

CAREER BOOT CAMP

preparation

session

federal youth network

2026

# INSTRUCTIONS

- All attendee microphones and cameras are deactivated. The chat is disabled for attendees, but we will use it to send resources.
- Please use the Q&A button to ask your questions. Vote for a question you like by pressing the Thumbs Up button.
- This session will be given in English only. The French session will be taking place at 2:30pm ET.
- All the sessions are being recorded and will be available on the FYN-RJFF YouTube channel in the 24 hours following the session.

# FATEEMAH DAUHOO

(SHE/HER)

- Fateemah is a bilingual communications professional with experience in strategic communications, media analysis, and social media management. She currently serves as an Acting Communications Officer at Department of Justice, supporting the Social Media team. She is also participating in a micro-mission with the BC Federal Council.
- Additionally, she is a passionate advocate for engagement within the public service, she is an active core committee member with Governexx, where she leads communications activities. Recently, she managed a full logo redesign process—from launching the design contest to presenting the final version to the Executive Champion.



# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Describe the purpose and structure of Career Boot Camp 2026

Understand key themes that will emerge throughout the sessions and why they are important in this context.

Articulate personal goals for participating in the boot camp and how it aligns with their career development.

Learn how to begin building connections ahead of the event.

# NATALE DANKOTUWAGE

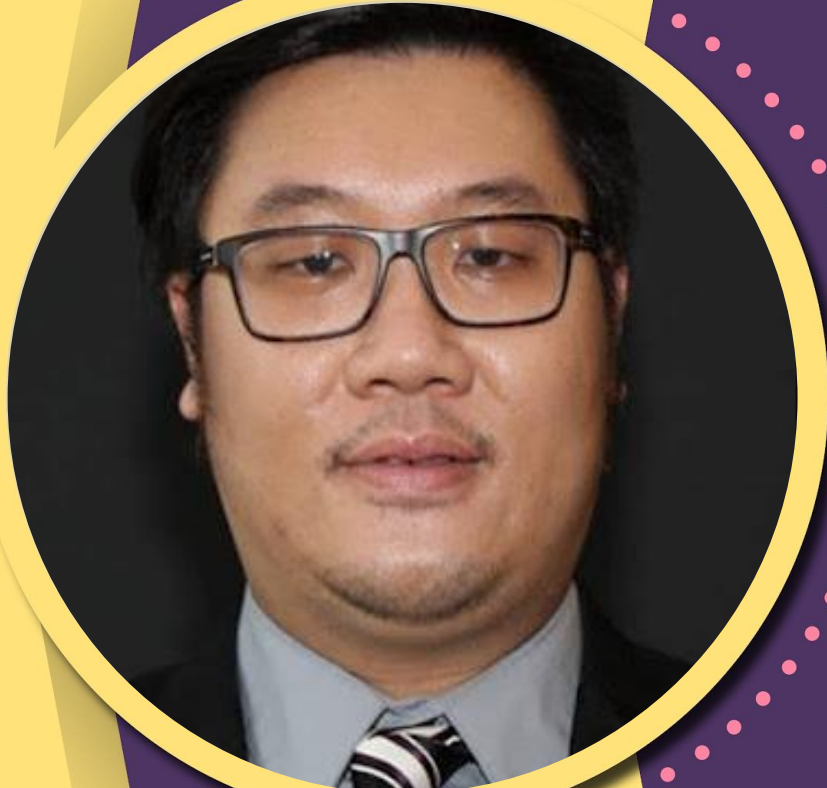
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- Natale began her career in public policy while in her final years at UofT where she co-founded a Young Canadian Peace Dialogue to promote peace in the then war-torn region of Sri Lanka, which is where her parents grew up.
- Natale went on to complete two international fellowships, and a Master of Design in Strategic Foresight and Innovation.
- Natale joined the Government of Canada in 2016 when offered an opportunity at ESDC's Innovation Lab.
- Natale is currently on assignment focusing on AI & International Policy.

# ALLAN TAM

(HE/HIM)



- Allan Tam serves as a Senior Project Officer with the Federal Youth Network (FYN).
- Previously, Allan was a Team Leader at the Canada Disability Benefits and Specialized Processing Centre in Calgary, Alberta..
- Allan is actively involved in leadership and advisory roles, serving as an advisor on the YMAGIN National Executive Team, Co-chair of the Oxygen Network (Alberta FYN), and a Steering Committee member for the National Managers' Community in Alberta.
- He started at ESDC in June 2008 as a FSWEF student.

# JUSTINE REYNOLDS

(SHE/HER)



- Justine Reynolds joined the Federal Youth Network (FYN) as a Senior Advisor on secondment from Infrastructure Canada.
- Justine currently co-leads the Interdepartmental Mentoring Community of Practice (launched in 2022), as well as the “Take Me With You” Initiative Community of Practice (launched in 2024).
- Justine joined the public service originally as a Co-op student through the University of Ottawa. She has worked in a number of federal government departments including the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Correctional Services Canada, and Statistics Canada.

# CAREER BOOT CAMP OVERVIEW

## WHAT IS CAREER BOOT CAMP?

- What is the Career Boot Camp? Career Boot Camp (CBC) is a FREE virtual conference that takes place annually.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

- Whether you're a current Government of Canada (GC) employee or someone aspiring to join the federal public service, this event is open to everyone at any stage of their career journey
- ➔ ***Did you know that over 39,000 people have registered to attend CBC virtually since 2021.***

# CAREER BOOT CAMP OVERVIEW

## TIME COMMITMENT

- You can choose to attend one or two sessions that interest you most, or participate in the entire series—the choice is yours!
- Missed a workshop? All CBC workshops will be available on the FYN YouTube Channel and available as a podcast following the event.



# HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR ZOOM EVENTS EXPERIENCE

## BEFORE THE EVENT

- Test your tech (you may need to use a personal device)
- Update Zoom

## DURING THE WORKSHOP

- Engage and participate in the polls
- Ask your questions!

## ON THE ZOOM EVENTS PLATFORM

- Explore the lobby
- Participate in meet and greet for kiosks on Day 1
- Bookmark sessions and add them to your work calendar



# CONTENT TEASERS

## **DAY 1: *Exploration and Mobility in the Public Service***

- Understanding how to move within the system, access opportunities, and take control of your career direction.

## **DAY 2: *Connection, Mentorship, and Strategic Networking***

- Leveraging relationships to support career development and long-term success.

## **DAY 3: *Sustaining Your Career Through Balance and Safety***

- Creating a healthy, sustainable work environment for yourself and others.

## **DAY 4: *Digital Fluency and Career Resilience***

- Embracing innovation, adaptability, and future-forward thinking.

# TESTIMONIALS FROM LAST YEAR

*“I appreciate you reaching out and connecting. I actually attended a panel discussion you spoke at yesterday for the career boot camp. This event does not seem like it's been co-ordinated by a team of 8, they are doing an amazing job! There has been a real level of authenticity with the session's speakers which has been really appreciated.”*

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*“Thank you for speaking out about being neurodivergent and for showing how to help others struggling with networking.”*

*“Taken about 3 pages worth of notes – very insightful and interesting. Thank you so much for your time.”*

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# NEXT STEPS

## ● FINALIZE YOUR SCHEDULE

- Register for the event
- Review the full boot camp agenda on the Zoom Events platform.
- Bookmark the sessions you plan to attend.

## ● PRE-EVENT TASKS

- Update your Zoom profile (name, photo, pronouns).
- Test your tech setup.

## ● ENGAGE WITH PARTICIPANTS

- Connect with fellow attendees on LinkedIn.

## ● STAY INFORMED

- Watch for reminder emails and updates
- Sign up for the FYN distribution list
- Register for CBC Speed Mentoring

# PLAN YOUR LEARNING WITH FYN

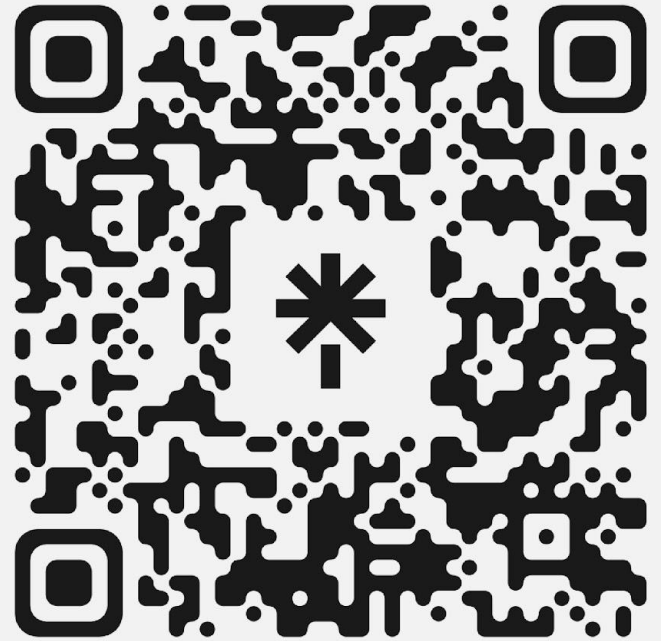
- **PSC Level Up Event:**  
December 3, 9, 11 & January 8, 12
- **CBC Speed Mentoring:**  
January 13, 14, 15
- **Career Boot Camp 2026:**  
January 20, 22, 27, 29
- **FYN In Person Learning Days:**  
Various dates in the Spring and Fall 2026
- **Future Leaders Forum:**  
Various dates in the Spring and Fall 2026



# QUESTIONS



# THANK YOU



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