



Psychosocial Rehabilitation Canada / Réadaptation Psychosociale Canada 2012 CONFERENCE

Empowering Change through Psychosocial Rehabilitation



**COAST PLAZA HOTEL AND SUITES
1763 Comox St, Vancouver, British Columbia**

September 24-26th, 2012

Call for Abstracts

The Psychosocial Rehabilitation/Réadaptation Psychosociale Canada planning committee invites you to submit a proposal for presentation at the national conference in Vancouver, British Columbia “**Empowering Change through Psychosocial Rehabilitation**” scheduled for **September 24th-26th, 2012** at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites.



The conference committee is seeking abstracts from individuals/families, programs and agencies (including Clubhouse, Social Enterprise, Cultural/Ethnic Communities including First Nation Communities) who can contribute knowledge, share expertise and creative avenues of “Empowering Change through Psychosocial Rehabilitation”. Submissions from a variety of perspectives are encouraged as the conference organizers are committed to ensuring that the program reflects a range of themes and perspectives.

The following streams for the conference and submissions related to **Empowering Change in Psychosocial Rehabilitation** are welcomed:

- Advocacy and/or System Change
- Cultural Safety
- Ethics and Law
- Family Oriented Programs
- Leadership
- Lived Experience of Mental Health Issues
- Research and/or Evaluation
- Standards around PSR
- Social Enterprise and/or supported productive activities
- Stigma



The PSR/RPS Canada Conference Committee is planning for 60 and 90 minutes concurrent session presentations.

All presentations need to include an interactive and participatory component. The interactive part of the abstract application needs to be provided for review by the abstract team. Question and Answer sessions needs to be built into the presentations.

Instructions for Abstract Submission

SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

Please follow the link below to submit an abstract for the conference.

1. Website Link to Call for Abstracts: <http://psrrpscanada.ca/general/2012abstract.htm>
2. Complete the following information:
 - Identify the area of focus of the abstract (Cultural Safety, Standards around PSR, Social Enterprise and/or supported productive activities, Stigma, Research and/or Evaluation, Leadership, Lived Experience of Mental Health Issues, Family Oriented Programs, Advocacy and/or System Change, Ethics and Law).
 - Name(s) of presenter, title and affiliation (provide names as you would like them to appear in the conference program)
 - Identify what timeline you would prefer. 60 minutes or 90 minutes
 - Contact information (email and phone #)
 - Biography of each presenter (50 words)
 - Abstract suitable for inclusion in the conference program (50 words)
3. In 250 words identify:
 - Title of Abstract (No more than 10 words)
 - Introduction/Background Information
 - Purpose/Objective of the Presentation
 - Approach/Methods
 - Result/Practice Implementation
 - A/V Equipment required and room set up preference

Presenter(s) may submit multiple abstracts for the conference.

All submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Relevance to the conference theme
- Clarity and coherence of submission
- Contribution to the knowledge and practice of PSR and Recovery
- Relevance and utility to participants
- Evidence that submission will encourage interaction among conference participants
- Consistency with the values of PSR

ACCEPTANCE AS PRESENTER

Please note:

1. Presenters **must register and pay for the full conference**. Honoraria and travel reimbursement is not available.
2. An electronic version of the presentation must be submitted to event manager.
3. Presenters are responsible for providing all material for their presentation to conference participants (a small handout is recommended for participants).
4. Presenters will be provided with a designated time to present by the conference committee.
5. A pdf copy of the presentation needs to be submitted to the event manager for uploading to the website before the end of the conference.
6. Bursaries may be available for presenter(s) with lived experience of mental health issues.

DEADLINES

Call for Abstracts Opens: January 6th, 2012

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 1, 2012

Results Notification: April 1, 2012

We look forward to receiving your abstract submission!

For any questions regarding the abstract submission process, please contact:

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