just some of the potential challenges facing us in the coming years. To achieve a world that works for everyone will require bold and creative ideas. I invite you to seize the opportunity presented by the Lieutenant Governor’s Visionaries Prize to design creative solutions, making an Ontarian contribution to those with whom we share this earth.”

— The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

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About the Walrus Foundation

The Walrus Foundation is a registered charitable non-profit organization with an educational mandate to create forums for conversations on matters vital to Canadians. The foundation is dedicated to supporting writers, artists, ideas, and thought-provoking conversation. We achieve these goals across multiple platforms: publishing *The Walrus* magazine ten times a year in print, tablet, and mobile editions; curating the national series of Walrus Talks and leadership dinners; posting original, high-quality content daily at *thewalrus.ca*; and through other digital projects. The foundation also trains young professionals in media, publishing, and non-profit development.

About Ontario150

In 2017, Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary. As a founding province of Confederation, Ontario will be marking the occasion by supporting events and programs across the province that showcase our diversity, encourage Ontarians to get involved and celebrate and leave a lasting legacy for communities across the province to enjoy. This is a chance to reflect on our history and look ahead towards the next 150 years in Ontario. The Ontario150 program is intended to engage Ontarians of all ages, but especially our youth to help lay the groundwork for strong economic, social and cultural legacies for the next generation.