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Innovation Centre

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CREATE PROGRESS

“Welcome to our September newsletter”

Summer is slowly coming to an end, and September marks the beginning of a new season of activities at the First Peoples Innovation Centre (FPIC). Projects, training programs and gatherings are on the agenda as we continue to learn, create and move forward together.

This month, we also recognize [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) on September 30. It is an important time to remember, listen, learn and acknowledge the history and lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

We invite you to discover the latest news from FPIC and our FabLabs.

Enjoy the read!

The 16th FabLab ONAKI Cohort Takes Flight

A new adventure begins at FabLab ONAKI with the arrival of its 16th cohort, made up of 17 participants. They will have the opportunity to explore digital fabrication, design, programming and electronics, while developing their creativity, skills and confidence.



During the opening ceremony, Jacques Dalton, Executive Director of FPIC, drew inspiration from the words of Margaret Romans, Canada's oldest living person in 2025, encouraging participants to stay curious, keep learning and ask questions. Élodie Mercier, Coordinator of Continuing Education at Cégep de l'Outaouais, was also present to mark the beginning of this new journey.

Thanks to its collaboration with Cégep de l'Outaouais, the program is recognized with an official certificate. This new cohort fully reflects FPIC's mission: to bring First Peoples closer to the digital economy and create new opportunities through learning, creativity and innovation.



Our Projects in Motion

Kitigan Zibi

NOMAD FABLAB

The Kitigan Zibi FabLab started a few weeks ago, and participants are already hard at work.

Discovering the equipment, trying it out for the first time, learning new techniques, and seeing projects begin to take shape: the FabLab is gradually becoming a space where participants learn by doing.

And we can't wait to show you what comes next.



Upcoming Projects



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FABLAB ONAKI Cycle 2 – Advanced Program

FabLab ONAKI is launching its **Cycle 2**, a six-month paid training program specializing in Building Information Modeling (BIM). Designed for Indigenous youth aged 15 to 30, the program includes three months of training and three months of work placement to develop skills in architecture, engineering and construction.



**September 28, 2026
to March 26, 2027**



**Monday to Friday,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



**For Indigenous
youth aged
15 to 30**



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**Registration
deadline:
September 18, 2026**

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Nomad FabLab UASHAT



October 5 to December 11, 2026

A hands-on training program to discover and use digital fabrication technologies, such as laser engraving, 3D printing, CNC milling and much more!



**10 weeks
of training**



**Monday to Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



**Paid
training**



Eligibility criteria

- Indigenous, between 16 and 30 years old
- Not employed
- Not enrolled in school

Applications will be reviewed based on the date received.



The FabLab will be here!

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