

29th Annual Futures Conference

-Enhancing Employability-

September 25-28 2017

Call for Presenters

The 29th Annual Futures conference is will be held on Tuesday September 26th to Thursday September 28th 2017 at the Blue Mountain Resort in beautiful Collingwood, ON. This three-day professional development event attracts 375 delegates from 100 youth employment counseling centres, colleges, the private and public sectors, as well as other community-based organizations.

Have an idea valuable to the employment and training community? Then you're invited to get involved and share your experience. First Work is seeking high-quality content and presenters whose focus is the needs of employment and career development professionals. Proposals from industry professionals to share their knowledge and business acumen are now being accepted in the following learning streams:

<p>Intake, Assessment & Counselling Job Development & Employer Relations Talent Recruitment, Management and Development Program Design Self-Care and Wellness Industry Awareness and Expertise Leveraging Social Media</p>	<p>Program Design & Evaluation Government Relations & Policy Promoting Career Discovery Facilitating School to Work Transition Data & The Art of Storytelling Tools, Resources and Technology Literacy & Basic Skills (LBS) Youth Engagement</p>
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The Futures Planning Committee seeks sessions led by solo presenters, co-presenters, panel members, and subject matter experts. Sessions are 60 minutes in length, including introduction, presentation and Q&A. Please note that sessions are limited to three (3) speakers. Panel presentations must include a moderator and at least two (2) panel members but is limited to three (3). Speakers can submit more than one session format; however, separate applications must be submitted. Although not a requirement, presenters are encouraged to collaborate with peers in other fields to bring a broad perspective to the subject matter.

Presenter Profile

- ❖ Innovative professional experience
- ❖ Comfortable facilitating sector-related workshops, seminars and interactive offerings
- ❖ Experienced in adult education and designing interactive learning environments
- ❖ Able to implement innovative learning techniques

Review Proposal

The Review Committee seeks presentations that are engaging, creative, fun, useful and informative. Effective use of statistical and analytic benchmarking, research, and delivery methodologies and use of appropriate media are encouraged for presentations. The Committee will review all submissions to decide which are selected.

Reviewers will evaluate your proposal for its relevance of the topic to the overall conference, educational significance and contribution to the respective topic, unique value to participants, presenter knowledge and experience, and actionable learning objectives. The selection process involves a review of every complete presentation submitted prior to the deadline. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Please note, more presentations are submitted than can be accepted and there will be an effort to select sessions by presenters who have not presented at a previous Futures event.

Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday May 24, 2017.

Send Submissions and/or Questions to:

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Instructions: Please submit using the following format (max 3 pgs).

1. Proposed title of session
2. Type of session (Plenary or Workshop) Time slots are 60 minutes in duration.
 - i) Optimum number of participants
 - ii) Audio-visual requirements (laptop & projector is provided for all sessions)
 - iii) Noise levels: Will this presentation be very interactive, and create noise heard by other meeting rooms, should this room be separated from others?
 - iv) Who will benefit (Administrators, Practitioners, Managers, Executive Directors) from the session.
3. Presenter(s) Information:
 - i) Name
 - ii) Organization
 - iii) Address
 - iv) Telephone
 - v) Email
 - vi) Twitter Username
 - vii) Professional Biography (To be used for conference program. Max 150 words)
4. Brief description of the proposed session. (Please keep this to 200 words as it will be used in our conference program should your proposal be accepted)
5. How would participants benefit from attending your session?
6. Have you previously conducted this or a similar presentation? (If yes, please provide contact information on the organization to which you presented this session)
7. Publications: If you have a PowerPoint presentation or handouts, will we have permission to publish it on the <http://aspectconference.ca> website as part of the conference proceedings?