

2024 IC Online Conference Call for Proposals

Sustaining Wellness: How do we best support Ourselves, our Audiences, and our World?
September 23-26, 2024

CONFERENCE THEME

In an era marked by continuing disruption and change, interpreters play a crucial role in fostering on-going connections between people and the natural and cultural heritage around them. Join us at Interpretation Canada's 2024 online conference as we address the intersectionality of wellness, sustainability and interpretation.

This conference will provide us with the opportunity to explore tools, strategies, and insights to help cultivate and sustain wellness within ourselves, our workplaces, and the communities or environments that we serve. Whether it's embracing mindfulness practices in interpretation, promoting sustainable stewardship of natural resources, fostering inclusive and equitable spaces, or enhancing professional development opportunities, we welcome proposals that offer innovative approaches and actionable solutions leading to healthier outcomes in the field of interpretation.

Participants are encouraged to submit proposals that reflect a diverse range of perspectives, experiences, and methodologies. This can include mental, physical, social, financial, spiritual, environmental, and professional facets of this theme. Interpretation Canada envisions a conference program that fosters dialogue, collaboration, and positive change. Submit your proposals today and be part of this dynamic conversation shaping the future of natural and heritage interpretation.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How does your proposed session address the intersectionality of wellness, sustainability, and interpretation?
2. Can you elaborate on how your session promotes sustainable stewardship of natural or cultural resources?
3. In what ways does your proposal embrace mindfulness practices in interpretation?
4. How does your session contribute to fostering inclusive and equitable spaces in interpretation?
5. What insights or strategies does your session offer for enhancing professional development opportunities in the field?
6. How does your proposal address mental, physical, social, financial, spiritual, environmental, or professional facets of the conference theme?
7. Can you provide examples of how your session will lead to healthier outcomes in the field of interpretation?
8. How does your session encourage participants to explore tools, strategies, and insights for cultivating wellness within themselves, their workplaces, and the communities or environments they serve?
9. What makes your approach or solution innovative in the context of interpretation and wellness?
10. How will your session contribute to shaping the future of natural and heritage interpretation?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

- **EXPLORATION:** a 20 minute exploration of your topic, followed by 20 minutes for discussion and questions.
- **PANEL:** a wide-ranging, hosted discussion of an idea or case study with 2 or more presenters (plus a panel host) each bringing different perspectives. 60 minutes including audience questions and discussion.
- **YOUR IDEA:** if there's another format that works better for your content, please describe it!

TIMELINE

Proposals due by April 5th, 2024.

CONTACT

Have questions? Send an email to: OnlinePD@interpretationcanada.ca

Information for Applicant Questionnaire

Presenter Information

Presenter or Panel Host: Name and Pronouns

Panelists: Names and Pronouns — If applicable for your session.

Job Title(s)

Organization(s)

Location(s): City, Province

Presenter or Panel Host: Phone number

Bio(s) — Please limit to 50 words or less for one presenter or 100 words for panels.

Session Details

Session Title — Please be descriptive but short and catchy.

Promotional Description — Please limit to 30 words or less for promotional purposes.

Type of Session

- Panel Discussion (60 mins)
- Exploration (20 mins, plus 20 mins for discussion and questions)
- Other: If you chose 'Other' for session type, please describe your proposed format and length and tell us why.

Session Overview — In 200 words or less, describe the key concepts of your session.

Participant Outcomes — In 50 words or less, list up to three actions you want your participants to take as a result of your session.

Target Audience — Check all that apply.

- Natural Heritage Interpreters
- Cultural Heritage Interpreters
- Museum Interpreters
- Recreation Leaders
- New Interpreters
- Managers, Trainers, Interp Veterans
- Tourism Industry Guides
- Interpretive Planners or Designers
- Other

Have you previously delivered this topic? If so, when/where?