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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL



Timbuktu
INNOVATION HUB



THE LAUNCH OF TIMBUKTU INNOVATION HUB

9442 118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5G 0N6

Friday, August 29, 2025

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

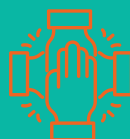
**Technological
Advancement**



**Economic
Growth**



**Youth
Empowerment**



Experience how heritage and innovation come together to build a brighter future, and be part of what's next.

ABOUT TIMBUKTU INNOVATION HUB

The Timbuktu Innovation Hub is not just a physical space but a community initiative. Named after the ancient city of Timbuktu, known for being a cultural, commercial, and educational center in Africa, the Hub aims to be a modern reinterpretation of this legacy. Timbuktu was once a hub for African scholars, traders, and artists. Drawing from this rich history, the Timbuktu Innovation Hub aims to recreate a similar environment in a modern context, fusing technological innovation with social impact.

With African knowledge systems at its foundation, the Hub offers collaborative workspaces, digital media labs, and event areas—designed to spark innovation, empower youth, and fuel economic growth within African, Caribbean, and Black communities.

PROGRAM

Opening

- 12.00 - Arrival and Registration
- 12.20 - Ribbon Cutting
- 12.30 - Entrance to space (Wajjo Drummers)
- 12.45 - Land Acknowledgment & Opening by Dunia Nur, President & CEO

Remarks

- 12:55 - The Hon. Eleanor Olszewski, Min. of Emergency Mgt. & Community Resilience & PrairiesCan
- 1:00 - Amarjeet Sohi, Mayor of the City of Edmonton
- 1.05 - Councilor Ashley Salvador, Métis Ward
- 1:10 - Eddie Robar, City Manager
- 1.15 - Emmanuel Onah, VP of Operations & Adrian Bullock, Board Member (About Timbuktu)

Funders

- 1.25 - Allan Undheim, VP Community Impact at Edmonton Community Foundation
- 1.30 - Nneka Otogbolu, COO of Foundation for Black Communities
- 1.35 - Tropicana Community Services

Continuity

- 1.40 - Youth Testimonials
- 1.45 - Pilot Programs of Timbuktu
- 1.50 - Vote of Thanks, Lunch & Networking
- 2.20 - Podcast Interviews ongoing

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**Prairies Economic Development Canada
(PrairiesCan)**

The City of Edmonton

Foundation for Black Communities (FFBC)

Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF)

Tropicana Community Services

Their commitment has played a vital role in supporting a paradigm shift from the mainstream conventional youth support in a manner that promotes autonomy and protective factors for youth's well-being through healing-centered engagement and initiatives that translate to socio-economic advancement.



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THE STRUCTURE OF TIMBUKTU INNOVATION HUB

-  Built from the ground up
-  Over 7 years in the making
-  Designed with intention (sensory-calming, trauma-informed)
-  A blend of modern infrastructure and ancient African knowledge systems

...ensuring that African-descent youth have a safe, welcoming space to explore their creativity, knowledge, and strengths towards building a more vibrant community in Edmonton.