

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

LMME 2021

Monthly Speaker Series

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The Lower Mainland Museum Educators (LMME) are pleased to present our new Monthly Speaker Series. This online speaker series replaces our annual conference for the year and will occur on the third Wednesday of each month, January through June, 2021, at 3pm.

A modest honorarium of \$200 will be provided to all speakers in appreciation for their time and insights.

Our Theme: *Progress Not Perfection*

Our Objectives:

- Learn best practices
- Explore lessons learned and talk about current challenges
- Strong networking + community building

What to Expect:

A monthly series of online talks, panels, and interactive workshops by the best and brightest in our field (you!) with a focus on lived experience and issues pertinent to our local setting. Topics will range widely, from the philosophical underpinnings of museums and archives to strategies for operating a successful non-profit to building the actionable skills to get to the next stage of your career. All talks will be delivered via Zoom, so consider what types of visual aids will help you make your point.

Who will be Attending?

LMME is a gathering of peers: staff and volunteers from museums, art galleries, parks, science centres, historic sites, libraries, archives, and related organizations. We value community and are here to support one another in making our sector amazing.

Why Present?

There is a breadth of knowledge and experience among museum folks in the Lower Mainland. The LMME conference depends on the collective wisdom of our community members. Each organization and the individuals within it bring unique perspectives, challenges, and solutions to the struggles we as a community face. We'd love to hear from you.

A Few Themes We'd Like To Know More About:

This year has been like none other. Colleagues have been laid off, institutions have been forced to close their doors, and long simmering issues around representation have come front and centre. What might our lives and our industry look like when the current health crisis is resolved? Moments like this are an opportunity for reinvention; will we make the most of this opportunity?

- Career Toolkit - Do you have a particular skill set or approach that you're willing to share?

- Insider's View - How has your education department adapted to the Covid-19 crisis? What have you learned? What are you working on for the future?
- Coming Together / Staying Apart - How are you adapting your exhibits & programs to better serve visitors and/or your community?
- Crystal Ball - Do you have a vision for the future of museums? What needs to change, improve, or be rebuilt from the ground up? How?
- This list is not exhaustive.

The deadline for submissions is November 20, 2020.

Presentation types:

- Ignite: A to-the-point, five minute presentation followed by a long discussion period. This session helps to create dialogue, foster learning, and is fun for all. Usually, the slides are timed and automatically advance: 20 slides of 15 seconds each.
- Workshop: Plan a hands-on, kinesthetic, or practical session that fills most of your time period. Share tools, practice skills, and make it memorable. Should involve materials folks are likely to have at home already, or can print in advance.
- Panel: Two or more speakers share the time equally, reflecting on topics that complement each other. Plan for a longer Q&A session to interact with the audience.
- Individual Presentation: The session time is spent on one speaker and topic, followed by a short Q&A period. Share complex or sensitive topics in this type of presentation.
- Something else? We are open to ideas!

SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

Please submit a proposal using [this form](#). You will be asked to answer a few questions and provide a brief (1-2 minute) video outlining your idea. We will be in touch once we have received your proposal.

Committee members are happy to help you brainstorm before you submit, or discuss ideas you may have. Please feel free to reach out to us at: LMMepresenters@gmail.com.

MORE INFORMATION

What we're looking for:

- A mix of topics and perspectives
- Diverse group of speakers
- Practicality and positivity
- Awareness: you'll be speaking to a mixed level of expertise, skill sets and professions. You don't need to speak to everyone, in fact, please make your target audience clear.

Need help?

Feel free to [reach out](#) for help in preparing your proposal. We can aim to pair you with a temporary presentation mentor, or find someone/some people to brainstorm with!

KEY DATES

- Proposals due by 11:59 p.m., November 20, 2020
- Contributors contacted by: December 10, 2020
- Speaker Series dates: Third Wednesday of each month, January through June, at 3pm.