# National Engineering Month 2018: Welcome event organizers!















### Agenda

- Meet the team
- Introduction to National Engineering Month (NEM)
- Our goals
- How to run a successful NEM 2018 event
  - NEM Fund
  - Innovation Funding
  - Pre-designed NEM Events
- Important dates & deadlines
- Connect with us
- Q&A



# Meet your NEM Ontario Co-ordination team



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# What is National Engineering Month?

- Affectionately referred to as NEM
- Takes place every March
- Growing year-on-year
- Canada's largest celebration of engineering excellence
- Engineering themed events across every province
- Theme: 'There's a place for you'
- We support, coordinate and promote NEM activity across Ontario

### NEM 2017 in numbers

356 National Engineering Month events across Ontario were held, in dozens of communities:

- 58,000+ children, teens and adults through in-person events
- 643,700 through our combined online reach
- 680,000 through traditional print media
- 7,100,000 through AM radio advertisements over four weeks
- 3,100,000 through On-the-Go Screens (a new medium)

### Our goals for NEM Ontario

- <u>Cultural prominence</u>: Make NEM a premier cultural event and significant awareness-raising campaign (a part of the calendar that *everybody* knows about)
- Focus on the next generation: Run an inspiring and powerful youth campaign (50% of our events target K-8)
- <u>Measurement:</u> Validate with audience feedback are they receiving our messaging as intended?
- Strategies and storytelling: Focus *messaging* and talking to youth about engineering and technology as more than just math and science

# Our approach to NEM

- With your involvement, NEM Ontario aims to be a strategic and intelligent engineering outreach campaign.
- Through consistent outreach messages and rigorous support to all volunteers, we can transform public perception of our profession, and inspire the next generation of engineering and engineering technology professionals.
- We utilize grassroots outreach along with professional networking/conference-type events.

# Funding for NEM 2018 events



#### http://nemontario.ca/propose-an-event/

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#### Pre-Designed NEM Events

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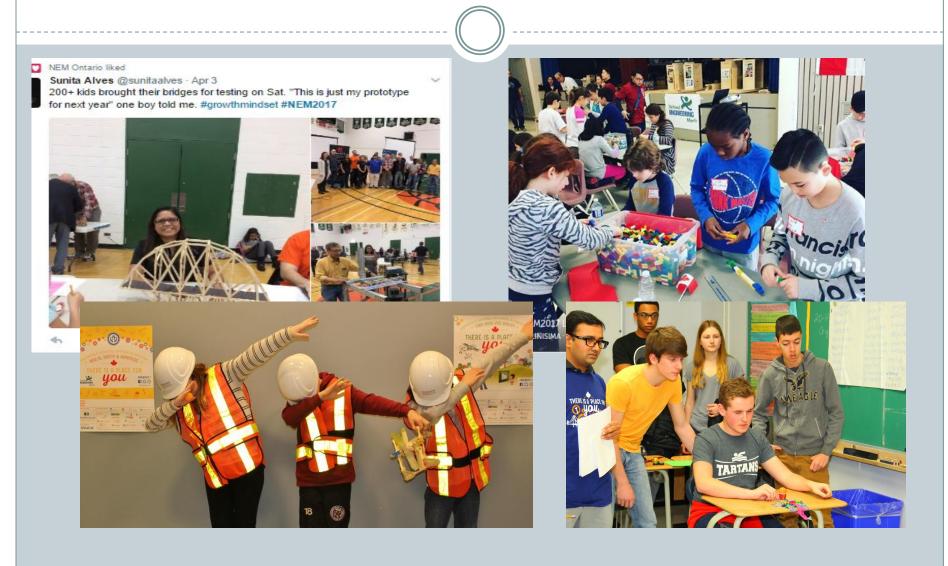
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- For those who have hosted before
- Funding available: up to 50% of an event budget, to a maximum of \$700
- Events are typically public-facing, align with messaging guidelines
- Typical events include bridge-building, mathletics, etc.
- Organizers must fill out 'scorecard' ie. evaluation form

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- For **new** events or outreach innovations
- Goals of Innovation Fund:
  - Global/societal focus
  - Collaboration between organizations
  - Engagement in a public space
  - Promote emerging/underrepresented disciplines
- No specific funding cap
- Organizers must fill out scorecard plus an Innovation survey
- More at <a href="http://nemontario.ca/innovation">http://nemontario.ca/innovation</a>

#### Possible Innovation ideas

- Host a screening of an Engineering film
- Put on an impromptu Engineering Design Challenge
- Pick another day in March and design your event around that theme:
  - International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Pi Day (March 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - International Day of Happiness (March 20<sup>th</sup>)
  - World Storytelling Day (March 20<sup>th</sup>)
  - World Poetry Day (March 21<sup>st</sup>)
  - World Water Day (March 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - World Backup Day (March 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Repurpose general 'Outreach' ideas for eng/engtech

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- For those who want to leverage previous innovations
- Must choose from one of the following options only:
  - Button-maker (Public space engagement tool)
  - Youth Connect (Engspire)
  - Storytelling to Connect
- Budget is set for you
- Organizers fill out a simplified scorecard

# Option #1: Buttonmaker

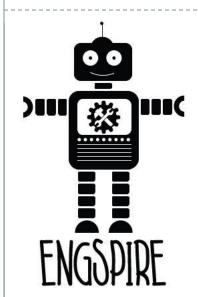
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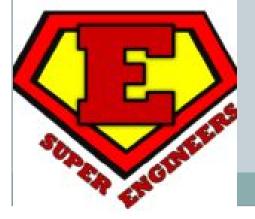
**EngineersOfTomorrow** 

- Original innovation:
   OACETT Grand Valley
- Re-usable asset
- Messaging built-in
- Hands-on, opportunity for conversation
- Kids LOVE them
- (from peoplepowerpress.org)

#### Option #2: Youth Connect (Engspire)







- Engspire is giving us access to 2 of their favourite workshops: Super Engineers and Crazy Contraptions
- What you get:
  - Training material (for volunteers/organizers)
  - Facilitator guides
  - Engineering Messaging
  - Kit materials (enough materials for 25 kids/kit for Super Engineers, and 30 kids/kit for Crazy Contraptions)
  - Engineer flash cards
- All you need is an audience! We suggest connecting with local Girl Guide or Scout groups, schools or after-school programs.

#### Option #3: Storytelling to Connect



- Great choice for variety of audiences
- 60-90 minute show
- Recording and sharing stories can extend reach
- What you get
  - 'Story event cheat code' how to create a popular, memorable and fun storytelling event
  - Tellers get one-on-one coaching with professional story coaches
  - Organizers get access to exclusive webinar training with storytelling show producer Erin Rodgers

### Applying for Funding



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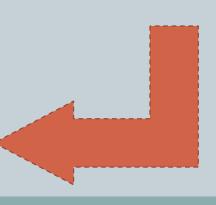
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Click here, download the form and submit the application by **November 17th** 

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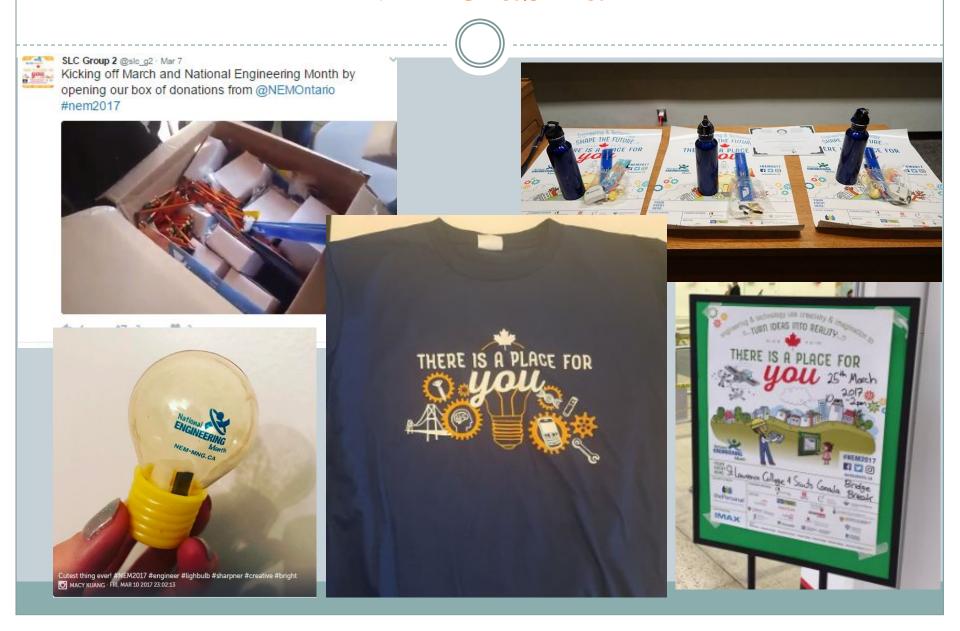


# Support we can offer

In addition to funding, we can offer support with:

- event promotion
- online training
- marketing materials, including posters, discounted NEM Ontario t-shirts and freebies for events

#### 'NEMorabilia'



# Some of our 2017 organizers

GoCODEGirl

90-CODE GIRLING

- French Education Services Committee
- University of Waterloo EngSoc
- Mohawk College
- Guelph WISE
- U of T High Skule
- Engspire
- IEEE Carleton
- Chapters of professional engineering and technology organisations
- ... and many more outstanding groups and individuals!

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### Next steps

- Apply by Nov 17<sup>th</sup> to receive NEM funding and support
- Funding decisions made and communicated in December
- First round of funding distributed in January
- Webinars + merch shipped to you in February
- Events in March #NEM2018 madness ensues!
- Deadline for scorecards is April 6<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Follow us online @nemontario #NEM2018













#### Follow us @nemontario



Website: <u>nemontario.ca</u> (main source of info and updates)



Facebook: <u>facebook.com/nemontario</u>



Twitter: <u>twitter.com/nemontario</u>



Instagram: instagram.com/nemontario



LinkedIn: <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8248296/profile">www.linkedin.com/groups/8248296/profile</a>

We use **#NEM2018** to broadcast our activities

# Other ways to get involved

- Interact with us on social media using #NEM2018
- Visit nemontario.ca to keep up to date with the latest NEM developments
- Share content you find interesting with your networks and online
- Send us ideas for blog content
- Volunteer to be profiled on our blog
- Share what engineering or engineering technology means to you with your networks; practice telling your story

# Any questions?

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