

**INDEPENDENT
LIVING CANADA**

40 Years and Onward!

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CANADA**

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CELEBRATING
40 YEARS
OF
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COMMUNITY. TOGETHER.

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IL Canada 40th Anniversary Celebration Program

HONOURING OUR PAST. CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT. IMAGINING OUR FUTURE.

DATE Friday, September 11, 2026	EVENT HOURS 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	HOST & MC Tom Pugliese
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Morning Program ARRIVAL, HISTORY & LIVED EXPERIENCE

TIME	PROGRAM	WHAT TO EXPECT
9:00-10:00 A.M.	Pre-Event Arrival Experience	Doors open with archival displays, music and interactive experiences
10:00-10:20 A.M.	Opening Celebration	Multimedia tribute, welcome and recognition of movement leaders
10:20-10:45 A.M.	40 Years of Change	A multimedia journey through 40 years of Independent Living in Canada
10:45 A.M.-12:00	The Movement Through Our Eyes	Freda Uwa hosts a panel of movement and youth leaders.
12:00-12:30 P.M.	Celebrating Leadership: Then & Now	DAWN Canada celebrates its partnership and women’s leadership in IL.

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Afternoon Program CELEBRATION, KEYNOTE & FUTURE VISIONING

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12:30-1:30 P.M.	Anniversary Lunch & Cake Celebration	Buffet lunch, anniversary cake, leader recognition and group photograph.
1:30-2:00 P.M.	40th Anniversary Keynote - Meenu Sikand	Meenu Sikand reflects on IL leadership, progress and the future.
2:00-2:30 P.M.	Imagining the Next 40 Years	Participants envision IL's future, partnerships and emerging leadership.
2:30-2:40 P.M.	Our Vision for 2046	Participants share ideas for the Future Vision Wall.
2:40-3:00 P.M.	Closing Celebration	Reflection video, closing remarks and a final collective celebration.

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