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Express, Inspire, Connect: Ripple Foundation Youth Conference to help students unlock the full potential of AI in school, work and beyond



Toronto, ON (March 5, 2025): [Ripple Foundation](#)'s Youth Team have launched their annual Express Inspire Connect conference, which will bring students across Canada in grades 8-12 together to discuss how AI is impacting students' education and will shape their future working lives.

The conference, to be held virtually on 13 April 2025 from 12pm-4pm, will include sessions on how learning language model systems are built (including the risks of biases and hallucinations), demonstrate how AI-powered chatbots can transform creative writing, and spotlight the ethical challenges of AI.

Sessions will also cover how AI can be a useful study companion, helping students craft effective prompts and balance AI tools with human guidance to boost the efficiency of their homework routines.

There will be prizes on offer, kindly donated by sponsors, for students to win, including a year's subscription to the Walrus Magazine, bestselling titles from Penguin Random House Canada, Indigo gift cards and more. Attendance at the conference is free of charge.

Ivy Wong, Founder of Ripple Foundation said: *"Organized by students, for students, this year's conference could not be exploring a more topical and intriguing subject, which will doubtless have a striking impact on the future of today's writers. Attendees will have the chance to debate and learn alongside their peers, gaining a real insight into sides of AI that they may not have come across before. We're grateful to the sponsors that are supporting this important event and we advise students to register early to secure their place, as we expect this day to be in high demand!"*

“Volunteering with Ripple for nearly three years, I’m thrilled to co-lead this year’s conference. I share Ripple’s mission to promote creative literacy and am passionate about creative literacy and connecting with peers. I can’t wait to explore AI’s impact through this year’s event” said **Christine Meng, Ontario Youth Events Lead at Ripple Foundation and Grade 11 AP student.**

Students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to register now to attend the conference: [Express Inspire Connect - Ripple Foundation](#)

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2. About Ripple Foundation

Ripple Foundation is a 100% volunteer-run national educational charity. Ripple Foundation creates and delivers free community programs advocating creative literacy among children and youth. The benefits of creativity literacy include building confidence, boosting imagination, and promoting creative thinking and problem-solving. As a result, children and youth learn how to express themselves while expanding their reading and writing skills. Visit ripplefoundation.ca to learn more about our free programs for children and youth in grades 4-12.