

The 90 Speakers and Performers who will present at the Joyous Celebration, July 17-20, Vancouver

Ashli Akins	Cultural Ecologist & Founder of <i>Mosqoy</i> , a non-profit working w/ the Quechua of the Peruvian Andes
Dima Amso	Developmental Cog. Neuroscientist, Developmental Psychologist studying attention beginning in infancy
Amy Arnsten	Systems & Behavioral Neuroscientist. Expert on prefrontal cortex & the role of norepinephrine there
Jansen Azarias-Suzumoto	Co-Founder of <i>Higher Ground</i> , dedicated to building character & empowering disadvantaged youth
Edith Bachmann	As a high student conducted a study of the effects of storytelling on 4th graders' executive functions
Fatimah Bahrami	Karate Master, as a Neuroscience PhD student is studying karate's benefits for child development
Mahzarin Banaji	Studies dissociations between conscious attitudes and unconscious, implicit evaluations of social groups
Radhika Bapat	Clinical Psychologist in India, whose therapy relies on contextual storytelling & indigenous metaphors
Liz Barrett	Learning & Educator Support Specialist working with Indigenous peoples across Canada with JUMP Math
Tal Ben-Soussan	Cognitive Neuroscientist; neurophysiological, molecular, & psychological effects of Quadrato training
Richard Biegel	Founded <i>MindED</i> , where eminent developmental researchers distill their findings for parents & educators
Judith Black	Storyteller extraordinaire; for 35 years has been using stories to motivate, humanize, entertain, & teach
Elena Bodrova	Co-Founder & Co-Director, <i>Tools of the Mind</i> ; trained under Luria and protégés of Vygotsky
Bidyut Bose	Founder & Exec. Director, <i>Niroga Inst.</i> , a non-profit bringing dynamic mindfulness to >½ million students
Silvia Bunge	Cognitive Neuroscientist; her lab draws from cog. neurosci., developmental psychology, & education res.
Carol-Anne Bush	K-12 Educator; co-author of book, <i>Executive Function Skills in the Classroom: Overcoming Barriers...</i>
California Dance Institute	CDI is a non-profit arts education program instilling confidence, discipline, & focus through dance
BJ Casey	Developmental Cognitive Neuroscientist & a member of the <i>Justice Collaboratory</i> at Yale Law School
Michele Chaban	Founder, & Matriarch for almost 20 years, of the Applied Mindful Meditation community in Toronto
Eveline Crone	Premier Dutch Developmental Cognitive Neuroscientist; author of the book, <i>The Adolescent Brain</i>
Jackie Davis	Youth Circus education pioneer with >20 years experience. Mime who trained with Marcel Marceau
Rena Del Pieve Gobbi	An accomplished filmmaker; seeks to empower those, like herself, who suffer from severe mental illness
Don Druin	Molecular Geneticist; Whitewater Rafting & Wilderness Survival Instructor; built 1st mock MRI scanner
Silvia Dubovoy	Montessori Educator & Trainer of Trainers for children 0-3 & 3-6 years; worked closely with Carl Rogers
Elissa Epel	International Expert on stress, well-being, & optimal aging; best-selling author (<i>The Telomere Effect</i>)
Laurie Faith	Co-Author of <i>Executive Function Skills in the Classroom: Overcoming Barriers, Building Strategies</i>
Valter Fernandes	Founder, NextGenU.org (offers FREE education worldwide). Past Pres., Physicians for Social Responsibility
Erica Frank	Founder, <i>NextGenU.org</i> (offers FREE education worldwide). Past President, Physicians for Social Responsibility
Ellen Galinsky	President, Families and Work Institute. Best-selling author (<i>Mind in the Making</i>). Past Pres., NYAEC
Mary Gordon	Founder & President, <i>Roots of Empathy</i> . Social entrepreneur committed to increasing compassion

Alison Granger-Brown	For 22 years has supported the transformational learning, growth, & development of people in prison
Judy Graves	1 st Advocate in Vancouver City Hall for the homeless. High school drop-out, holds 4 honorary doctorates
Mark Greenberg	Founding Bd. Member, <i>CASEL</i> . Chair, <i>CREATE for Education</i> , a non-profit promoting caring & compassion
Hayes Greenfield	Founder, <i>Creative Sound Play</i> for pre-K classrooms. An award-winning musician, composer, & sound artist
James Heckman	Nobel Laureate in Economics. Studies efficacy of early childhood education for reducing inequality
Kathy Hirsh-Pasek	Developmental Psychologist championing the importance of play. Author of several best-selling books
Lesley Horton	Family physician with a special interest in Environmental Medicine, especially environmental pathogens
Trevor Hurwitz	Both a Neurologist and Psychiatrist, he is the Father of Neuropsychiatry in BC & of NP Training in Canada
Thupten Jinpa	Was Chief Translator for the Dalai Lama for decades. Developed <i>Compassion Cultivation Training</i>
Tedd Judd	Neuropsychologist working on culturally-appropriate practices in low- & middle-income countries
Gilles Julien	Father of Community Social Pediatrics. Member, <i>Order of Canada</i> ; Commander, <i>Ordre de Montréal</i>
Natasha Kirkham	Professor, Dev. Psych., Birkbeck, Univ. of London. Studies selective attention in infants & preschoolers
Torkel Klingberg	Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, Karolinska Institute. A leading developer & researcher of <i>Cogmed</i>
Patricia Kuhl	Internationally recognized for her research on early language learning and bilingual brain development
Kimberley Lakes	Passionate about global child health and holistic, culturally-relevant interventions to promote well-being
Amy Lansing	Leading researcher on why juvenile offenders offend, their mental health challenges, & how best to help
Lynne Lawrence	Executive Director, <i>International Montessori Association</i> (AMI). Very active in Educateurs sans Frontières
Deborah Leong	Co-Developer & Director, <i>Tools of the Mind</i> , a curriculum emphasizing play for developing self-regulation
Daphne Ling	Award-winning Neuroscience graduate student. Important studies of the dopamine system in PFC
Regina Lohndorf	Dev. Psychologist, working w/ indigenous Mapuche to preserve & revive their culture & language
Christine Lock	Physician who co-founded & leads, RICHER (the social pediatrics initiative in Vancouver's poorest area)
Angela Low	Ed. Psychologist focused on shame & compassion in parent ed. Provincial lead, child health promotion.
Gabor Maté	Author of best-sellers, e.g., <i>When the Body Says No</i> and <i>The Myth of Normal</i> . Member, <i>Order of Canada</i>
Andrew Meltzoff	Pioneer in early social-cognitive development, esp. infant imitation & roots of infant sharing & altruism
John Mighton	Founder & Director, <i>JUMP Math</i> . Social Entrepreneur of the Yr, Ashoka Fellow, <i>Order of Canada</i> member
Rabia Mir	Brilliant Interdisciplinary graduate student, giving a voice to those marginalized and disadvantaged
Juan-Felipe Molano	Conductor, <i>Seattle Youth Orchestra</i> ; previously Nat'l Director, <i>Batuta</i> (Colombia's El Sistema Orchestras)
Brenda Morrison	Director, <i>Centre for Restorative Justice</i> , Simon Fraser University. Board Member, Smart Justice Canada
Yuko Munakata	Preeminent Developmental Psychologist. Viral TEDx talk on the science of how parents affect their children
Loise Nashepai	A Masai school administrator, committed to quality education for poor children & rescued girls in Kenya
Maung Nyeu	Founder & Director, <i>Our Golden Hour</i> , extending ed. opportunities for marginalized & underserved kids

Jelena Obradovic	Created innovative, scalable assessments of EF skills & a global repository of EF data to support open sci.
Orange C. Sch. the Arts	A public charter school, catering to students w/ talents in performing, visual, literary, or culinary arts
Patrizio Paoletti	Encourages people to go beyond social, personal, & cultural stereotypes to achieve self-realization
Priscilla Paz	MD & graduate student in Public Health; Studying whether improving balance might improve exec functions
Michael Posner	Giant in Cog. Sci. Co-founded field of Cog. Neurosci. Recipient of highest US honor, <i>Nat'l Medal of Sci.</i>
Andrea Raza-Álvaro	Works w/ descendants of the indigenous Quito-Cara tribe in Ecuador to provide quality, holistic education
Trevor Robbins	Systems Neuroscientist specializing in frontal lobe function. Commander, <i>Order of the British Empire</i>
Barbara Rogoff	Pioneer and Leader in Cross-Cultural Human Development; award-winning author of multiple books
St. James Music Acad.	A non-profit El Sistema-inspired music program committed to social change through the power & love of music
Michele Sam	A Ktunaxa elder, guided by principles based on Indigenous Peoples' ways of being, doing, and knowing
Cliff Saron	Neuroscientist, specializing in the training of attention & emotion regulation thru contemplative practice.
Justin Scarimbolo	A classical guitarist, Hindustani sitarist, and ethnomusicologist based in Pune, India
Kim Schonert-Reichl	NoVo Fdn. Endowed Chair in Social & Emotional Learning. Chair, Sci. Res. Advisory Com., <i>Goldie Hawn Fdn</i>
Seattle Youth Orches.	Founded in 1942, the largest youth orchestra training program in the US. Headed by Molano since 2019
Jenny Seham	Teaches blind youth to dance and gives youth with mental-health challenges creative, artistic outlets
André Shearer	Founder & Chair, Indaba Fdn., which brings quality early education to South Africa's most vulnerable children
Daniel Siegel	Author of many best-selling books, including <i>Mindsight</i> , <i>Intraconnected</i> , <i>Whole-Brain Child</i> , and many more
Tania Singer	Professor of Social Neuroscience & the leading neuroscience researcher on empathy and compassion
Hélène (Sioui) Trudel	A Montreal Lawyer, Mediator, & Founder of an innovative children's-rights-based approach to child health
Sitka String Quartet	An outstanding all female ensemble of musicians from the Vancouver Symphony
Monica Tsethlikai	Researches role cultural connectedness plays in shaping cognitive development; a member of the A:shiwi people
Christa Turksma	Co-Developer, CARE for Teachers program; Clinical Child Psychologist; was a Kindergarten teacher for many years
Bessel van der Kolk	Studies how children & adults adapt to, & recover from, traumatic experiences. Author of <i>The Body Keeps the Score</i>
Vancouver Symphony	Winner of Juno & Grammy awards. Largest arts organization in Western Canada (see Sitka String Quartet above)
Robert Vichnis	Sculptor, Clinician, Social Worker, & 5th degree Black Belt in Aikido (which means "the way of harmony")
Margaret Weiss	ADHD Expert. Previously headed BC's ADHD program, a Centre of Excellence for treatment, teaching, & research
Michiel Westenberg	Expert on social anxiety in adolescence; Sci. Director Emeritus, Nat'l Inst. for the Study of Ed. & Human Dev.
Amanda Woodward	Pioneered ingenious experimental methods for investigating social cognition in infants & young children
Karen Wynn	Developmental Psychologist; Emerita Professor, Yale University; Painter and Printmaker
Nancy Yáñez	Indigenous lawyer specializing in human rts. Founder & Co-Director, Observatory for Rights of Indigenous Peoples