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TORONTO (June 13, 2016) - Leading Edge After Performance (LEAP) is excited to announce that registration is now open for our Fall conference: **LEAP Together - Career & Life transitions in Dance & Sport**. The two-day international conference will be held in Downtown Toronto on November 11 and 12, 2016 at St. James Cathedral Centre.

In this rare opportunity LEAP will assemble a wide diversity of stakeholders from the Sport and Dance sectors to learn and exchange knowledge with each other on various topics related to transition for our high performers – professional dancers and elite athletes.

Topics and themes of the conference will focus on the high performers' transition experience including post-retirement mental health, transferable skills, balancing performance and well-being, perspectives on career transition programs and creating engagement with career services, education and employers.

This pioneering conference will present noted contributors including: Dr. Kate Hayes, The Performing Edge; Melinda Harrison, Olympian and founder, Moving Beyond; Amanda Hancox, Dancer Transition Resource Centre; Gene Moyle, Associate Professor, Queensland University of Technology; Bonnie Kennedy, Canadian Association of Prior Learning Assessment; Dr. Rolf Wagschal, Canadian Sport Institute Ontario; and Dr. Lynda Mainwaring, Associate Professor, University of Toronto.

The conference will bring together dance artists and elite athletes, sport and dance psychologists, directors of sport organizations, artistic directors, general managers, high performance directors, training institutions, educators, support personnel such as physical therapists, sport and dance science/medicine practitioners, researchers, government agencies and other stakeholders.

The conference structure will provide many learning and knowledge exchange platforms including; keynote speakers, specialist panels, networking forums, practical workshops and an interactive plenary. Participants will take away practical tools, best practices and knowledge and grow their own professional networks. This is a rare opportunity for the sport and dance communities to meet together over a common bond – supporting high performers in their career and life transitions.

Further announcements regarding speakers and sessions will be made in the coming weeks. A detailed programme schedule will be posted on the website soon. For more information and to register, please click here: <http://www.leaptransition.ca/2016-conference/>

About LEAP

Leading Edge After Performance (LEAP) is an innovative initiative bringing the dance and sport communities together in a collaborative partnership to explore career and life transition issues specific to their unique constituents: high performance athletes and professional dancers. LEAP is a pioneering partnership between Dancer Transition Resource Centre (DTRC) and Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (CSIO). A non-profit organization, the LEAP project is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. www.leaptransition.ca

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