

○ ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

# Year Two

# 2025–2026

From local workshops to an international audience: free technology education, open research and new partnerships in Canada and Ecuador.

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**REPORTING PERIOD**

April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

**REGISTERED CHARITY**

BN 709006746 RR0001

**BASED IN**

Vancouver, British Columbia

# A year of reaching further

In our first year, TechMind proved that free, hands-on technology workshops could make a real difference for people in Vancouver. In our second year, we asked a bigger question: how far can a small, volunteer-run charity reach?

The answer surprised us. Our website workshop at Latincover filled up three times over the summer. A single online talk, delivered in Spanish with the AWS User Group in Quito, brought together 50 people to learn how AI coding assistants work. We coached small businesses on running their inventory with free, open-source software. And we kept building open research projects that anyone can study and reuse.

We also laid the groundwork for something larger: grant applications that, if approved, would let us bring new workshops to Vancouver and help job seekers in British Columbia train for careers in technology. None of this would be possible without our volunteers and partners. Thank you.

**Jorge Andrés Lozano**

Founder, TechMind Innovators

## 2025–2026 AT A GLANCE

|                                                                              |                                                                               |                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>67</b><br>people reached through free workshops and talks                 | <b>4</b><br>free workshops and talks delivered, in person and online          | <b>2</b><br>countries served — Canada and Ecuador            |
| <b>4</b><br>open research projects — 2 published on GitHub, 2 in development | <b>3</b><br>coaching sessions for small businesses on free inventory software | <b>2</b><br>grant applications prepared to fund new programs |

# Technology education, free and open to everyone

TechMind Innovators is a federal not-for-profit corporation and a CRA-registered charity based in Vancouver. We help people and small organizations adopt technology with confidence through free workshops, applied research and knowledge shared openly with the public.

## OUR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

- a Advance education by providing digital skills training workshops in Ecuador and Canada.
- b Advance education by providing publicly available bursaries to eligible individuals enrolled in an accredited digital skills training program.
- c Advance education by conducting research on Digital Transformation and sharing the results with the public.
- d Undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the above purposes.

Article 4, Articles of Incorporation.

## ORGANIZATION

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Legal form      | Federal NFP Corporation (CNCA) |
| Incorporated    | June 7, 2023                   |
| Charity status  | Effective June 19, 2024        |
| Business number | 709006746 RR0001               |
| Fiscal year     | April 1 – March 31             |
| Delivery model  | Volunteer-led; no paid staff   |

## OUR TEAM



**Andrés Lozano**  
Founder



**Melike Bilgin**  
Director of Research,  
Programs & Stakeholder  
Engagement



**Snezana Ristovski**  
Director of Strategy &  
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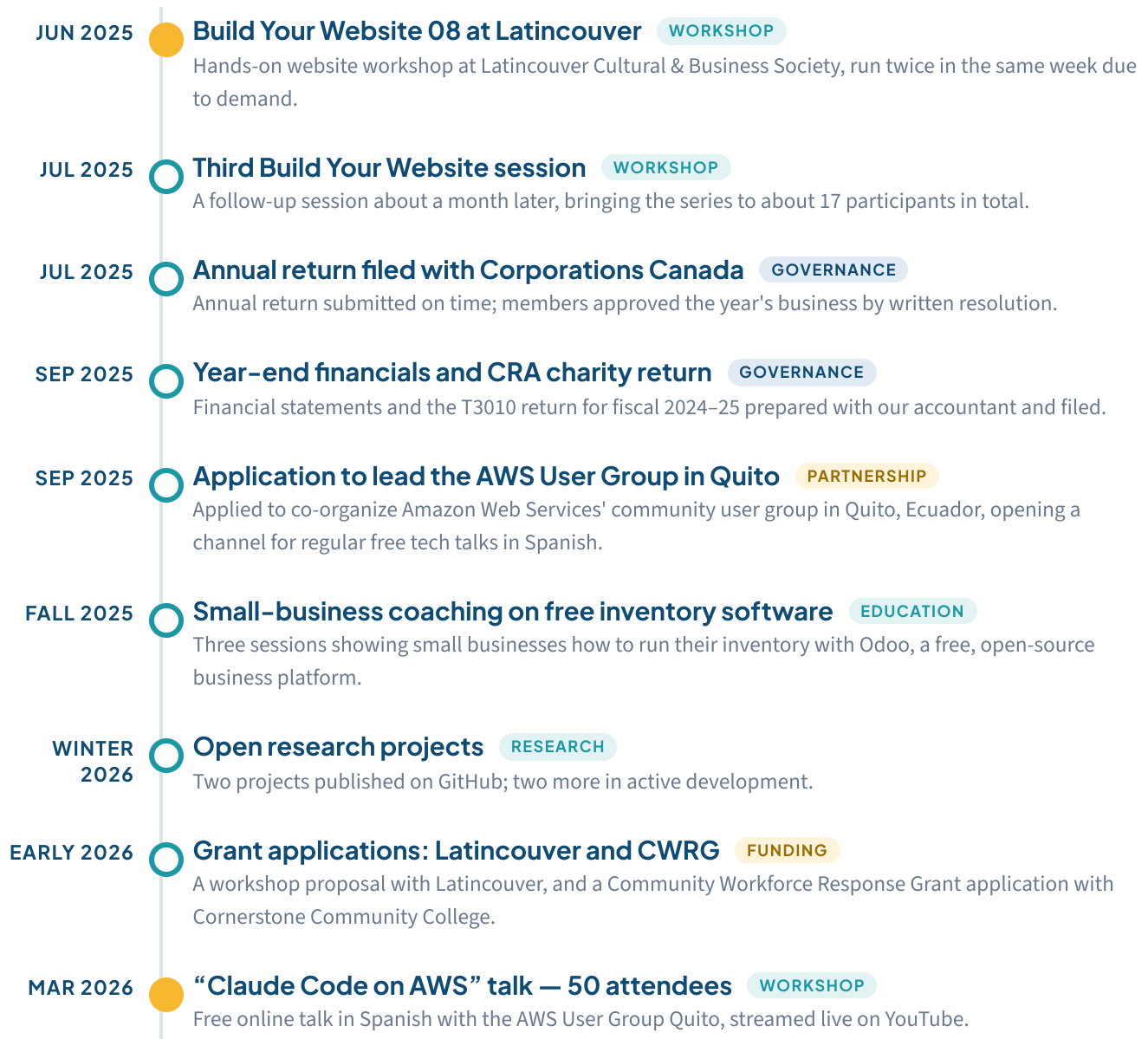
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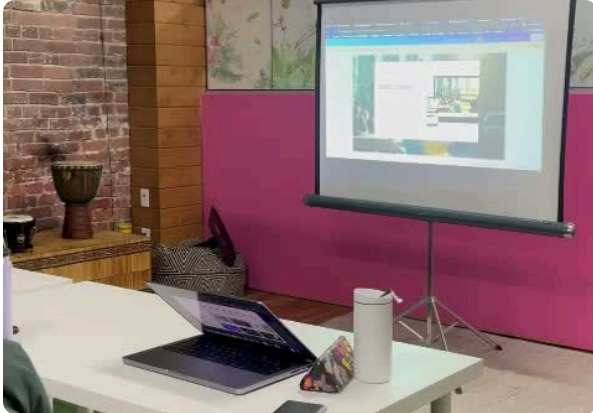
# Twelve months, in order

The key moments of our second fiscal year.



# Free workshops and talks

Our workshops are practical, beginner-friendly and always free. This year we kept our flagship website workshop going in Vancouver and took our first step into AI education for an international audience.



## Build Your Website 08

Participants built and published their own website in a single hands-on session. Hosted by Latincouver, a long-standing partner serving Vancouver's Latin American community, the workshop was so popular we ran it twice in the same week and again about a month later.

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| DATES       | June 28, 2025 week, plus a session in July 2025 |
| VENUE       | Latincouver, 68 Water St, Vancouver             |
| FORMAT      | In person · 3 sessions                          |
| ATTENDED    | About 17 participants                           |
| FACILITATOR | Andrés Lozano                                   |



## Claude Code on AWS

ONLINE · SPANISH

An introduction to AI coding assistants for software developers: what they are, how they work, and practical examples of using them to build on Amazon Web Services. Delivered in Spanish with the AWS User Group Quito and streamed publicly on YouTube, where it remains free to watch.

|           |                                                                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DATE      | March 26, 2026                                                                        |
| PARTNER   | AWS User Group Quito, Ecuador                                                         |
| FORMAT    | Online, live-streamed                                                                 |
| ATTENDED  | 50 participants                                                                       |
| RECORDING | <a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=S_XZk_5gbrs">youtube.com/watch?v=S_XZk_5gbrs</a> |

# Free software for small businesses

Many small businesses know technology could save them time but can't afford expensive systems or don't know where to start. As part of our education series, we ran three coaching sessions showing small business owners how to manage their inventory with Odoo.

Odoo is a free, open-source business platform. Its community edition costs nothing to use, and the same system grows with a business — from inventory into purchasing, sales, invoicing and a website — so owners learn one tool instead of many.

## WHAT PARTICIPANTS LEARNED

- Why free, open-source software can replace paid licences
- Setting up products, suppliers and storage locations
- Recording stock coming in and materials going out
- Using reorder rules so they never run out of key items
- Seeing stock levels and value in one place, not in spreadsheets

3 sessions · small businesses · Canada & Ecuador

## PARTNERSHIPS

# Who we worked with



## AWS User Group Quito

Ecuador's Amazon Web Services community. We applied to help lead the group and co-hosted our March 2026 talk, giving us a regular platform for free Spanish-language tech education.



## Latincouver

Vancouver's Latin American cultural and business society. Hosted three Build Your Website sessions and partnered with us on a grant proposal for an AI and 3D-printing workshop.



## Cornerstone Community College

A partner since our first year. Together we prepared a provincial workforce grant application to fund technology training for job seekers in BC.

# Open research projects, free for anyone to use

A large share of our volunteer time this year went into research. Each project starts with a real problem faced by the communities we serve. We take early prototypes, clean them up and publish them openly on GitHub, so that students, non-profits and small organizations can learn from them and reuse them at no cost.

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## Knowledge Base Chat PUBLISHED

Strata and condo boards must answer questions buried in hundreds of pages of bylaws, minutes and financial reports. This tool lets people ask questions in plain language and get answers that point to the exact source document.

[github.com/TechMind-Innovators/knowledge-base-chat](https://github.com/TechMind-Innovators/knowledge-base-chat)

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## Document Extraction Service PUBLISHED

Reads both digital PDFs and scanned paper documents, using costly text recognition only when needed to save cost and time. Pulls out tables, sorts documents by type and handles large batches.

[github.com/TechMind-Innovators/doc-extraction-service](https://github.com/TechMind-Innovators/doc-extraction-service)

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## Health Monitor Dashboard IN DEVELOPMENT

Data from wearable health devices is scattered across apps. This dashboard brings it into one clear view so people can follow their daily health, spot trends and act on their well-being.

[Code to be published on GitHub](#)

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## Real-Time Security Streaming IN DEVELOPMENT

Security threats need to be caught as they happen, not hours later. This system analyses security events the moment they occur, so threats can be detected and acted on immediately.

[Code to be published on GitHub](#)

## Why open source?

Publishing our work openly is how we meet our purpose of sharing research with the public. Anyone can read the code, learn from the approach and adapt it — without licence fees.

# Laying the groundwork for larger programs

Growing our programs takes funding and good governance. Behind every workshop is work that doesn't show up on stage: grant writing, partner meetings, filings and record-keeping. This year we prepared our first two grant applications.

## LATINCOUVER · WORKSHOP GRANT

### AI + 3D printing for everyday life

An interactive workshop where renters, parents, pet owners, cyclists and others design custom objects for small-space living using beginner-friendly AI design tools — no previous design experience needed. Each attendee leaves with their own design file and a professionally printed version of it.

Proposal prepared with [Latincouver](#)

## PROVINCE OF BC · CWRG

### Community Workforce Response Grant

Prepared with Cornerstone Community College: research, planning meetings, employer outreach and paperwork to apply for provincial funding that would pay for job seekers to complete technology training, followed by work placements with local employers.

Application prepared with [Cornerstone Community College](#)

## GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

| OBLIGATION                                                | AUTHORITY             | STATUS                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Annual return (Form 4022)                                 | Corporations Canada   | ✓ Filed July 2025                       |
| Annual members' approval                                  | CNCA / Bylaws         | ✓ Written resolution in lieu of meeting |
| Year-end financial statements, FY 2024–25                 | External accountant   | ✓ Prepared                              |
| Registered Charity Information Return (T3010), FY 2024–25 | Canada Revenue Agency | ✓ Filed                                 |
| Records management                                        | CRA retention rules   | ✓ Electronic records system maintained  |

# What comes next

Year two showed us that demand for free, practical technology education is strong in Vancouver and beyond. In the year ahead we will focus on three priorities.

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## Workforce training

Pursue Community Workforce Response Grant funding with BC colleges so job seekers can train for technology careers at no cost.

2

## AI education

Expand free AI workshops in Vancouver and online, building on the success of our first AI talk.

3

## Regular talks in Ecuador

Hold recurring meetups with the AWS User Group Quito, in person and online.

## Accountability

TechMind is run by volunteers: no director or volunteer is paid for their time, and our resources go to delivering programs. Our financial statements are prepared by an external accountant, and our annual Registered Charity Information Return (T3010), including financial information, is filed with the Canada Revenue Agency and publicly available through the CRA's List of Charities (BN 709006746 RR0001).



# Thank you

To our partners, volunteers, supporters and the people who learned with us this year: thank you for your time, curiosity and trust. Special thanks to Latincoover, the AWS User Group Quito and Cornerstone Community College for working alongside us.

## WEBSITE

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## DONATE

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## OPEN SOURCE

[github.com/TechMind-Innovators](https://github.com/TechMind-Innovators)

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