

# **WHAT'S NEXT FOR PHILANTHROPY IN CANADA:**

**An Intergenerational  
conversation**

**CONTEXT  
FOR TODAY'S  
DISCUSSIONS:**

**Report-back from the  
Youth Track sessions**

## How did we get here?

The 2017 & 2018 Youth Unconferences have generated a vision for transforming philanthropy.

This vision includes both **what** philanthropy prioritizes and **how** it carries out its work.

# Philanthropy's core issue: Inequality

*"Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the **economic injustice that makes philanthropy necessary.**"*

~

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

# Economic injustice and philanthropy

*From an ethical and even spiritual perspective, we are left grappling with the position that the philanthropic dollars we manage are not “**our money**”.*

~

Aaron Tanaka,  
Center for Economic Democracy

**“Private resources for public benefit”?**

OR...

A system that **privatizes decision-making**  
about **public resources?**

# An emerging vision for philanthropy

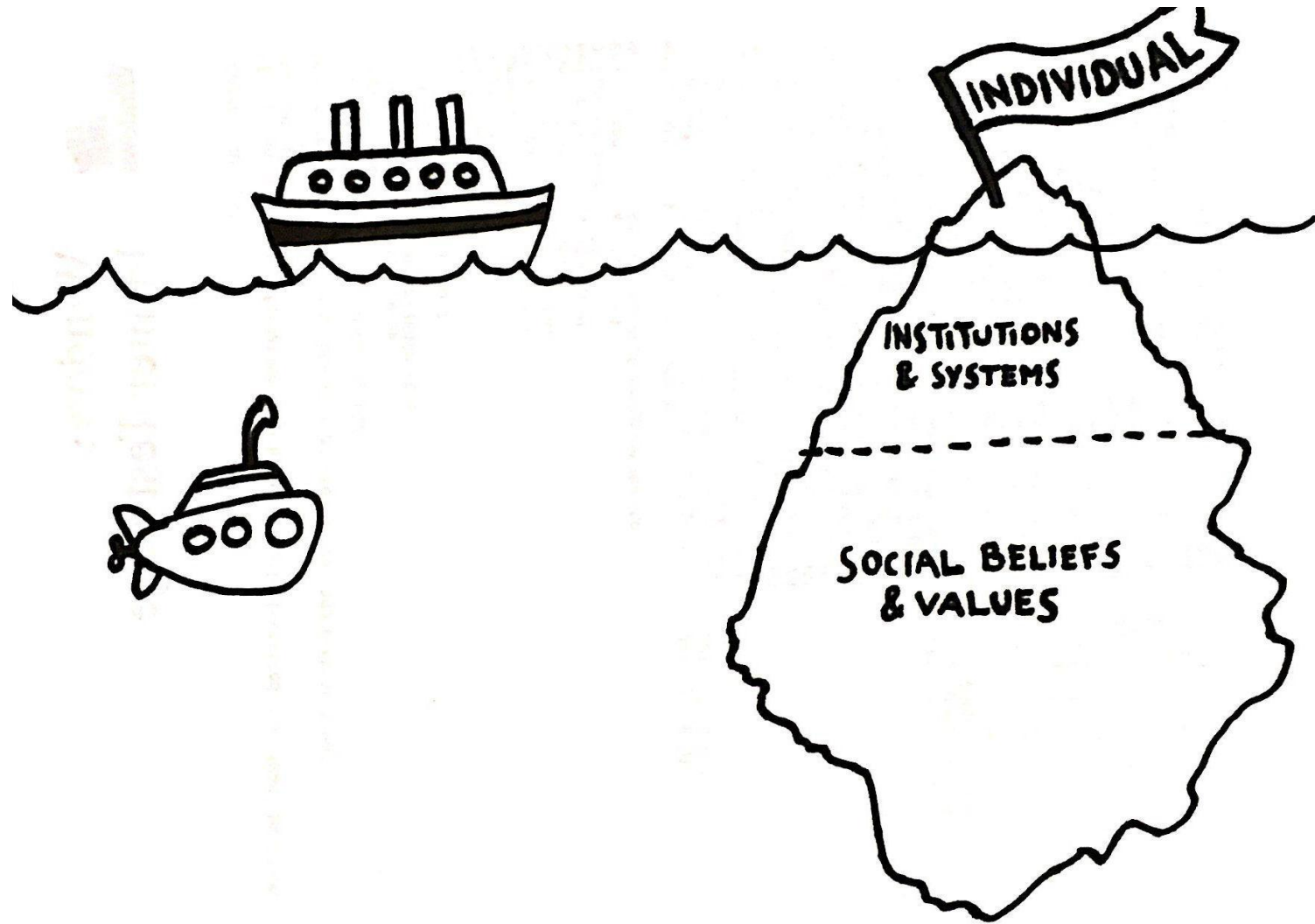
**Returning control** over resources to communities most impacted by inequality, in terms of...

*How* decisions are made:

- Participatory decision-making

*Who* controls those decisions:

- Equity and inclusion *within* philanthropy





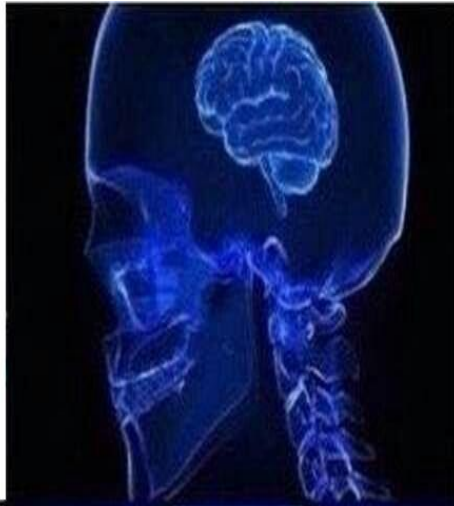
## **Anchoring our community in an ethic of solidarity**

"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

~

Indigenous activists, Queensland, 1970s  
(often attributed to Lilla Watson)

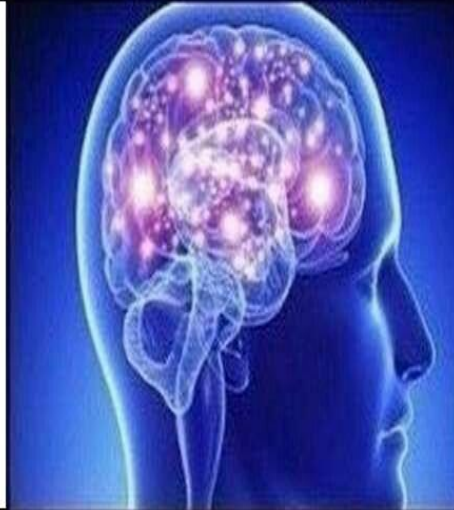
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Giving back  
control



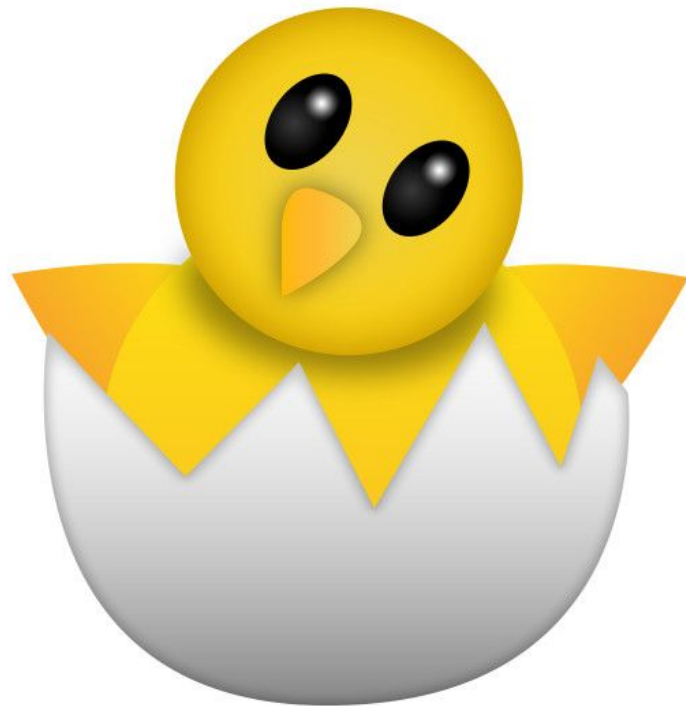
Focusing on  
inequality



Philanthropy  
as solidarity



**...and now, here we are!**



# **Panelist introductions:**

- **Rudayna Bahubeshi**
- **Lindsay Dupre**
- **Hilary Pearson**

**Where are different generations  
on the same page about how  
philanthropy should change?**

**Where are we not?**

**How can we make space for young leadership, while learning from the work that's come before?**