



CUE 2040 SYMPOSIUM: LOOKING AHEAD

Date: December 16, 2019

Location: Tegler Center, Concordia University of Edmonton

Introduction:

What sort of a university will Concordia University of Edmonton need to be in 2040? The challenge before us is to prepare graduates for a new world, a future world of uncertainty and opportunity, and to ensure that the Mission of Concordia University of Edmonton is actualized in that world.

Are there clues that can help us to discern what our graduates, researchers, and innovators will need in the world of 2040 and beyond? This symposium, facilitated by renowned experts in higher education and disruptive change, draws upon what we know now and what we might reasonably predict for the future in order to spark a dialogue that looks beyond our immediate present.

Time	Schedule – December 16, 2019	Location
9:00am	Refreshments and Registration	Mezzanine
9:30am	Introduction of Speaker	Tegler
9:45am	Alex Usher: Buckle Up: Challenges for Postsecondary Education in Canada, 2019-2024	Tegler
10:45am	Break	Mezzanine
11:00am	Discussion/small group activity	Tegler
	Lunch	Mezzanine
12:00noon	Special presentation of CUE's Campus Master Plan presented by Vivian Manasc, Manasc Isaac Architects	
1:30pm	Introduction of Speaker	Tegler
	Stephen Prendiville: The Future of Education: Developing a future ready mindset	
1:45pm	With Discussion/small group activity Refreshments will be provided.	Tegler
4:30pm	Wrap-up	Tegler



Presenters:

Alex Usher is the founding president of Higher Education Strategy Associates. Mr. Usher has managed and coordinated national research programs at EPI (Canada), where he was the director of the Canadian office (2004-2009), and at the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation, where he served as Director of Research and Program Development (2000-2003). Mr. Usher earned a bachelor's degree in history from McGill University and a master's degree in political science from Carleton University. Throughout his career, Mr. Usher's involvements have focused on the context of and policy environment of postsecondary education. He is the author or co-author of dozens of articles and monographs. In total, he has over fifteen years of experience as a researcher and report writer.

Stephen Prendiville is a Partner at Ernst & Young LLP where he specializes in assisting clients make, and execute upon major infrastructure investment decisions. Originally from Ireland, Stephen came to North America in 2011 and since then has called Austin TX, Fort Mac, Edmonton, Toronto and now Edmonton again – home, having advised on over USD\$50 billion of infrastructure projects to date. He is consulted globally on infrastructure projects, particularly in the delivery and execution of Metro/LRT systems. In addition, for EY, Stephen is a member of their Global Cities forum and leads the Canadian EY cities and municipalities community to explore the challenges and opportunities posed by disruptive technology and demographic change. This role has allowed Stephen the privilege of discussion and debate on many major issues and opportunities across the country as we collectively prepare for the disruption age.