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## Innovative tech start-ups to demo their social impact solutions

Second cohort from TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator pitches ventures after 12-week program

**Edmonton** – The [TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator](#) (CSW) powered by [AlchemistX](#), in partnership with the [Edmonton Police Foundation](#) and funded by [Alberta Innovates](#), is excited to announce that the second cohort of 20 international companies have completed the intensive business accelerator program and are set to present at Demo Day on November 16, 2022. During the Demo Day, these new ventures will pitch to investors and community members while CSW hosts a viewing party where innovators from the tech, entrepreneurial and social impact community will gather to watch the company pitches.

“We are excited at the growth we have seen from these 20 startups during these past 12-weeks - through their passionate commitment and their immersive experience in the accelerator which brought them to Edmonton to apply their solutions - they are poised to fast track their innovation and scale rapidly. We should all be very proud of what this unique, Edmonton-grown accelerator continues to build. A big thank you to the entire community of partners, team members, community supporters and entrepreneurs,” said **Ashif Mawji, Chair of the Edmonton Police Foundation**.

The TELUS CSW aims to improve the safety and wellbeing of Edmontonians by applying innovative perspectives from global technology disruptors that address complex social challenges such as cyber security, ethical data sharing, mental and emotional wellness, anxiety, crowd safety and food security, just to name a few.

The TELUS CSW Accelerator is part of Alberta Innovates' [Scaleup and Growth Accelerator Program \(Scaleup GAP\)](#). Scaleup GAP intends to attract Alberta and eligible global companies to strengthen the Alberta ecosystem with a global mindset and provide them access to international collaborations and capital. Scaleup GAP is run by a consortium led by Alberta Innovates, which also includes the Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, Innovate Edmonton and Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan). The unique partnership is allocating \$35 million over three years to retain business accelerators. It's part of an overall government goal to help create 20,000 jobs and increase technology firm revenue to \$5 billion by 2030.

In order to realize the tremendous potential of these world-class tech startups, the TELUS CSW together with partner organizations are facilitating access to resources, contacts and solutions within the Alberta entrepreneurial ecosystem. Additionally, this purpose-driven program aims to foster partnerships between like-minded tech founders from around the world with Edmonton-based community social service agencies and organizations to catalyze better, more efficient measurable impact.



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Join TELUS CSW Accelerator at the Demo Day Viewing party on November 16, 4-6 p.m. MST. Register [here](#).

or view virtually, by registering [here](#).

## Quotes:

“Alberta Innovates celebrates the success of 20 companies that took part in the latest accelerator programming offered by the Telus Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator,” says Laura Kilcrease, CEO of Alberta Innovates. “We’re proud to play a role supporting entrepreneurs looking to change their communities. The work you do today will both transform where we live as well as create new business opportunities. This program exemplifies the notion of “doing good and doing well” in business.”

“It has been a privilege to work with such mission-driven founders,” said Christy Canida, Senior Director of Product at AlchemistX. “Tech companies need to tackle challenging social issues, and we’re dedicated to accelerating the CSW companies’ ability to make positive change in the world.”

“Having the TELUS Community Safety & Wellness Accelerator in Edmonton is game changing to positioning our city as an inclusive global innovation capital,” said Edmonton Unlimited CEO Catherine Warren. “Participating founders gain access to leading-edge programming and collaborations with Edmonton-based organizations, creating solutions to global challenges, improving lives of Edmontonians, and people around the world.”

“We are excited to see the growth and innovation from the second cohort of the TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator. These globally initiated startups are bringing the next evolution of community safety to Edmonton, which strongly aligns with TELUS’ social purpose of driving strong and measurable impact to create better communities,” said Blair Miller, Vice-president, Social Impact Ventures, TELUS.

## Cohort 2 Demo Day Featuring:

- **Be Global Safety** (USA) <https://beglobalsafety.com/>
- **Cyber Legends** (Canada) <https://cyberlegends.com>
- **Difinity Solutions** (Canada) <https://www.difinity.ca/>
- **Digital Wellness Institute** (USA) <https://digitalwellnessinstitute.com>
- **EIMHE** (Canada) <https://eimhe.me>
- **EyeKnow AI** (Israel) <http://www.eyeknow.ai/>
- **Flyhound** (USA) <https://www.flyhound.com>



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- **Forward Vision Games** (Canada) <https://www.forwardvisiongames.com/>
- **Gabriel Protects** (Israel) <https://www.gabrielprotects.com/>
- **Give Shop** (USA) <https://www.giveshop.app>
- **inqli Inc.** (Canada) <https://www.inqli.com/>
- **Islamic Family & Social Services Association** (Canada) <https://www.ifssa.ca/>
- **Kid Drop Inc.** (Canada) <https://www.kid-drop.com/home>
- **knead Technologies** (Canada) <https://www.kneadtech.com>
- **Safe Citizens** (UK) <https://www.safe-citizens.com>
- **Sympatic** (USA) <https://www.sympatic.com/>
- **Technologies North Digital Services** (Canada) <https://technologynorth.net>
- **TurnSignl Inc.** (USA) <https://turnsignl.com>
- **VR Pathways Inc.** (Canada) <https://www.vrpathways.com>
- **Zafty Intelligence** (Australia) <http://zafty.io/>

## About TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator

The TELUS Community Safety and Wellness Accelerator (TELUS CSW) is sponsored by the Edmonton Police Foundation in conjunction with various partners, including ATB Financial, TELUS, Motorola, U of A, AMII, Edmonton Police Service and others. Using a combination of data, artificial intelligence and machine learning, entrepreneurship, mentorship, domain expertise, funding, structured accelerator programming and other key ingredients to help create successful social impact ventures, its mission is to help solve our community's challenges and create a sustainable model to help bring those solutions to the world. Being one of the first in the world with this unique combination will allow the TELUS CSW to demonstrate the social impact power of Albertans. The TELUS CSW is funded through the Alberta Innovates Scaleup and Growth Accelerators Program. Learn more about [TELUS CSW Accelerator](#)

Learn more about the [ScaleGood Fund](#)

Learn more about [Cohort 2](#)

## About AlchemistX

AlchemistX is the Corporate and Government Services division of Alchemist Accelerator, a venture-backed accelerator focused on accelerating the development of seed-stage ventures that monetize from enterprises. CB Insights rated Alchemist the top accelerator based on median funding rates of its grads. The accelerator's primary screening criteria is on teams, with primacy placed on having distinctive technical co-founders. The organization provides founders a structured path to traction, fundraising, mentorship, and community over the course of a time-bound program. Backers include many of the top corporate and VC funds in the Valley — including Khosla Ventures, DFJ, Cisco, GE, Next47 (Siemens), and Salesforce, among others. Notable Alchemist alumni include LaunchDarkly, Rigetti Quantum Computing, mPharma, Matternet, and Mightyhive.

## About Edmonton Police Foundation

In support of the Edmonton Police Service, the Edmonton Police Foundation advances excellence and transforms community policing by raising funds and investing in those in support of attaining excellence. Learn more about EPF [here](#).



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## **About Alberta Innovates**

Alberta Innovates is the province's largest and Canada's first provincial research and innovation agency. For a century we have worked closely with researchers, companies and entrepreneurs – trailblazers who built industries and strengthened communities. Today we are pivoting to the next frontier of opportunity in Alberta and worldwide by driving emerging technologies across sectors. We are a provincial corporation delivering seed funding, business advice, applied research and technical services, and avenues for partnership and collaboration. [Learn how Alberta Innovates.](#)

## **About Edmonton Unlimited**

Headquartered in Alberta's capital city, Edmonton Unlimited leverages, unites, and promotes home-grown innovation as a gateway to solving the world's most pressing problems. We harness the power of the public and private sectors, ground-breaking academic research, and purpose-driven investment to build a shared prosperity and open international markets. From sustainable climate solutions to public health and digital education, Edmonton is a leading global centre for inspiration, ingenuity, and inclusion. Learn more about [Edmonton Unlimited](#).

## **About PrairiesCan**

PrairiesCan is the federal department that supports economic growth in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Its programs and services help businesses, not-for-profits and communities grow stronger. Its mandate is to support economic growth and diversification in the Prairie provinces and advance the interests of the region in national economic policy, programs and projects. Learn more [here](#).

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