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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Developing Intercultural Connections and Practical Solutions for Improving Health: *Health science and community partnering*

25-26 April 2016, Kamloops BC

Join the Conversation!

We invite abstracts for: Capacity and Partnership Building Workshops; World Café; Symposia; Pechakucha; Knowledge Translation & Exchange Discussions; and Poster Presentations at the 2016 BC Rural Health Services Research Conference, hosted by Interior Health, Thompson Rivers University, First Nations Health Authority and Rural Health Services Research Network of BC. This year's theme focuses on [developing intercultural connections and partnering in practical solutions for improving health](#).

Themes include:

- Intercultural connections (e.g., learning opportunities between different cultures)
- Diversity (e.g., ethnicity; LGBT)
- First-Nation based and Community driven Research Initiatives (e.g., culturally sensitive, grass roots initiatives)
- Capacity & Partnership building (e.g., inter-sectorial collaborations)
- Meaningful relationships (e.g., relationships that increase effectiveness of community partnerships)
- Ownership of data (e.g., data custodian and sharing agreement issues in relationship to community research)
- Ethics Protocols (e.g., Research Ethics processes with marginalized and vulnerable populations)
- Healthcare delivery and new intervention models (e.g., innovative healthcare strategies)

Our vision is to create a vibrant learning environment and we welcome presenters to be creative in the ways they choose to share their work.

Who should apply?

If you are a researcher, student, health authority staff member, health care practitioner, municipality, or community organization who has exciting examples about how you are working together to advance our understanding and action towards intercultural community partnering in health then you should apply!

Capacity and Partnership Building Workshops

Up to four Capacity and Partnership Building Workshops will be selected for this conference. Workshops will focus on topics with relevance to conference themes. Presenters will be asked to provide interactive education in relation to capacity and partnership building regarding their topic with conference participants. Each workshop will be two hours in length. Workshop presenters will be offered facilitation support from the IH Research Department.

World Café

Up to two world cafe sessions will be selected for this conference. Sessions will include a presentation from one or more speakers, followed by discussion on pressing issues about the conversation needed to compel and/or engage stakeholders in various sectors around the issue. These 90 minute sessions will engage participants in conversations to address the issues. World Café presenters will be offered facilitation support from the IH Research Department.

Symposia

Up to three symposia will be selected for this conference. Each speaker or group will be given one hour to present and lead an interactive group discussion about their topic. Symposia presenters will be offered facilitation support from the IH Research Department.

Pechakucha

Eight Pechakucha (20 slides x 20 seconds each) presentations will be featured as part of an evening networking session. A host will guide participants through the evening, inviting conversation and sharing of perspectives throughout. Applicants for these sessions are advised to familiarize themselves with Pechakucha (www.pechakucha.org).

Knowledge Translation & Exchange Discussions (Breakout sessions)

Oral presentations will be 15 minutes with 15 minutes for dialogue from the audience. Presenters will demonstrate their intention to engage the audience in dialogue about their work, offering a brief overview of the strategies they will use to do so.

Poster Presentations

These display presentations will facilitate one-on-one conversation between authors and conference attendees, offering opportunities for networking and generating new ideas. Presenters will be asked to be set their displays up on the first day of the conference and will be available for a designated one-hour talking display session on the second day.

Submit your 500-word abstract online by January 15th 2016. Individuals may submit more than one application. Please use this [form](#) to submit an abstract.
(<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/education/2016-rural-conference-abstract-submission-form/>)

Abstracts will be subject to a double-blind peer review, evaluated on:

- Interest and appeal
- Location (rural/remote)
- Implications for community partnerships
- Description of the project or initiative (context, purpose, methods)
- Impacts on health or other sector services, policy, and/or practice
- Demonstration of a significant contribution to advancing practice, research, knowledge or leadership
- Describe strategies for engaging the audience in conversation and sharing of perspectives
- Coherence and readability

Questions?

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