

Greetings!

We are excited to welcome you to Antigonish to [Learning with Community](#), a Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE) conference hosted by Coady Institute and the ENGAGE project, and St. Francis Xavier University. This is the first CASAE Atlantic Regional conference since 2019, and we have an exciting program to look forward to.

In this letter, we share some important information for all participants:

Location: All conference sessions will be held in the Markham Global Complex (MGC) and Coady Institute (CI) buildings located on the St. F.X. campus. On both days, conference events begin in the Markham Global Complex. All events on Friday, May 23, are here. On Saturday, May 24, the conference presentations will be here and in Coady Institute.

Click for [conference campus map](#). Conference buildings are indicated on the map.

Parking: On Friday May 23rd there is free event parking on campus. Connect with the organizers to get your parking pass. Parking is free on campus on Saturdays. Please put the StFX parking pass on your dashboard where Campus Security can see it. The closest parking lot to MGC and Coady Institute is Chapel Square; the next closest is off Convocation Blvd. The overnight parking fee is included in accommodation rates.

If you have mobility issues, note that there is limited accessible parking outside of MGC.

Staying overnight on campus: If you booked accommodations on campus, check-in is in Governor's Hall, and accommodations are in O'Reagan and Riley Halls.

Click for [conference campus map](#)

Welcome/Registration Desk: Will be in the MGC foyer Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm and on Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Please stop by to let us know you have arrived so we can check your name off our registration list, and you can pick up a name tag.

Registration: All presenters must be registered and have paid their registration fee by May 16th to be included in the program. The last day for registration is May 20th for all other participants. We need to know the number of attendees to ensure that we have ordered sufficient catering.

Meals/Refreshments: On Friday, at the People's school, there will be a coffee break with light refreshments. On Saturday morning, a continental breakfast will be provided to all participants in Dennis Hall and will be replenished at break time. A vegetarian boxed lunch will also be provided in Dennis Hall from noon to 1:00 p.m.

During this lunch, we encourage you to mingle with other participants and view the poster displays. The presenters are asked to spend some time standing by their posters to answer any questions from other participants about their research.

On Friday night, dinner is on your own. People may wish to informally join up with other participants to go to one of our local restaurants. Some suggestions are as follows: note that restaurant names are hyperlinked to webpages/Facebook pages,

Main Street and area: [Lin's Chinese Restaurant](#), [Gabrieau's](#), [Pizza Delight](#), [Grape Leaves](#), [Little Christos](#), [Townhouse](#), [The Brownstone](#), [Moonlight Restaurant](#), [Main Street Café](#), [Kenny's Pizza](#), [Mezza](#), [Piper's Pub](#), [The Wheel](#), [Little Asia \(food truck\)](#), and [Pronto Sandwiches](#).

James Street area – [Snow Queen](#), [Love Grub \(food truck\)](#), [Tim Hortons](#), [McDonald's](#), [A&W](#), [Pita Pit](#), [Subway](#), and [La Piazza el Forno](#)

Mall Area (Church Street) – [Justamere Café](#), [Michele's Grill \(food truck\)](#), [Boston Pizza](#), and [Dairy Queen](#)

Exit 32 – [Gabriel Pizza](#), [Burger King](#)

Hwy 4 – [OMIG \(food truck\)](#), [Paul's Fish and Chips \(food truck\)](#)

Friday Evening Square Dance: If you want to have a regional Maritime experience, participants are encouraged to check out the local square dance being held at the Maryvale School House Hall, 4 J R S Dr, in Maryvale (NS-245). People will need to share drives as it is about 15 minutes out of town, towards Malignant Cove. The dance runs from 8 to 11 p.m. and everyone is welcome – no prior dancing experience is required. \$15 adults/\$10 students, 16 and under free, includes a light lunch.

Engage Panel Presentation: We welcome representatives from the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA, India), Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP, Tanzania), and the Christian Commission for Development Bangladesh (CCDB, Bangladesh) to share about their work and learning through the Engage: Women's Empowerment and Active Citizenship project. The project works primarily to support the leadership capacity of women working in the informal sector to address key issues they are facing, including the future of work, participation in community governance, climate adaptation, entrepreneurship, and asset-based approaches to poverty reduction through economic development. Learn about the ENGAGE project, <https://coady.stfx.ca/engage>

Paper Presentations and Roundtables

There will be three at times four concurrent roundtable and paper sessions scheduled for the remainder of Saturday, finishing off by 3:00 p.m, so people will have time to drive home.

Volunteers will chair sessions to ensure that presenters keep within their scheduled time to speak, so that everyone will have a chance to talk about their work and ask questions. Presenters for papers and roundtables have 20 minutes, which includes their presentation and discussion/Q&A on their presentation. There are two presentations in each 45-minute timeslot. It is suggested that roundtable presentations are 10 minutes maximum to have more time for discussion.

Presenters can share slides on the technological equipment in the presentation rooms. For easy transition between presenters who are using slides, it is recommended that presenters arrive early to their session to set up and have their presentations on an USB thumb/flash drive.

Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

Friday May 23rd		
Time	Event	Location
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Check-In	Foyer, Markham Global Complex
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Learning with Community People's School	Dennis Hall, Markham Global Complex
Saturday May 24th		
7:45 – 9:00 am	Check-In	Foyer, Markham Global Complex
9:00-10:00 am	ENGAGE Panel	Dennis Hall, Markham Global Complex
10:15 – 11:00 am	Presentation Session 1 Papers & Roundtables	Markham Global Complex & Coady Institute
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Presentation Session 2	Markham Global Complex & Coady Institute
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch and Poster Session	Dennis Hall, Markham Global Complex
1:00-1:45 pm	Presentation Session 3 Papers & Roundtables	Markham Global Complex & Coady Institute
2:00-2:45 pm	Presentation Session 4 Papers & Roundtables	Markham Global Complex & Coady Institute
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Gratitude, Announcements & Send Off	Dennis Hall, Markham Global Complex

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The full schedule is now on the conference webpage: <https://coady.stfx.ca/learning-with-community/>