

Rural Talks to Rural 2027

Healthy Land, Healthy Communities

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR RURAL CREATIVITY

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JULY 14–16, 2027
CLEARWATER, MANITOBA
RURAL ARTS SUMMIT: JULY 13, 2027

Hosted by the Harvest Moon Society in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity, R2R27 explores the relationship between healthy land and healthy communities.

ABOUT R2R27

Rural Talks to Rural 2027 (R2R27) brings people together from across rural Manitoba, Canada, and beyond for a distinctive gathering rooted in the landscapes, cultures, and communities in southwestern Manitoba.



FOUR DAYS OF CONNECTION, CONVERSATION AND CREATIVITY

JULY 13 | PRE-CONFERENCE SUMMIT

The gathering begins with a **Rural Arts Summit**, bringing together local artists, cultural leaders, and rural communities to share ideas, explore creative possibilities, and strengthen connections across rural Canada.

JULY 14–16 | OFFICIAL CONFERENCE

Three days of keynotes, conversations, story circles, hands-on workshops, field trips, artistic experiences, shared meals, and informal gatherings.

BE A PART OF THE CONVERSATION

R2R27 brings together rural voices from across communities, sectors, and generations. Whether you're a resident, artist, farmer, knowledge keeper, Indigenous leader, researcher, entrepreneur, or rural ally, there's a place for you to connect, contribute, and be part of the conversation.

Interested in supporting R2R27? We welcome sponsors, partners, and supporters who share our vision for resilient rural communities and healthy rural futures.

ANTICIPATED HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Rural Table:** a municipal leaders' story circle.
- **Rural ResilientVille**: an interactive exploration of emergency preparedness and climate resilience.
- **Pathways to Practice:** where rural economic development and academic research meet with unique presentations.
- **Finding Place**: a conversation between youth and elders about transitions and transformation.
- **The Land:** an exploration of the earth in science, myth, memory, knowledge, and practice.
- **Ojibwe Perspectives on the Natural World:** led by Elder Dave Scott of Swan Lake First Nation.
- **Clearwater Stories:** a pop-up art gallery showcasing creative perspectives on rural places and communities.
- **Meals prepared by local chefs:** bringing people together through food, conversation, and a taste of the region.

A GROWING CONVERSATION ACROSS RURAL CANADA

Established in 2016 by the Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity, **Rural Talks to Rural (R2R)** creates opportunities to share ideas, inspire learning, and spark positive change across rural communities.

Grounded in the belief that **good ideas can travel and take root in new places**, R2R fosters collaboration, shared leadership, and meaningful exchange.

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Rural Talks to Rural conferences continue to provide world-class discourse on the important contributions of rural perspectives in shaping how the best ideas of communities can lead to better futures for all."

— Paul Nichol, Executive Director, Community Futures Huron

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