

LABS

**A POWERFUL WAY
TO ENGAGE AND
ALIGN PEOPLE,
IDEAS &
RESOURCES
TO SOLVE THE
WORLD'S MOST
PRESSING
PROBLEMS**



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Canadian Labs Process Designers in Canada

Academic-led

The Moment (Toronto)
OCADU S-Lab (Toronto) Exhibit Change (Toronto)
Sauder's D.Studio (Vancouver) ArchiTEXT (Toronto)
Institute Without Boundaries (Toronto) Neole (Toronto)
Commons 11 (Toronto)

NGO-led

MaRS Solutions Lab (Toronto) Art of Hosting (Bowen Island, BC; Halifax, NS)
The Commons Inc. (Montreal)
Evergreen CityWorks Transportation Lab (Toronto) Cense R + D (Toronto)
Waterlution (Vancouver - Calgary - Toronto) MASS LBP (Toronto)

MOV's City Lab (Vancouver)
Institut Nouveau Monde's LABIS (Montreal)
The Natural Step's Sustainability Transition Lab (Ottawa)
One Earth's Consumption & Production Lab (Vancouver)

Funder-led

Youth Innovation Lab (Toronto)
Toronto Atmospheric Fund (Toronto)

Community-led

City Innovation Lab (Toronto)
Belonging Lab (Vancouver)
Cycling Think and Do Tank (Toronto)

Global Labs

MindLab (Denmark)
Helsinki Design Lab (Finland)
Design Council (UK)
Public Services Lab (UK)
Participle (UK)
ThinkPublic (UK)
Collaborative Lab (Australia/USA)
Finance Innovation Lab (UK)
Forum for the Future (UK)
La 27e Région (France)
Kennisland (Netherlands)
TACSI (Australia)
InWithFor (Australia, Netherlands)
IDEO and IDEO.org (USA)
Reos Partners (Global)
Sustainable Food Lab (USA)
Stanford d.school (USA)
MIT AgeLab (USA)
R-Labs (South Africa)
Think Cafe (South Korea)

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Books about Lab process

1. Charrette Handbook (National Charrette Institute)
2. InStudio: Recipes for Systemic Change and Legible Practices (Helsinki Design Lab)
3. Theory U (Otto Sharma)
4. Human Centred Design Toolkit (IDEO)
5. CoLab: A Change Lab for Markham (Institute without Boundaries)
6. Transformative Scenario Planning (Adam Kahane)

Websites with further links

1. Lab2 event page: www.kennisland.nl
2. Laboratories for Societal Innovation: www.societal-innovation.org
3. Labs for Social Change: www.labsforsocialchange.org
4. WISIR at University of Waterloo: www.sig.uwaterloo.ca/feature/social-innovation-labs
5. SiG on Labs: www.sigeration.ca/labs
6. SiG Knowledge Hub on Labs: www.sigknowledgehub.com

White papers and reports

1. Labs: Designing the Future by SiG@MaRS (round up of labs from around the world)
2. What is a Design Lab/Change Lab? by SiG@Waterloo (common lab elements)
3. Powering Collaborative Policy Innovation: Can Innovation Labs Help? by Helle Vibeke Carstensen & Christian Bason (lessons learned and possible future steps for MindLab)
4. Laboratories for Social Change By Zaid Hassan (overview of the Theory U/Change Lab methodology)
5. Innovation Labs: Bridging Think Tanks and Do Tanks by Policy Horizons (paper distributed by the Canadian Federal government acknowledging the power of Labs)

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