

EDI-AR CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - Thursday, May 7, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast
8:31 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.	Welcome
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Plenary - Environmental Sustainability
	Dr. Shegufa Shetranjiwalla-Merchant - Assistant Professor, School of Science and the Environment, Grenfell Campus
	Jamie Jackman - Program Coordinator, Community Connections & Education, Pye Centre for Northern Boreal Food Systems, Labrador Campus
	Dr. Katleen Robert - Associate Professor, School of Ocean Technology, Marine Institute
10:05 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	CONCURRENT SESSION A
Session 1	Institutional Capacity for Equitable and Sustainable Systems Change (Presentation)
	Julie-Christine Cotton - Co-Constructing Inclusive Research Environments: A Practical Tool for Accessible and Sustainable Research Teams
	Jessica Canning & Josheil Boparai (Virtual) - Sustaining Equity: How Student-Led Curriculum Innovation Creates Long-Term Institutional Capacity for Inclusive Medical Training
Session 2	Community Building for Climate Justice and Belonging (Workshop)
	Didan Wedderburn - Third Places for Climate Justice and Belonging: Strengthening Migration Resilience Through Inclusive Community Spaces
Session 3	Sustainable Policy and Practice for Just Societies (Presentation)
	Sherri Christian, Valerie Booth, Mark D. Berry - Improving Equitable Hiring to Increase Diversity
	Hilding Neilson - Outer Space is Part of the Land: Moving Towards a More Sustainable Space Future Through Indigenous Methods
11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	Lunch
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Toby Rowe & Nikhilesh Paliath - Student Driven System Change for an Environmentally Sustainable Campus, Sustainability and Climate Action Office, Memorial University
12:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSION B
Session 4	Ethical Research at the Intersection of EDI-AR and Environmental Sustainability (Presentation)
	Kassandra Drodge & Jude Benoit - Telling the Transition: Weaving Data and Stories for Climate Resilience
	Mina Nazarian Samani - Triboelectric Nanogenerators for Equitable Environmental Sustainability
	Amin Etminan - Reframing Intelligence in Engineering Education: Ethical Implications for Equity, Collective Problem-Solving, and Sustainability
Session 5	Community Building for Climate Justice and Belonging (Presentation)
	Amber Bishop (Virtual) - Arrival to the Classroom: Breaking Down Systemic Policy Issues for Internationally Trained Educators Amidst a Teacher Shortage Crisis
	Andrina Cockerham - Sounding Climate Care: Music, Protest, and Belonging in St. John's Climate Movements
	Karen Mighty - Building Equitable and Sustainable Communities Through Equity and Cultural Humility
2:05 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Nutrition Break
2:35 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	CONCURRENT SESSION C
Session 6	Sustainability Education and Climate Justice Training (Workshop)
	Kira Whittaker - Climate Action Planning
Session 7	Institutional Capacity for Equitable and Sustainable Systems Change (Presentation)
	Jeanne Boudreau & Julie-Christine Cotton - EDI in Research: Measures Developed by Canadian Universities
	Renee Snook - "I have received a neutral to warm response from both teachers and classmates": Gender-Diverse Individuals' Experiences in the Education Systems
3:20 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.	Lindsay O' Grady - Day's Reflection
3:41 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks