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History Through Student Eyes

The second edition of a national online showcase for the long-standing Heritage Fairs program (since 1993), featuring student perspectives on Canada's diverse histories

WINNIPEG, June 10, 2026 — Canada's History Society is proud to announce the launch of the **Heritage Fair National Showcase**, a celebration of projects guided by student inquiry, creativity and, dedication to deepening their understanding of Canada's history, heritage, and culture. This year's participants—selected from over 60 regional Heritage Fairs across the country—provide a window into the minds of the next generation of historians and the moments in Canada's history they are exploring.

From Canada's own Atlantis and the Special Olympics to projects exploring Inuit histories, historical racism and immigration, the National Showcase highlights the breadth and depth of Canadian history as explored by over 100 students in grades 4 to 12.

"We are honoured to spotlight the exceptional work of students engaging in historical thinking," said Melony Ward, President and CEO of Canada's History Society. "These students are grappling with moments in Canada's history with fervour and intentionality. By asking big questions about the narratives we showcase, it inspires us to ask questions about how we steward and tell Canada's histories."

The Heritage Fair program encourages young people to investigate historical topics that matter to them and share their findings in community-based events. Students were selected to advance to the National Showcase based on the quality of their research process.

"It is amazing to see the innovative and creative ways these students are engaging their communities with topics that span decades of Canada's history. I invite everyone to spend time exploring these incredible projects, which I am happy to support through Parks Canada's contribution agreement with Canada's History." said the Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature.

Four students will be named **National Showcase winners**, receiving a \$500 RESP contribution and a trip for two to a special celebration. The winning projects will be featured in Canada's History magazine. In addition, a **People's Choice Prize** of \$100 will be awarded to three projects through a public vote running from June 10 to July 1, 2026.

With renewed national conversations around Canadian identity, unity, and reconciliation, the Heritage Fair program plays an important role in helping students ask thoughtful questions, examine diverse perspectives, and connect history to their own lives and experiences.

To explore this year's National Showcase and to vote for your favourite project, visit:
CanadasHistory.ca/NationalShowcase

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About Canada's History Society

Canada's History Society is a national charitable organization based in Winnipeg that works to connect Canadians through history. Canada's History Society aims to strengthen understanding of the complex and diverse histories of our country and their part in shaping contemporary Canada. It publishes the magazines *Canada's History* and *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids/ Navigue dans l'histoire du Canada* (available digitally at CanadasHistory.ca), and oversees education and award programs, including the Governor General's History Awards and Heritage Fairs.

About Heritage Fairs

The Heritage Fairs program is a bilingual educational initiative that encourages students to investigate Canadian history and heritage through creative, student-led projects. Each year, thousands of students ranging from grades 4 to 12 research and present topics of historical significance at school-based fairs throughout Canada. Top projects are selected to participate in one of approximately 60 community-based fairs held each spring, with up to 100 projects advancing to the online Heritage Fair National Showcase, hosted by Canada's History Society.

Since the program's founding in 1993, approximately 2 million students have completed a Heritage Fair project. The program is supported by more than 1,000 dedicated volunteers and continues to foster a deeper appreciation of Canada's diverse past among youth nationwide.