



2026 event guide

JUNE 23, 2026



Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC.

CONNECT MONEY IMPACT EVENT GUIDE

(subject to change)

Tuesday, June 23, 2025. Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Nanaimo, BC.

9:00 - 9:30

**Welcome &
Acknowledgement**

Event hosts: Nanaimo Prosperity
and Nanaimo Foundation

Indigenous Welcome

9:30 - 10:30

**Let's Get Inspired! Social
enterprises changing the
economy and communities
for the better**

Enterprise showcase:

- Indigenous enterprise
- Non-profit enterprise
- Climate enterprise

10:30 - 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 11:45

**The Importance and
Approach to Invest in Place**

Keynote:
Place-based Investing;
Thinking and Acting Differently

11:45 - 12:45

LUNCH

12:45 - 13:45

SESSIONS: FOCUS ON THE 'HOW'

Session 1:

Raising capital: From Grants to Loans to Equity
to Innovative Finance

Session 2:

Investing Locally through Blended Finance

Session 3:

Social enterprise acquisitions and franchises

Session 4:

Investing in Place: Community Wealth,
Ownership & Assets:

14:00 - 15:15

SESSIONS: FOCUS ON RAISING AND INVESTING IN PLACE

Session 1:

Investing in Place: Nature, Climate and Land-based Investment

Session 2:

Investing in Place: Food Systems, Agriculture and Supply Chains

Session 3:

Investing in Place: Sustainable and Green Industry

Session 4:

Building an Enabling Environment for Place-Based Impact Investing

15:15 - 15:45

BREAK

15:45 - 16:45

Connecting Circles

Matching between investors, social enterprises and projects, and ecosystem builders

16:45 - 17:00

Closing

Thank you and recognition

17:00 - 18:00

Networking!

Drinks and snacks in the foyer

REGISTER TODAY!



We respectfully acknowledge that Connect Money Impact 2026 will take place on the traditional territories of the Snuneymuxw First Nation peoples. We acknowledge the enduring connection that Indigenous peoples have to this land and express our gratitude for their stewardship over generations.