



GROWING TOGETHER

Building a Sustainable Future

MARCH 28 & 29, 2023
TELKWA, BC

Tuesday, March 28

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome
- 9:15 am Keynote Address: John A. Brink
Topic: Entrepreneurship and Economic Investment in Northern British Columbia
- 10:15 am Refreshment Break
- 10:30 am Local Training Panel
Sean Terrillon – Ministry of Post-Secondary Education & Future Skills
Tina Reed – Contact North BC
Nadine Cape – Kopar Administration
Danna Buick & Anna Sterankova – Work Integrated Learning Division (WILD)
- 11:15 am RDBN Startup Business Contest Presentations:
Mixers Bar & Lounge, Freespace Solutions, Arcade Party Rentals,
The Klassen Cabin, Palisades Cafe, and Crossroads Cannabis
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Keynote Address: Leona Prince
Topic: What Reconciliation Means for Business Leaders in our Community
- 1:45 pm Reconciliation Panel
Lisa Mueller – Nation2Nation
Corinne George – College of New Caledonia, Lakes District
- 2:30 pm Breakout Sessions
Attraction and Retention – Telkwa Community Hall
Sarah Best – Go2HR
Taking Care of Business – Telkwa Senior's Centre (across the parking lot)
Taylor Krymusa – Community Futures Nadina
- 3:30 pm Wrap up/Door Prize
We hope you will take this opportunity to explore Telkwa before heading to Smithers for the Gala Dinner.
- 6:00 pm Gala Dinner – Summit Ballroom at Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers

Wednesday, March 29

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome
- 9:15 am Keynote Address: Dave Fuller & Norm Adams
Topic: 7 Strategies to Double Your Profits
- 10:15 am Refreshment Break
- 10:30 am Circular Economy/Zero Waste Panel
Mark Fisher & Mike Bundock
Nathan Nicholas – Ursa Minor Brewing
- 11:00 am Export Panel
Mietka Zieba – Export Navigator Program
Monika Cote – Prince Rupert Port Authority
- 11:30 am Effective Marketing Panel
Breeann Doerksen – Bulkley Valley Hive & Honey
Blaine Estby – Smithers Brewing Co.
Brian Peech – Northern BC Tourism
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Entrepreneur Panel
David Harris – Bulkley Valley Brewery
Sagar Saxena – iCubed Summit
Mary Mytting – HubSpace
- 1:15 -3:00 pm Local Agriculture Presentations - Telkwa Senior's Centre (across the parking lot)
Please see Afternoon of Agriculture Agenda
- 2:15 pm Local Industry Project Panel
Natasha Westover – Coastal GasLink
Val Erickson & Melissa Barcelo – Artemis Gold Inc. Blackwater Mine
Josh Hoffman – Pacific Inland Resources
- 3:00 pm Closing Remarks

