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### Highlights from Global Entrepreneurship Week Canada

Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) is the world's largest celebration of entrepreneurship. First celebrated in 2007 by 18 countries, the initiative has grown to include 165 countries and over 15,000 partner organizations.

Futurpreneur Canada (formerly the Canadian Youth Business Foundation) is proud to be the official Canadian Host of GEW for the eighth consecutive year.



### Global Entrepreneurship Week Canada 2016

In 2016, Global Entrepreneurship Week impacted millions of people through events and competitions that support and inspire entrepreneurship. Thanks to the hard work of our amazing partners, 440 of these events were hosted in Canada! These events were complemented by a robust communications campaign and our marquee initiative, *GEW Canada: On the Road*.

Click [here](#) to visit the GEW Canada website.

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### GEW Canada: On the Road

For the second year, Futurpreneur presented *GEW Canada: On the Road* as Canada's marquee GEW initiative. The 2016 contest was made possible thanks to the generous support of Amway Canada.

We asked Canadians to tell us why they felt they should be selected as a GEW Ambassador, tasked with a mission to show the world what entrepreneurship looks like in Canada. Our Ambassadors visited small communities like Terrace, British Columbia and big cities like Montreal, Quebec. They reported live on social media as they met entrepreneurs, mentors, partners, elected officials and Futurpreneur staff and shared highlights on the [Futurpreneur blog](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more about the initiative and to meet our 2016 Ambassadors.



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## Partner Events

Global Entrepreneurship Week could not be successful in Canada without the considerable efforts from partner organizations across the country. Post-secondary institutions such as Medicine Hat College, Ryerson University, Dawson College and Trent University celebrated by hosting a series of events throughout the week. Co-working spaces like Shecosytem in Toronto opened their doors to the community and CollabSpace in Ottawa hosted 48 events in their space. Entrepreneurship community leaders like YouLaunch in Sault Ste. Marie, Ignite Fredericton and the Business Advisory Centre Durham celebrated GEW by hosting events and activities and in cities like Sherbrooke, the entire community mobilized in celebration of GEW.

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## Government Support for GEW

Once again, we were pleased to receive support for GEW from various levels of government across the country.

To kick off the week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau released [a statement of support](#) for GEW, shining a spotlight on Canada's entrepreneurs and thanking Futurpreneur Canada for hosting the initiative.

The Honourable Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism, joined Futurpreneur Canada, GEW Canada Ambassador Anthony Taylor and partners from the Ottawa entrepreneurship community to [officially raise the GEW flag on Parliament Hill](#).

The GEW flag was also raised throughout the week by Ryerson University, The City of Montreal and The City of St. John's.

Federal MP's took to Twitter throughout the week to thank Canada's entrepreneurs and many wore GEW pins in the House of Commons.

Official statements and motions of support were made in Newfoundland's House of Assembly by the Honourable Christopher Mitchelmore, Minister of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development and Quebec's National Assembly by the Honourable Lise Thériault, Minister responsible for Small and Medium Enterprises.

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**Futurpreneur Canada is pleased wrap up another successful Global Entrepreneurship Week and we thank the many partners, entrepreneurs, mentors and supporters who made it possible. We look forward to working with you all throughout the coming year to advance entrepreneurship in Canada.**

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#### **About Futurpreneur Canada**

Futurpreneur Canada has been fueling the entrepreneurial passions of enterprising young Canadians since 1996. We're the only national, non-profit organization that provides financing, mentoring and support tools to aspiring business owners aged 18-39. Our internationally recognized mentoring program matches young entrepreneurs with a business expert from a network of almost 3000 volunteer mentors. Futurpreneur Canada is a founding member of the [G20 Young Entrepreneurs' Alliance](#), the Canadian member of [Youth Business International](#), and the Canadian host of [Global Entrepreneurship Week](#).

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