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This is Long Term Care 2018 Conference: Disrupting the Norm!

Call for Content - Instructions for Applicants

Background

The Ontario Long Term Care Association's conference, *This is Long Term Care 2018: Disrupting the Norm,* profiles emerging research and innovation and successful quality initiatives in a unique forum designed for learning, networking and information sharing. This year we are issuing a challenge to presenters to think out-of-the-box, and challenge the status quo. In so many ways, our industry is headed for a shake-up. From our changing demographics and capacity challenges, to keeping pace with the evolving needs of residents and families, to demonstrating leadership, we must disrupt the norm and lead with positive change in the sector.

We are seeking sessions that will deliver a compelling, interactive experience for our delegates to take away practical tools, ,gain expertise related to programs, quality initiatives and applying new information and knowledge into the daily operations of homes.

Delegates are made up of researchers, aging care leaders, frontline care providers (nurses, physicians, personal support workers, food service workers, activation, and rehabilitation professionals), home owners and operators, long-term care residents, family caregivers, aging care innovators, and policy makers.

Who Can Apply?

The Association invites member homes, thought-leaders, researchers, and innovators to submit abstracts for our 2018 conference. Submissions are welcome for several submissions formats that facilitate the sharing of research, quality, and innovation.

Applicants may be: students or postdoctoral trainees, researchers, Association members and their staff, Canadian Alliance for Long Term Care (CALTC) members, or educators.

Successful applicants are expected to:
1. Register for the conference by Wednesday, October 10, 2018, and pay applicable registration fees.
2. Agree to be profiled in selected Association and conference promotional material.

Session Themes

This years' conference theme, *Disrupting the Norm*, continues *This is Long Term Care'*s legacy of advancing quality, research, and innovation in the long-term care sector by pushing boundaries. In particular, this year, applicants are asked to submit innovative ideas, research, projects or programs that address the following thematic areas:

- End of life planning and care (including ACP, palliative care)
- Emerging technologies to support care and operations
- Falls initiatives in LTC
- Health human resource solutions (including workforce and leadership development, culture change and staff engagement)
- Health system transformation (including innovative models of care, transitions of care, system integration)
- Medication management (including polypharmacy, monitoring, reconciliation and review practices)
- Mental health and depression (including dementia care, responsive behaviours, younger populations with mental illness and addictions)
- Re-designing LTC for the future
- Safety, violence and abuse
- Spotlight on quality indicators: resident and family experience
- Supporting diversity in our homes (including sexual orientation, language, Indigenous identity, ethnicity, religion)
- Transforming data to intelligence
- Other themes relevant to the LTC sector may also be considered

Session Formats

This year, applicants can apply to present tor 1 of 4 different formats as described below.

1. **Workshop –** A one-hour concurrent session, dedicated to a single content area and project. Presenters should provide a hands-on interactive learning experience and a deep dive into relevant content. The workshop design (i.e., activities) chosen should tie directly to the proposed learning objectives. Applications that demonstrate content that enables scale and spread of ideas will be rated more favorably. Please ensure that you include a timeline breakdown of your one hour workshop session (i.e. Intro 5-minutes, Presentation (30 minutes), Interactive activity (10 minutes), etc.

2. **World Café –** A concurrent session with up to 4 presenters/projects related to a similar content area. Each presenter will be asked to provide a 5-minute high-level overview of their initiative for the entire audience. Then, each presenter will be asked to facilitate a table to share their tools, resources, and experience with a small group of delegates. This will be a world café model, where the delegates will rotate around the room. No formal slide presentation will be available for small group discussions. Applications that provide practical tools and resources will be rated more favorably.

3. **Oral Presentation**- A concurrent session showcasing a series of projects. Each presenter will be allocated 15 minutes (10 presentations, 5 questions) to showcase innovation and excellence in care and/or operations. Presenters must demonstrate high quality in methodology and evaluation to support outcomes/results.

4. **Poster Session** – Posters will be displayed in the exhibit hall. Dedicated program time will be assigned to promote poster networking. Presenters will have an opportunity to showcase innovation and excellence in care and/or operations.

Evaluation Criteria

- **Relevance.** The proposed presentation addresses one or more of the conference themes or another key issue relevant to long-term care.
- **Potential Impact.** Potential of the program, initiative or research to improve quality, efficiency, or outcomes for residents and/or staff in long-term care homes
- **Originality**. The topic, initiative or program is innovative and/or creative. To align with our conference theme, projects demonstrating innovation will be regarded most highly.
- **Methodology and Evaluation**. Must demonstrate appropriate methodology and evaluation approaches were utilized to assess impact or results.
- **Scalability.** (Workshops and Knowledge Café Only) – The presentation includes implementation resources and tools that promote the practical spread and scale of the project, innovation or research.

Content will be selected based on submissions that excel in the outlined evaluation criteria and align with conference themes. The conference program will also include pre-selected presentations invited by OLTCA's program committee.

Key Dates:

- Call for Content close date is **Friday, April 20, 2018 at 12:00 noon.**

- Applicants will be notified of the decision between **Monday, June 11** and **Friday, June 22, 2018**. (*Date subject to change, pending application close extension.*)

- Conference registration opens **Monday, August 27, 2018**.

- All selected presenters must be registered as a conference delegate, exhibitor or sponsor by **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**.

- *This is Long Term Care* conference will take place **Wednesday, November 14 – Friday, November 16, 2018**.