

Speaking Out 2024



*A Conference for Self Advocates,
Families, & Support Professionals*

October 18, 19 & 20, 2024

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

“Embracing our Abilities”

Port Elgin, Ontario

The Speaking Out 2024 conference planning committee is accepting presentation proposals from self-advocates, organizations and people working with and for people who have developmental disabilities.

The conference is hosted by self-advocates and people who work directly with people who have a developmental disability. The conference will highlight direct involvement from self-advocates and address issues related to self-advocacy.

Workshop proposals will be accepted until **May 31st, 2024**.

In responding to feedback from previous conferences, we are looking for presentations that use a variety of approaches such as: music, slide presentations, small group discussions, videos, participatory exercises etc...

Ideas for topics from past conferences/retreats participants include:

- Sensory related topics and sessions
- Drum circle
- Fun with exercise.
- Budgeting and money management.
- Rights, advocacy and what you do in your community.
 - How to help others through your story
- How to speak at conferences.
- How to speak to everyone without labels.
- Therapy through different forms - Kareoke, drum circle, Pet therapy.
- What kind of programs can people access around their community.
 - How to get a self-advocacy group started.
- Working in the community and how to get jobs, resume building.
- Public Speaking
- Fundraising
- Event planning
- Building connections
- Legal matters and how to deal with them or where to find help with legal matters.
 - ODSP, employment opportunities.

We favour **highly interactive workshops** that involve the attendees in active learning and feature self advocates, as presenters.

If you have an idea for a *fun, interactive session*, please fill out the following submission form.

Please submit presentation proposals by **May 31st, 2024**

For further information, please contact Vicky Pearson at vicky.pearson@cll.on.ca
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<http://speakingoutconference.com/>

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Presenters' Policy

Travel, accommodations and other incidentals are the responsibility of the presenter(s). * Presenters who are part of multiple presentations, will NOT receive multiple registration discounts. Rates listed below apply to all presenters.). Rates listed below apply to a max of 3 presenters per group.**

Full conference: Friday to Sunday includes accommodations, social events, conference participation and meals

Double Occupancy - \$550.00

Single Room - \$725.00

Friday night only: Friday night accommodations, Friday supper, social, Saturday breakfast and lunch.

Double Occupancy - \$285.00

Single Room - \$370.00

Saturday night only: Saturday night accommodations, Saturday supper and social, Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Double Occupancy - \$285.00

Single Room - \$370.00

Saturday - NO accommodations Dinner and social - \$40.00

Registration Instructions

Once your presentation proposal has been accepted, we will email you the **Presenter's Registration form(s)** to be completed and returned. Please ensure you are registered, regardless if you plan to attend the remainder of the conference. This registration form will reflect the discounted rate for presenters. This helps us to track the number of people participating in daily conferences and meals.

****Please note that we require a separate registration form for each presenter. ****

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Pearson at
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Submission for Speaking Out Conference 2024

Title of Session: _____

Key Message: _____

Description of Presentation (maximum 125 words, please attach on separate sheet)

Please tell us how your presentation is interactive and encourages audience participation: please circle all that apply.

Slide Presentation,

Role play,

Video,

Music,

Discussion,

Participatory Exercise

Other: _____

Contact information

Primary contact name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Speaking Out Conference Presenter Information

Name of Workshop: _____

Number of Presenters (Maximum of 3) and
Affiliation/Agency/Group for each Presenter:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Description of A/V needs or any other items you require
to complete your presentation: (Please note, Projector
and screens are included in session rooms.)

Bio for each Presenter (40 words or less): Please attach
on separate piece of paper.