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### **Students and Youth Encouraged to Attend Think Tank's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

**March 2023** – Four youth (under 25) or students enrolled in a post-secondary program can attend Northern Policy Institute's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (Northwest) **free of charge**. Not only do these spots include Gala attendance, but they also cover reasonable travel and accommodation costs.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala is being held on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30–9:00 pm in Thunder Bay, Ontario, at the Delta Hotel**. Ron Bernbaum, Founder of PearTree Canada & CEO of PearTree Financial will be exploring the topic, "Uniting the Canadian Resource and Charitable Sectors: Financing Critical Mineral Opportunities."

Students and youth looking to participate should send a two-paragraph explanation detailing why they wish to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Applicants should focus on what they hope to contribute and what they hope to learn at the event. Submissions should be sent to [research@northernpolicy.ca](mailto:research@northernpolicy.ca) by **11:59 pm eastern on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

These opportunities are made possible through the generous support of Confederation College and Frontier Lithium.

"Confederation College believes strongly in engaging in community-based partnerships and training initiatives that enable students to gain valuable experiences and provide personal and professional development opportunities they can take into their future careers," said Rob Zuback, Director, Advancement & External Relations at Confederation College. "We are excited to help connect youth and community leaders at this event."

At the request of Frontier Lithium, **two spots are specifically reserved for students and youth that identify as First Nation, Métis, or Inuit**; applicants are encouraged to voluntarily state this in their application.

Dave Brown, Environment and Community Relations Manager at Frontier Lithium, echoes this statement. "Supporting Indigenous youth involvement in key events, in turn, contributes to community development and helps shape our future generations. Frontier Lithium is always looking for ways to develop and maintain relationships with the communities we live in and work with."

Anyone looking for more information or to register, please visit <https://www.northernpolicy.ca/10th-anniversary-nw-gala>.

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*We believe in partnership, reconciliation, collaboration, communication, and cooperation. Our team seeks to do inclusive research that involves broad engagement and delivers recommendations for specific, measurable action. Our success depends on our partnerships with other entities present in or passionate about Northern Ontario.*

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