

● CERTIFICATE

# Certificate in Innovation, Leadership, & Social Impact

DIGNITY-DRIVEN STRATEGIES & TOOLS FOR SOCIAL HEALTH



## CERTIFICATION AT A GLANCE

- WHAT** An exclusive certificate program to help social-impact leaders drive meaningful change through innovation.
- WHEN** March 2026 in-person in Calgary, AB and remote virtual sessions
- WHO** This program is designed for leaders in mental and social health:
- practitioners
  - policy advisors
  - human services leaders
  - program designers
  - social investment business leaders, and
  - civil society organization executives

## INCLUDES

- Executive Education Certificate from Forge ✓
- 21 hours of expert in-person and virtual instruction ✓
- Cohort based learning to build your network ✓
- Access to community of practitioners ✓
- Unique digital credential to share with your network ✓

## TUITION

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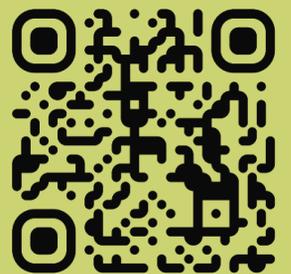
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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In today's fast-changing landscape, social-impact leaders must navigate complexity, shifting priorities, and systemic challenges. This certificate program helps leaders move beyond reactive approaches to embrace innovation as a pathway to meaningful, dignity-driven change. Designed for professionals in public, nonprofit, and social-enterprise sectors, the course bridges theory and practice. Participants will engage with entrepreneurial thinking, systems- and complexity-approaches, and hands-on tools from the frontlines of social innovation. Interactive case studies and design-based learning help apply new strategies in real time. More than a training, this is a strategic reset offering space to reflect, re-imagine, and lead with purpose. Participants leave with practical tools, a peer network, and the capacity to lead transformative change in their communities. The program includes a minimum of 21 academic hours through two full days in-person and two virtual sessions.

## OUTCOMES

- Gain clear language for the typologies, concepts, and methodologies that underpin social innovation.
- Tools for designing, testing, and managing entrepreneurial solutions.
- Develop an innovation mindset.
- Introduce structured innovation practices into your organization and professional network.
- Connect and collaborate with other leaders.
- Design relational approaches that fit public- and social-service contexts.

## WINTER 2026 COHORT

**Hours:** 21 academic hours

**Delivery:** Calgary, AB in-person and virtual in March 2026

**Credential:** Forge Executive Education Certificate

**Tuition:**

- One-time Payment: \$497
- Eligible non-profit practitioners can apply for a Forge Scholarship
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## Shift systems and build cultures of safety and dignity

Forge is bringing innovation and systems thinking to the social health field. The Certificate in Innovation, Leadership, & Social Impact program is designed for practitioners working to address social health issues, mental health, recovery, domestic violence, or sexual violence.

Most social innovation training focuses on disruption or theoretical information, not the tools leaders need to shift systems or build cultures of safety and dignity. Social innovation requires getting buy-in, leveraging networks, and finding sustainable paths forward. This certificate is about leading change in real situations where it's messy and complicated - and where making change matters to people, in community, and civic life.

### PAST FACULTY

Dr. Nir Tsuk, Founder I3: The Institute for Impact and Intrapreneurship

Dr. Jeff St. John, Founder, Forge Centre for Dignity-Driven Leadership

Kim Ruse, CEO, Fear Is Not Love

Talia Bell, VP People and Programs, YWCA

Sharon Blackwell, Consultant

David Turner, First Peoples Group

Nimrod Hoofien, PhD (c)

DIGITAL CREDENTIAL

Leave with a **certificate** from Forge Centre for Dignity-Driven Leadership, a new network, and a unique **digital credential** you can share.



### CURRICULUM

1. Adaptive Innovation in Times of Disruption
2. Harnessing Complexity & Working with Emergence
3. Building Adaptive Capacity with Dignity-Driven Teams
4. Innovation and Complexity in Government & Public Service
5. The Art of Experimentation
6. Building a Culture of Innovation
7. Case Studies in Innovation for Systems Change
8. Intrapreneurship in Action

\*Topics are subject to change depending on instructor availability and needs of each cohort

### PARTICIPANT VOICES ★★★★★

"I got more practical tools in three days than my entire masters of leadership."

"Attending this course was a transformative experience for me. It provided a perfect blend of theoretical frameworks and practical examples, making it highly relevant for leaders in complex environments."

"This course equipped me with the knowledge and confidence to innovate and navigate complexity within my sector, making it an essential experience for any leader seeking to drive meaningful change!"

"A dynamic and impactful learning experience. It gave me the confidence and practical tools to lead in spaces that feel messy, uncertain, and deeply human."



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