

2024 SWIP Conference Guest Speakers



Keynote Speaker - Allison Forsyth

Founder
Generation Safe



Generation Safe Founder, Allison Forsyth is the leader in ground-breaking education and awareness in the Canadian Safe Sport landscape. Allison's 'real-talk' educational approach has resonated with over 50 sport organizations and 5,000 people nationwide. Recently named 'Top 25 Women of Influence in Canada in 2023', Allison's guiding principles have been instrumental in helping organizations turn their Safe Sport policies into practice. Allison previously co-founded ITP Sport, Canada's only full-service Safe Sport programming and consulting agency. The 2-time Olympian and 8-time National Champion (alpine skiing) offers a unique and critical perspective, as a survivor of sexual abuse in the sport system. Recently haven taken a role with Canada Soccer as their Safe Sport Officer, Allison will serve to ensure a trauma-informed systemic implementation of Safe Sport practices and procedures from the National to grass roots level. Allison currently lives in Oakville, Ontario with her 3 active children – her inspiration for a future 'Generation Safe'.

Dr. Johanna Pagonis



CEO Sinogap
Solutions Leadership
Consulting

Dr. Johanna Pagonis is the CEO of Sinogap Solutions Leadership Consulting and the author of "Choose to Be a Leader Others Would Want to Follow,". She is known for her passionate support of managerial development through emotional intelligence—paving the way for transformative leadership that not only achieves remarkable organizational outcomes, but also instills inspiration and motivation throughout the workforce.

An unwavering champion of gender parity, Dr. Pagonis has committed her career to dismantling gender prejudices in the sphere of public service. Sparked by the gender-based challenges she faced in her own career; she founded Woman Up! Ignite the Leader in You, which is designed to bolster women in sectors where they are underrepresented, furnishing them with the essential tools and self-assurance required for rising to leadership roles often occupied by their male counterparts. Dr. Pagonis's extensive research into leadership dynamics within public entities underscores the criticalness of efforts aimed at bridging the leadership gender divide, offering an evidence-based foundation for this vital cause.

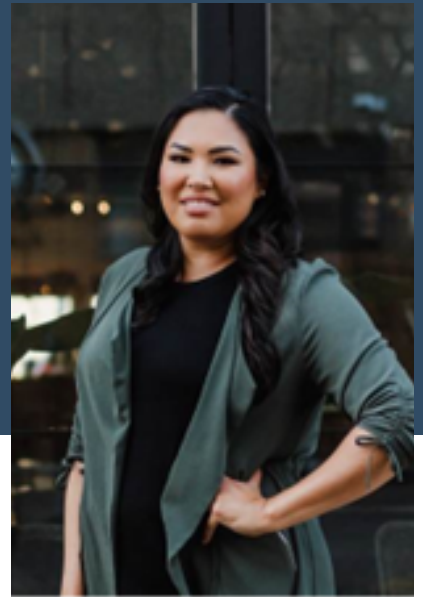
Supporting Dr. Pagonis in the facilitation of today's keynote activities are members from her team, Katie Allan, Chief Operating Officer and Jerry Nash, Principal.

Kendra Weenie, B.Ed

Founder of the Indigenous
Women's Empowerment
Summit

Founder of Neechie Gear
Sport Camps

Author (Surviving Domestic
Violence)



Kendra Weenie is an award winning author, keynote speaker, and workshop facilitator from Sweetgrass First Nation. She is a CBC Future 40 Award recipient and has been featured locally and provincially on International Women's Day. Kendra came from humble beginnings, but through sport and culture she was able to further her confidence, work ethic and sense of identity. Kendra continues to share her story through keynotes and workshops in hopes of encouraging others to heal and promotes self-care and healing through her workshops geared towards trauma survivors. In 2023 Kendra created the Indigenous Women's Empowerment Summit, an inspiring event filled with storytelling, resources for healing, and connection for women identified individuals. Although she has her own challenges as a single mother, she believes that true success comes from our ability to help others in need. Her goal is to help you move forward in a healthy way.