



Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium 2018

Call for Presenters

*Submission Deadline: **Friday, June 22, 2018***

The Alberta Rural Development Network in conjunction with the Alberta Rural Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ARCH2) is seeking presenters for the 2018 Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium. The symposium will be held in Canmore, Alberta, on October 24–26, 2018. CRRHHS will feature a variety of keynote speakers and presenters tackling different aspects of housing and homelessness in the context of rural and remote settings and the unique challenges that exist there.

What we are looking for in presentations:

The CRRHHS is designed to give community leaders, agencies, front line workers, non-profit groups, community based organizations, funding agencies, researchers, policy-makers, and many more the opportunity to connect at a national level and share tools, best practices, and new insights to better understand and address rural and remote housing and homelessness. We are looking for presentations that will contribute to understanding, supporting, and accelerating change in rural and remote housing/homelessness solutions in Canada.

We would welcome presentations that:

- are focused on homelessness and/or housing in rural or remote communities;
- are solutions focused;
- provide conference participants with actionable knowledge;
- describe unique barriers to homelessness and/or housing within rural and remote communities;
- meet the needs of communities, organizations, sector leaders, and front-line workers who are at different stages on the road to ending homelessness and/or addressing housing needs;
- provide new material, observations, or experiences to conference attendees.

Content Streams

We are inviting proposal submissions on a range of topics related to rural and remote housing and homelessness.

- **Homelessness Prevention Practices**
This stream will discuss effective practices, examples, and approaches for the prevention and reduction of homelessness in rural and remote Canada. This will also include strategies for keeping people housed.
- **Collaborative Solutions Between Urban and Rural Canada**
This stream will focus on how urban and rural service agencies and housing providers can connect, collaborate and integrate their work in order to end homelessness and provide housing everywhere.

- **Mental Health and Addictions Solutions in Homelessness and Housing**
This stream will highlight psychological, social and health-based innovations to address challenges such as substance abuse and mental health issues, and promote overall physical and mental wellbeing.
- **Energy Efficiency and Sustainability in Affordable Housing**
This stream will feature innovative approaches to creating financially and environmentally sustainable housing and shelter in rural and remote communities.
- **Innovative Solutions**
This stream will explore innovative solutions and approaches to address homelessness and a shortage of affordable housing.
- **Research and Policy**
This stream will look at existing research on housing and homelessness to inform better decision making, policy, and funding decisions.
- **Indigenous Homelessness and Housing**
This stream will delve into challenges and solutions around homelessness and housing in Indigenous communities.
- **The North**
This stream will examine challenges and solutions that may be unique to the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, as well as remote communities in the northern parts of the Provinces.
- **Engaging Government and Funders**
This stream will discuss strategies to effectively engage government and funders.

Other Presentation Ideas

If you have a presentation topic or session concept in mind and you are unsure which stream to select, we encourage you to submit a proposal and select the stream that you think would fit best. The final content streams will be confirmed once the presentations have been selected.

Reconciliation

The Alberta Rural Development Network is working towards reconciliation and right relations with Indigenous peoples by providing a forum with an environment of mutual respect and understanding. We encourage presenters to consider how presentations can relate to any of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and honour Residential School Survivors and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Presentation Submission Guidelines:

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To submit a presentation proposal, please complete the online submission form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Zer5VxVfTDAOgFBT2> . Presenters whose proposals are selected for the conference will receive a complimentary conference registration for 1 day (or equivalently discounted full conference registration), limited to one presenter per presentation.

Proposal Template

Each presentation proposal must include:

1. Title of the presentation/tutorial/workshop (up to 30 words)
2. Description of the information covered in the presentation (up to 300 words)
3. An outline of the 3 main learning objectives/useful tools your presentation will pass on to the attendees (up to 100 words each)
4. Presenter information (name(s), affiliation(s), position(s) and contact information)
5. A short biography of the presenter(s) (up to 150 words)
6. Preferred format of the session, including:
 - Preferred duration (length) of the session
 - Format of the presentation. Unique, creative and novel workshop or session formats are strongly encouraged and will be given particular consideration. Format examples: lecture (with or without projector), hands-on workshop, tutorial, demonstration, roundtable discussion, panel of presenters, etc. (up to 100 words)

Questions

If you have any questions related to the call for presentations, please contact Sofia Lamus at sofial@ardn.ca.

For more information about the CRRHH18 conference, visit www.crrhh.ca.