



Energy Disruptors: UNITE Announces First Featured Speakers for 2026 Summit

Margaret Atwood, David Cameron, and Tyler Cowen to Appear in Calgary for Provoking Conversations on Canada's Future, Global Competitiveness, and the Energy Transition

CALGARY, AB – June 16, 2026: **Energy Disruptors: UNITE** has announced the first featured speakers for its 2026 summit, bringing together three globally recognized thinkers whose work has shaped conversations around technology, leadership, economics, democracy, and societal change: **Margaret Atwood, Lord David Cameron, and Tyler Cowen.**

Taking place **September 28–29, 2026** in Calgary, **Energy Disruptors: UNITE** will convene 3,000 founders, investors, policymakers, executives, entrepreneurs, and innovators to explore one of the defining questions of our time: **how do we build energy systems that are resilient, competitive, secure, and capable of meeting the demands of a rapidly changing world?**

Hosted in one of the world's most significant energy capitals, Energy Disruptors UNITE has earned an international reputation for bringing together voices that do not always agree, but whose ideas help leaders better understand the forces reshaping economies, industries, and societies.

"At a moment when public discourse is increasingly polarized, we believe leaders need exposure to a wider range of perspectives," said Co-Founder & CEO Graeme Edge. "Margaret Atwood, David Cameron, and Tyler Cowen each bring distinct and fundamentally different lenses on the future. Together, they represent exactly the kind of intellectual diversity and constructive tension that EDU was built to create."

Additional speakers and programming announcements will be released in the coming weeks. Early Bird registration for Energy Disruptors: UNITE 2026 is available until June 23.

Margaret Atwood: The Stories We Tell About the Future

One of Canada's most celebrated authors and public intellectuals, Margaret Atwood has spent decades exploring the intersection of technology, power, democracy, human behaviour, and societal change.

Her landmark novel *The Handmaid's Tale* has become one of the most influential works of contemporary literature, while her broader body of work continues to challenge audiences to think critically about the future we are creating and the values that underpin it. Across more than fifty books published in over forty languages, Atwood has examined questions of innovation, environmental stewardship, governance, resilience, and what it means to remain human during periods of rapid change.

As Canada navigates profound economic, technological, and cultural transformation, Atwood brings a distinctly Canadian perspective on identity, imagination, and the stories that shape societies.

David Cameron: Leadership During Times of Uncertainty

Lord David Cameron served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom during one of the most consequential periods in modern British political history.

From guiding economic recovery following the global financial crisis to navigating debates around national identity, regional autonomy, and Britain's place in the world, Cameron led through moments that continue to influence political and economic conversations today. His experience managing the Scottish independence referendum, confronting questions of energy security and economic competitiveness, and leading during periods of rising political polarization offers timely lessons for leaders facing uncertainty and disruption.

As countries around the world grapple with questions about competitiveness, public trust, regional identity, and economic resilience, Cameron provides a rare perspective on the opportunities and risks that accompany political fragmentation—and what it takes to maintain unity while addressing legitimate grievances.

Tyler Cowen: The Economics of the Next Era

Widely regarded as one of the world's most influential economists and public intellectuals, Tyler Cowen has become a leading voice on innovation, artificial intelligence, productivity, economic growth, and the future of work.

Through bestselling books, influential essays, and his widely read Marginal Revolution platform, Cowen has consistently challenged conventional thinking about how societies create prosperity and adapt to technological change. More recently, he has become one of the sharpest voices examining the relationship between artificial intelligence and energy, arguing that the future of AI

will depend not only on advances in computing, but on access to abundant, reliable, and affordable power.

At a time when nations are racing to secure competitive advantage in an AI-driven economy, Cowen brings critical insight into the economic forces that will determine which regions, industries, and countries emerge as leaders.

Energy Disruptors: UNITE takes place September 28–29, 2026 in Calgary, Alberta. For tickets and more information, visit energydisruptors.com.

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