



Stand UP Boston 2018

Combating Sexual Harassment with Bystander
Intervention in Our Communities
June 15th-17, 2018 & August, 2018
MIT & Boston, MA

Dear Potential Workshop Leader:

We are pleased to announce the launch of **Stand UP Boston 2018**, a conference and series of events dedicated to addressing sexual harassment through bystander intervention. The conference will be held June 15 - 17th at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts and continuing OpenLearn events will be held throughout August at various locations throughout Boston.

The goal of Stand Up Boston 2018 is to empower bystanders to fight sexual harassment. By leveraging the national spotlight on sexual harassment and shining a light on the powerful role of bystanders, we hope to teach participants ways to act on behalf of and in solidarity with targeted groups and people. It also is of paramount importance to us to work with the local community and to make the needs of the community central to the mission of the conference. For more information on our mission statement and goals, please check out our [website](#).

We are excited to invite you to lead one of our workshop sessions which will take place June 15th and 16th at MIT. The theme of our workshops is *Inspiring Bystanders to Act*. We want to challenge our workshop attendees to produce technical and non-technical work that enables greater conversations around bystander intervention and sexual harassment, and lay the seeds for future work. Leadership of one the sessions involves:

- Planning a 1.5-2h session
- Letting us know what the attendees need to know to attend (materials and prerequisite knowledge)
- A passion for “hacking” solutions to big problems
- A drive to empower bystanders in the fight against sexual harassment

If you are interested please contact Chris Cosgriff (cvc@mit.edu) or Anna Weissman (annaw1@mit.edu). We are excited to talk in more detail about our vision.

Thank you for your time and consideration. With your help, we hope our communities will lead as examples of cultural change on sexual misconduct nationally.

Sincerely,

My, Anna and Chris on behalf of The Stand UP Behind the Scenes Team