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17th Annual Workshop  
May 25 and 26, 2026  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

**DRAFT PROGRAM**

AS OF APRIL 24, 2026

## **Understanding and addressing developmental inequalities in children and young people**

**Location: Ron Joyce Children's Health Center  
325 Wellington St N, Hamilton, ON L8L 0A4, Canada**

### **WORKSHOP DAY 1: Monday, May 25**

8:30am – 9:15am Registration of participants and welcome coffee

9:15am – 9:30am Welcome from INRICH leadership and opening remarks from local host Olaf Kraus De Camargo

#### **Bloc 1: Opening Plenary Theme: From Research to Policy and Practice**

9:30am – 10:30am

**Moderator: Emmanuelle Arpin  
Speaker: Andrea Cross (McMaster University)**

10:30am – 11:00am Coffee break

#### **Bloc 2: Panel Theme: Local perspectives on developmental inequalities in children and young people: Centering on the voices of those most impacted**

11:00am – 12:30pm

**Moderator: Anna Price  
Speakers:**

- **Vanessa Tomas (McMaster University) and Melanie Sheldon (Rehabilitation Centre for Children, Manitoba)**
- **Kinga Pozniak (McMaster University) and Vasilije Grahovac and Danijela Grahovac (patient and parent partners, Ontario)**
- **Anne Fuller (McMaster University)**

12:30pm – 2:30pm Group photo (12:30-12:45pm); Lunch and tour of posters #1 (12:45pm-2:30pm)

**Bloc 3: Plenary**

**Theme: International solutions to developmental inequalities in children and young people**

2:30pm – 4:00pm

**Moderator: Baltica Cabieses**

**Speakers:**

- **Alexandra Parr (IINARA Programme, Chile)**
- **Josie Dickerson (Better Start Programme, UK)**
- **Sharon Goldfeld (Changing Children's Chances Programme, Australia)**
- **Natasha Saunders (Saunders Policy Lab, SickKids, Canada)**

4pm – 4:30pm Moderated discussion of the day presentations (INRICH leadership)

**7:00pm INRICH dinner and networking event**

**Location: Ciao Bella**

**26 Augusta St, Hamilton, ON L8N 1P7**

**WORKSHOP DAY 2: Tuesday, May 26**

8:15am – 8:45am Welcome

**Bloc 1: Keynote speaker**

**Theme: Towards Sustainable Solutions**

8:45am – 9:45am

**Moderator: Anna Price**

**Speaker: Gita Wahi (McMaster University Children's Hospital)**

9:45am – 10:15am Coffee break

**Bloc 2: Presentations**

**Theme: Student presentations (selected abstracts)**

10:15am – 11:15am

**Moderator: Josie Dickerson**

- **Nicholas Grubic (University of Toronto, Canada)**

*Social gradient in activity-specific screen use by family affluence: cross-sectional study among Canadian school-aged children*

- **Jarod Benoit (University of Alberta, Canada)**

*Income Inequality and Mental Health Among Canadian Adolescents: The Mediating Role of School-Based Mental Health Service Availability*

- **Leah Atwell (University of Exeter, UK)**

*Addressing early childhood inequalities through parent involvement: A realist investigation of community-based service design*

11:15am – 12:00pm INRICH Annual General Meeting (led by INRICH leadership)

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch and tour of posters #2

**Bloc 3: Presentations**  
**Theme: Research from INRICH members**

1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Moderator: Anna Price**

**Speakers:**

- **Lise Gauvin (University of Montreal, Canada)**
- **Anders Hjern (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)**
- **Lynn Kemp (Western Australia University, Australia)**

**Bloc 4: Final panel, moderated**  
**Theme: Solutions-oriented theme, policy and impact and scaling up**

2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Chair: TBC**

**Moderator: Emmanuelle Arpin**

**Panelists:**

- **Meta Van Den Heuvel (SickKids, Canada)**
- **Mira Johri (University of Montreal, Canada)**

3:30pm – 4:00pm Closing remarks

Announcement of location and host for the 2027 meeting: Karolinska Institutet, Sweden (with Anders Hjern)