

Transforming the Landscape of  
**TRANSGENDER**  
Health and Wellness  
VANCOUVER, BC • 2017  CPATH CONFERENCE

Friday, October 27 – Sunday, October 29, 2017  
Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites, Vancouver, British Columbia

## CPATH Conference – Call for Submissions

The Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health (CPATH) invites you to join us at our national conference, *Transforming the Landscape of Transgender Health and Wellness*, taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on October 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The CPATH conference is for service providers working in health, social services, education, legal, and related fields; for researchers, physicians, policy makers, nurse practitioners, trans community members; and for all others with an interest in supporting the health and wellbeing of transgender and gender non-conforming people. The conference will provide a welcoming, inclusive, and collegial atmosphere for learning and knowledge exchange; enhancement of clinical practice, program development, and systems change; and exploration of new and emerging research.

### Submission Information

Please send your submissions aligned with one or more of the three conference themes outlined below.

CPATH invites proposals which present new information or insight into trans health and wellness issues. We are seeking proposals that have an emphasis on one or more of the conference themes: *fostering safety and celebrating inclusion in service provision; trans people in diverse settings* and *supporting trans people across the life course*.

## Conference Themes

### **Fostering safety and celebrating inclusion in service provision, systems and sectors:**

Will focus on trends, innovative models of practice, issues to consider and approaches to fostering safety and inclusion for trans people, whether in clinical settings, in peer support, in program development, and in sectors such as education, housing, newcomer settlement services, research, and health care.

### **Supporting trans people across the life course:**

Will focus on the health and health care, ethical, legal, and social inclusion issues of trans people across the life course. This would include gender creative children and their families, trans adolescents, trans adults and older adults, trans people as parents, and in partner and family relationships, in social and community relationships, and trans people at the end of life.

### **Trans people in the community:**

Will focus on the person and community centred issues that trans people face in a broad range of settings. These include geographic settings (e.g. urban, rural, remote, Northern; in Indigenous communities and for Indigenous people away from their home communities); trans people in settings such as the justice systems; in primary, secondary and post-secondary education; in health care – whether in primary, acute, or long term care settings; in research settings; in shelter and housing settings; and in the workplace.

Please note that within each of these themes, **we are particularly interested in submissions that address the full diversity of trans people and communities from an intersectional perspective.** This includes diversity of people: trans people who are Indigenous, who are racialized, who are newcomers to Canada (including refugees); who are HIV positive; who are dealing with issues of dis/Ability, poverty, and/or marginalized employment, including sex work.

Within these themes, we are also interested in submissions that address:

- Trans emotional, mental, physical and spiritual health and wellness
- Recent trans health research from British Columbia and Canada
- Innovative and creative trans health promotion programs
- Public policy, advocacy, and activism: current issues and strategies
- Education and training: effective teaching tools and resources
- Ways organizations are cultivating change to improve trans people's health and wellbeing

CPATH is interested in submissions that will present practice-based, community-based, and/ or research-based evidence in relation to these three themes.

Submissions from health professionals, community organizations, activists, youth, lawyers, policy makers and researchers, amongst others, are all encouraged.

## **Submissions**

Submissions for *Transforming the Landscape of Transgender Health and Wellness* will be considered for the following presentation formats:

### **Poster Presentations**

Each poster will be displayed on Friday and Saturday. Presenters will be asked to be available at their posters at designated times during the conference to engage with participants.

### **Oral Presentations**

Individual presenters will be selected to give 15 minute presentations alongside other presenters speaking on similar topics. Oral presentation sessions will provide an opportunity for panelists to present various points of view on a specific topic related to a conference track and delegates will have the opportunity to hear multiple perspectives on an issue. Following the presentations, the moderator will lead an interactive discussion among the panelists and delegates.

### **Panels**

Groups of speakers may submit a proposal for a 90 minute panel on a topic of their choosing that relates to one of the conference themes. Panelists are given the opportunity to develop a series of presentations on a unified theme, and to designate their own moderator to chair the session and foster dialogue with delegates.

### **Workshops**

Workshops provide a practical and interactive learning experience for participants through skill building on a specific topic related to a conference theme. Workshop facilitators are requested to use a design that includes interactive activities. Workshops will be 90 minutes in duration.

### **How to submit a proposal:**

Please submit an proposal [here](#).

### **Submission Deadline:**

Friday, December 16, 2016

### **For more information please contact:**

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