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Why is it important to be connected to the PHE Canada Research Council?

Staying connected to the PHE Canada community is important to me because it brings together researchers, educators, and practitioners who share the same goals of advancing equity, inclusion, and wellbeing through physical education, health, and sport. It also provides opportunities to meet other scholars and researchers and opens the door for collaboration – which I have experienced by helping with PHE’s project called Connect for School Sport. For my own work, engagement with PHE Canada supports knowledge mobilization that is accountable to Indigenous communities and strengthens collective efforts toward ethical data sovereignty and meaningful institutional change.

Megan Tomin’s recent publications:

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