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## Changing the world with good ideas

Edmonton – It's been proven that good ideas can change the world for the better. But, good ideas need a space where like-minded individuals—who want to make the world a better place—can meet to develop socially innovative solutions for complex issues.

That type of space has now opened at MacEwan University. Located in Allard Hall, Roundhouse is designed to encourage collaboration and innovation across all sectors to create a positive impact on social challenges.

“We're a coworking space that is focused on building a community of changemakers through innovation and entrepreneurship,” said Amor Provins, senior manager at Roundhouse. “Together with MacEwan University's Social Innovative Institute we'll be working to empower people and make a positive impact in our world.”

“Roundhouse is not only a community space for social change, it will offer programs and workshops that bring changemakers together in collaboration with students, faculty, staff and alumni,” says Leo Wong, the founding director of the Social Innovation Institute. “As a downtown university, we focus on creating meaningful relationships with our neighbours to improve the economic and social vibrancy of our city, as well as being an environmental steward.”

A number of programs will be rolled out over the coming year, including a campus-wide platform to connect community organizations and local businesses with students and faculty to explore their unique challenges and generate actionable solutions.

“As a city, Edmonton is positioned to be a place of innovation,” added Wong. “The Social Innovation Institute is an example of taking what MacEwan is already doing well and bringing it to a new level, where it can be an even more prominent force for good.”

### Roundhouse Grand Opening

When: May 31, 2018

Where: Roundhouse, Main floor, Allard Hall, MacEwan University (11110 - 104 Avenue)

Time: 3–6 p.m.

**A media tour of the space is scheduled for 11 a.m. For interviews, please use the media contact listed below.**

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