EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2025 LMME Conference – Moving Together

Date: February 24, 2025 | Time: 9:00am-4:30pm

Where: UBC Museums and Galleries

The Lower Mainland Museum Educators (LMME), with support from various UBC organizations including the Beaty Biodiversity Museum, are pleased to present the 2025 LMME Conference - *Moving Together* on February 24, 2025.

Moving Together is a day of exploration, (re)connection, inclusivity and community. This one day conference includes a keynote speaker, knowledge sharing tables led by moderators and opportunities to reconnect and network during an afternoon outing and an evening social. A low-cost conference and gathering for staff, volunteers, and others interested in informal education.

Theme objectives:

- Knowledge sharing
- Reconnecting (with one another) and connecting with communities
- Equal, Diverse, and Inclusive museums
- Intergenerational learning and mentorship

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There is a breadth of knowledge and experience in the Lower Mainland's education sector. This conference depends on our community to participate. Each unique organization and individuals within them, bring unique perspectives, expertise, ideas and solutions to the table.

Seeking Table Moderators:

Table Moderators can be staff and volunteers from museums, art galleries, parks, science centres, historic sites, libraries, archives, and related organizations. They could be specialists in a specific area or be curious about a special thing.

Propose a topic of interest to lead a discussion with a group of table participants. Expect to introduce, guide and facilitate a general discussion about the topic of interest.

Proposed topics: could be, but are not limited to:

- All and the direct/indirect impacts on museums
- What does the public really want education in your museum?
- Engaging schools getting them into the cultural space.

- Co-creating with cultural communities
- Ways to collaborate with other museums and informal education spaces
- Something else? We are open to ideas!

Is there a particular topic that interests you that is not listed here? What is your facilitation style? How do you moderate a crowd? Have you done this kind of facilitation before or is this your first time? Tell us a little bit more about you.

You can expect to facilitate a total of 90 minutes of discussion, broken into three parts to allow movement between tables.

What we're looking for:

- A mix of topics and perspectives
- Diverse group of moderators
- Practicality and positivity
- Awareness: you'll be engaging with a mixed level of expertise, skill sets and professions.

Need help?

Feel free to reach out to LMMEpresenters@gmail.com for help in preparing your topic, to help you brainstorm or discuss any ideas you may have. We can aim to pair you with a temporary presentation mentor, or find someone/some people to brainstorm with!

For the expression of interest, please provide the following:

- The date, your name, the name of the organisation or school you are affiliated with
- One paragraph on a proposed topic of your choice
- In a few sentences, share your experience in facilitation.
- Expression of Interest due by 11:59pm, January 19th, 2025
- Contributors contacted by February 2, 2025
- Conference date: February 24, 2024

Submit to:

LMMEpresenters@gmail.com

Conference registration will open soon!