

# VOICES & VENTURES 2026

## POST-EVENT REPORT

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 APRIL 11, 2026

 ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM



# EVENT OVERVIEW

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Voices & Ventures 2026 was hosted at the Alberta Aviation Museum. It brought together entrepreneurs, creatives, wellness advocates, and community leaders for a day of culture, connection, and empowerment.



## EVENT DETAILS



April 11, 2026



Alberta Aviation Museum



1,000 Attendees



33 vendors



Networking • Wellness •  
Culture • Entrepreneurship



# HONORING CULTURE & COMMUNITY

The event opened with:

- Land acknowledgment
- Cultural teachings
- Live drumming
- Traditional coffee ceremony



These moments created a welcoming atmosphere rooted in culture, unity, and community connection.



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*Celebrating culture, connection, and community*

# WELLNESS, RESILIENCE & COMMUNITY CARE

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Voices & Ventures 2026 hosted impactful wellness discussions led by Esther Mark alongside wellness professionals and advocates, the session encouraged open conversations around :



Mental  
Wellness



Resilience



Community  
Care



Advocacy

# ADDRESSING WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION & SYSTEMIC BARRIERS

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Discussions  
explored:

- Workplace discrimination
- Systemic racism
- Mental wellness
- Advocacy
- Community support



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*Creating space for honest  
conversations and collective  
healing*

# BUSINESS GROWTH & FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

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Speakers shared valuable insights on entrepreneurship, bookkeeping, insurance, partnerships, and long-term business sustainability.

## TOPICS COVERED



Financial  
Literacy



Insurance



Wealth  
Building



Access  
to Capital



Entrepreneurship  
Strategies

# MUSIC, STORYTELLING & CULTURAL EXPRESSION

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Interactive drumming workshops, acoustic performances, storytelling circles, and live creator sessions celebrated Black culture, creativity, resilience, and artistic expression throughout the event.



*Creativity.*

*Culture.*

*Connection*

# SUPPORTING BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES

Black-owned and diverse vendors showcased products, services, and organizations throughout the exhibition and pop-up market.

This created opportunities for visibility, customer engagement, networking, and economic empowerment while encouraging attendees to directly support local entrepreneurs.



**33** VENDORS

# EVENT IMPACT

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Increased awareness of mental wellness and community resilience



Strengthened intercultural relationships and cultural appreciation



Supported Black entrepreneurs and local businesses



Encouraged conversations around racism, inclusion, and advocacy



Expanded networking and professional connections



Fostered community empowerment and collaboration

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# THANK YOU

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Black Business Edmonton extends sincere appreciation to all sponsors, partners, speakers, performers, vendors, volunteers, and attendees who contributed to the success of Voices & Ventures 2026.

Your support, collaboration, and commitment continue to strengthen community connection, cultural celebration, and economic empowerment across Edmonton.

*See You Next Year!*

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Explore the photos captured at the event



Watch highlights and interviews from the event



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