



# DATA SCIENCE SEMINAR

WEDS, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> / 1:30 – 3:30 PM  
5345 HERZBERG

## Open Government

*Kent Aitken & Ashley Casovan  
Government of Canada*

How much of your tax money is spent on government contracts? How much fuel does a car you're considering buying consume? How many permanent resident visa applications were received in each province?

Or, how about this question: if you took the data from Government of Canada Grants and Contributions, could you make a dynamically updated map of where newcomers to Canada can go for community services, for every city in Canada?

Better yet: could you use geo data to make a scale model of the entire region of Niagara in Minecraft?

**You can, and people have.**

The Government of Canada has released approximately 100,000 datasets from a wide variety of programs and services and posted them on [open.canada.ca](http://open.canada.ca) for download.

This session will provide an overview of this collection of federal government open data, how it has been used and could be used in the future, and how the Government of Canada is creating opportunities for exploration and collaboration with developers and data scientists.



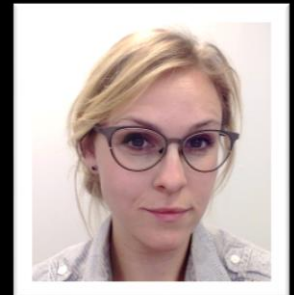
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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



**Kent Aitken** is a part of the open government team for the Government of Canada, and spends a lot of time thinking about government and civil society. He blogs at Canadian Public Service Renewal and can be found on Twitter at @kentdaitken.



**Ashley Casovan** is the lead for Canada's Open Government Portal. In this position, she is responsible for working with departments and agencies all across the Government of Canada to disseminate data and information. She previously led the Open Data and Open Government efforts at the City of Edmonton where she developed the award-winning data analytics tools, the Citizen Dashboard. Before getting involved in Open Government activities, Ashley worked in the Canada and United States on political and community organization.

## FREE TO ATTEND

Complimentary light refreshments will be provided starting at 1:15 p.m.

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