



BC Museums Association Conference 2017
Victoria, Oct 3 - 6, 2017
CLIMATE FOR CHANGE

PROPOSALS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

The BC Museums Association invites proposals from individuals interested in speaking at Conference 2017 on the theme of ***Climate for Change***. Sessions will explore issues such as relationships with Indigenous communities, social justice, and climate change within museum, art gallery and cultural centre practices. BCMA encourages proposals that explore best practices and/or innovations, making connections with colleagues, and workshops for museum professionals in areas such as exhibit design or development, budgeting, fundraising, volunteer management, marketing, and storage.

Share viewpoints, case studies and discussions on issues, including:

- How can museums, art galleries, historic sites and cultural centres have a positive social impact on the communities that they serve, changing lives, improving communities and acting as catalysts for change?
- How are “best practices” evolving to better meet the needs of a rapidly changing world? Examples of innovative practices across the Province are welcome.
- How are museums, art galleries, historic sites, and cultural centres transforming their spaces to meet the needs of their diverse audiences and how are they working with their communities and external experts to achieve this?

Proposed sessions in the following formats should focus on practice rather than theory, on topics of interest to the museum, gallery, archive, library, history and heritage sectors:

- **Presentation** – to include Q&A. Panel presentations are acceptable but must not include more than 3 panelists
- **Workshop** – to include dedicated time for hands-on participation.
- **Ask the Expert Plenary Session**- 20 minute one-on-one appointments, or 30- minute roundtable discussions regarding a specific area of expertise

The deadline for submissions is April 28, 2017. Notification of accepted proposals will be issued in early June 2017.



Why Present?

The BC Museums Association Annual Conference gathers together professionals in the museum, gallery, and historic site community. Presenters have a unique opportunity to gain recognition and exchange ideas with hundreds of registrants from across BC.

Presenters also receive a special discounted registration rate if they register for the conference prior to the “Early Owl” deadline. Details about how to register as a presenter will be provided to presenters when they receive notice that their presentation has been accepted.

Please note that presenters are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation. Speaker fees and/or honorariums are not provided.

How to Submit Your Proposal

Complete the proposal submission form available on our website:

<http://museumsassn.bc.ca/conferences/past-conferences/current-conference/call-papers/>

Questions?

Please contact us by email at bcma@museumsassn.bc.ca or by phone at 250-356-5700.

