

Philanthropy's Role in a Crisis



Of course, when there is mention of crisis, COVID-19 immediately comes to mind. However, there exist many other crises, some which have been exposed or exacerbated by the pandemic, such as social inequalities, systemic racism, healthcare system, housing, labor, or economic crises. With COP26 omnipresent in the media lately, we cannot omit the climate crisis from the list either. Let us remember that in 2008, Environment Funders Network (then called the Canadian Environmental Grantmakers Network – CEGN) made a call to question philanthropy's role in fighting climate change. While it may seem obvious that the philanthropic sector has played, and continues to play a role in the various crises we face, what exactly is their role? How does the philanthropic sector organize and mobilize itself in times of crisis? This special edition, led by

the Ontario Hub. sets out to answer these questions by bringing several reflection points to the table.

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It's no secret to anyone the past few years have shown us how unstable the world can be. But it also showed us how much the sector was important and at the same time revealed some challenges that will need to be addressed in the coming years.

Listen to the episode here





Our December special edition will be led by the Western Hub and be covering the theme of **Philanthropy and Mental Health**.

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Featured Philanthropic Profile

PhiLab's Quebec Hub has launched a Philanthropic Profile Database in order to highlight the sector's professionals and the diversity of their roles.

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Consult her full profile here

Featured Alliance Content



This conference report presents an overview of Alliance magazine's webinar from July 2021 around the question of how philanthropy in the US and Canada has responded to the many crises over the past year. Guests include PhiLab member Hilary Pearson.

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