MADE IN CANADA

Everyday Futurism Listening Guide

A reflection practice for the Made in Canada series on Hope + Possibilities

When you listen to these re-released conversations, you're not just hearing an episode. You're hearing a moment in time. Each conversation was someone's present. Now it's part of our past, and it still holds threads we can carry into the future.

This guide is an everyday futurism practice. It's a way to practise listening, discernment and judgment: noticing what's story, what's history, what's still true today, and what's worth taking forward. The point isn't the guests' technical expertise, or even the guests or me. It's what you pick up from their hopes, their dreams and the way they talk about work, and what it helps you make sense of.

How to use this guide

- Listen to any episode of Made in Canada: the future of work, built independently.
- Answer as many or as few questions as you like. There are no right answers.
- Type your answers into this PDF and save it, or print it and write by hand. Save a fresh copy for each episode.
- Want to stretch yourself? Afterwards, look up the guest and see what's changed since the conversation was recorded.
- Prefer to just listen? That works too. This is here if you want it.

This episode

Episode title

Guest(s)

Year recorded

Date I listened

Before you listen

What do you assume about building a business in Canada?

While you listen: past, present, future

Each conversation was frozen in its own present. Sort what you hear.

What sounds like history, a moment that has passed?

What still feels current today?

What feels like an opportunity, a thread worth carrying forward?

What feels like something to let go of, because it's no longer relevant?

Beyond the expertise: what do you notice in their hopes and dreams, how they talk about work, and how they present themselves?

The best question

What was the best question in this episode, or the best question it made you ask?

After you listen: investigate

Optional. Choose your own adventure.

Look the guest up. What are they doing now? Have they moved, changed direction or stayed the course?

Could you hear any of that coming in the conversation?

Carry it forward

What makes you hopeful?

What possibility hadn't you considered before?

What's one thing you'll practise, test or change this week?