

## Pathways to Professionalism: Believe, Be Hopeful, Be Bold

The Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBC) invites interested parties to submit proposals for our 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Pathways to Professionalism: **BELIEVE, BE BOLD, BE HOPEFUL** to be held May 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Richmond B.C.

When submitting proposals, presenters are asked to consider the theme for this year's conference, which seeks to boldly elevate and promote professionalism in Early Childhood Care and Education. Workshop topics should support, encourage and engage those who have found their calling as Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and other early years professionals in developing and sustaining their professional identity. Professionalism can be identified in a personal, workplace or sector context.

Please explain how the proposed workshop will speak to the professional in all those individuals who are connected to the Early Years Sector, and how it will make visible the potential and possibilities for ECE's to believe in themselves and be hopeful for the profession that they are all committed to.

### CRITERIA

Workshop sessions should:

- Be 2 hours in length for the afternoon session on Friday, May 5, or
- Be 2 hours in length for sessions on Saturday, May 6 (or 4 hours for 2-part workshops on Saturday)
- Run for the entire time block
- Be designed using effective adult learning principles, reflective practice and allow for interaction and questions
- Reflect inclusive programming/curriculum for any or all of the following: infant/toddler, preschool-age, or school-age children and/or leadership, management, educational audiences as applicable.
- Provide innovative programs or recent research findings, and be suited for a minimum of 25 delegates
- Include techniques, strategies or ideas to help delegates share and apply their learning once they return to their communities.

Conference delegates include licensed ECEs, administrators, school age and family child care providers, students, ECEs from First Nations communities, instructors, research and policy analysts, and advocates.

Feedback on the types of workshop topics that ECEs would like for continuing education indicates a desire for more advanced offerings. ECEs have requested tools to foster best practice including the 'business of ECE' that will support quality improvement and increase visibility and respect of the profession in home communities. Suggested topics include infant/toddler, special needs/inclusion, behavioral issues, effective communication with families, First Nations culture, immigrants, children affected by trauma, ECE Leadership and Management.

### REMUNERATION

Remuneration is given to the lead presenter submitting the proposal and includes the following:

- \$200 for each two-hour session (**NEW** rate)
- Up to a maximum of \$30 towards the costs of photocopying and printing materials. Claims for reimbursement must be supported with receipts. Alternatively, presenters may have their materials printed at the ECEBC office and delivered to the conference site. Please email [membership@ecebc.ca](mailto:membership@ecebc.ca) for details.
- Provision of coffee break and lunch.
- Discounted conference registration rate on the day of presentation.

**NOTE:** Transportation, accommodation and parking are the sole responsibility of the presenter.

Workshop proposals will be reviewed and selected based on timeliness of session topic, creativity of approach, expertise of presenters, and relevance to the conference theme of "Pathways to Professionalism: Believe, Be Hopeful, Be Bold."

**Standing Strong Together**

Preference will be given to presenters who demonstrate an understanding of inclusiveness, diversity (i.e. cultural, racial, religious, class, age, and developed abilities), ethical practices and whose presentations support connection between ECEs and foster commitment to children, the sector, and our shared values.

The Planning Committee is grateful to all who take time to submit proposals. Selection of presenters and presentations is at the sole discretion of the ECEBC Conference Planning Committee. Successful applicants will be notified by email by **Friday, December 16, 2016**.

**We ask that presenters do not:**

- Sell or endorse any products or materials.
- Distribute any personal evaluations (ECEBC will provide workshop evaluation forms and share the results with presenters after the conference).

**If you find yourself unable to attend at the time your session is scheduled, it is your responsibility to:**

- Find an alternate presenter to lead the workshop as it was submitted.
- Notify the conference coordinator of such a change as soon as possible.

## PRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Please complete this form in full and return it by **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2016** by e-mail to [membership@ecebc.ca](mailto:membership@ecebc.ca) or fax to 604.709.6077.

1. Name and professional title	
2. Contact information	Phone: _____ Email: _____ Mailing address: _____
3. Short bio (Between 1 and 3 sentences)	
4. Title of Workshop	
5. Brief workshop description (include benefits to participants, and format such as lecture, make and take format, etc). Please keep the workshop description to one paragraph.	
6. Maximum number of participants	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 45 <input type="checkbox"/> 70
7. Intended target audience	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice (0 to 1 yr) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (3 to 5 yrs) <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced (10+ yrs) <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool (ages 3 to 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Infant/Toddler <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Educators/Trainers <input type="checkbox"/> Administrators/Managers
8. Preferred presentation day and time	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday morning <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday afternoon
9. Equipment required	<input type="checkbox"/> Display table – Quantity: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Flipchart/markers <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead projector <input type="checkbox"/> Projection screen <input type="checkbox"/> TV/VCR <input type="checkbox"/> Table microphone <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop <input type="checkbox"/> LCD projector <input type="checkbox"/> I will bring my own laptop. <i>Note: Presenters are encouraged to bring their own laptops or memory sticks.</i>
10. Preferred room set-up (please note that conference organizers will provide the set-up that is most suitable to conference needs):	<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre <input type="checkbox"/> Circle or semi-circle with chairs <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Half-rounds
11. Please indicate if you will be staying for lunch. Please identify any food allergies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I will be attending lunch. <input type="checkbox"/> No, I will not be attending lunch.