

Reimagining Canada's care economy

Cross-cutting themes and strategic imperatives

May 29, 2026, 1-3 pm ET (Virtual event)

Agenda

1:00	Introduction: Meeting the moment <i>Why are we here?</i>
	Peggy Nash , Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, CCPA Katherine Scott , Senior Researcher, CCPA
1:10	Canada's care economy: Where are we today? <i>Setting context: Diversity, significance and impact of the sector, current challenges/tensions, strategic imperatives</i>
	Pamela Uppal-Sandhu , Co-Executive Director, Ontario Nonprofit Network <i>Ontario's care scorecard: Cross-cutting themes and a need for a comprehensive strategy</i>
1:25	Lightning round (1): Labour and community perspectives <i>Challenges and opportunities (5 minutes each)</i>
Health care	Angela Preocanin , Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions
Violence	Robyn Hoogendam , Manager Research and Policy, Women's Shelters Canada
Long term care	Jackie Walker , Executive Vice President, SEIU Healthcare
Child Care	Morna Ballantyne , Executive Director, Child Care Now
Community sector	Mike Yam , National Representatives, Unifor
1:55	Lightning round (2): Cross-cutting themes <i>Cross-cutting themes (10 minutes)</i>
Migrant workers	Karen Cocq , Co-Executive Director, Migrant Workers Alliance for Change
Profitization	Armine Yalnizyan , Economist and Atkinson Fellow on the Future of Workers

2:15	Discussion: Identifying shared priorities
	Vicky Smallman , National Director, Human Rights, Canadian Labour Congress (5 minutes)
Breakout groups (25 minutes)	❖ What should be the top priorities for progressives in the current moment? ❖ What opportunities currently exist to influence federal and/or provincial governments? ❖ What new capacity and resources do we need to move forward?
2:45	Next steps
	Katherine Scott and Andy Longhurst, CCPA ❖ Andy to provide few thoughts on themes / ideas that we have heard. ❖ Bring it back to ideas that we have the collective energy for ❖ Katherine to conclude ❖ Posting webinar recording, sharing highlights with participants ❖ Sharing resources. Please send materials to CCPA for distribution ❖ Watch out for CCPA's care economy profiles and future research. We are happy to talk any time