

SCALEUP ACADEMY WEBINAR SERIES

Women in Tech - March 3, 2026 | 11am to Noon

BC is home to incredible women leaders driving innovation and growth. Hear their stories, challenges, and strategies for influence in tech and business. Be inspired and take away insights to advance your own leadership journey.

Host:

- Erika Borgerson, BC Tech

Panel:

- Sarah MacKinnon, Delta-Q
- Anne Hunger, Gluxkind
- Dr. Minda Suchan, MDA Space
- Alex Chapple, ThoughtExchange

RUN OF SHOW:

10:50AM	Speakers arrive 10 minutes early for final testing	10 min
11:00AM	Session opens	2 min
11:02AM	Opening remarks – BC Tech, Erika Borgerson	4 min
11:06AM	Speaker Introduction – BC Tech, Erika Borgerson	1 min
11:07AM	Speaker Discussion – Minda, Anne, Sarah, Alex	40 min
11:47AM	Audience Q&A – Minda, Anne, Sarah, Alex	10 min
11:57AM	Closing Remarks – BC Tech, Erika Borgerson	3 min
12:00PM	Event end	Time

AUDIENCE POLLS - During welcome remarks:

Poll 1 - How prepared is your company to respond quickly to major economic or trade shifts/changes?

- Very prepared — we have flexibility and resources
- Somewhat prepared, but capacity is limited
- We would struggle without external support
- We are highly exposed to global volatility

Poll 2 - How can BC's post-secondary system further strengthen the province's economic growth and fiscal outlook?

- By increasing hands-on, practical skills training
- By shortening the transition from classroom to career
- By expanding programs in high-growth sectors
- All of the above
- No change needed - It is already well positioned

QUESTIONS MODERATED BY ERIKA:

1. I'd love to start off by hearing from each of you about a bold move you made in your career that changed your trajectory. What's the lesson others can take from it?
 - a. Sarah
 - b. Alex
 - c. Minda
 - d. Anne

2. When you think about your own career growth, what has contributed and played the biggest role in your career success — mentorship, your network, company support, or something else entirely? And how did it make a difference?
 - a. Minda
 - b. Anne
 - c. Sarah
 - d. Alex

3. Over the course of your career, how has your leadership style evolved, and which skills have proven most effective as the tech landscape has changed?
 - a. Anne
 - b. Minda
 - c. Alex
 - d. Sarah

4. What barriers do women in tech still face today, and what initiatives or support systems in your organization are helping to open doors for the next generation? (e.g. mentorship, leadership programs, or intentional skill-building like negotiation)
 - a. Alex
 - b. Sarah
 - c. Anne
 - d. Minda



5. *[Time Permitting] What's one thing you understand about leadership now that you wish you had trusted sooner?*
- Sarah
 - Minda
 - Alex
 - Anne

AUDIENCE Q&A - ERIKA

6. Now the final question - for startups on the line, who are just starting out but have big ambitions, what key takeaways would you share with them?
- Minda
 - Anne
 - Alex
 - Sarah