



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

October 20, 21 & 22, 2023

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
“Expanding Possibilities”

Port Elgin, Ontario

The Speaking Out 2023 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 **June 2, 2023**.

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:

- Healthy relationships, including marriage, safe sex, dating, social media and internet safety.
- Rights and opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Information on being an advocate and tips on how to advocate effectively.
- Budgeting and money management.
- Stress reducing activities, conflict resolution, anger management.
- How to get more money from ODSP and support funding
 - How to speak to everyone without labels.
- What kind of programs can people access around their community.
 - How to get a self-advocacy group started.
- Dreams and goals, abuse training, how to write your story and get published.
- Public Speaking and how to speak at Conferences
- Fundraising / Event Planning
- Building connections
- Therapy babies.
- Legal matters and how to find help with legal matters.
- How to make a Land Acknowledgement.
- Staying out of Long-Term Homes
- ODSP, employment opportunities.
- Support for people with disabilities to keep their children.
- More about the connection between abuse and addiction.
- Resources for the Deaf and Blind community.
- Heart Health, Bullying and mental health

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 June 2, 2023

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.

Presenter's rates based per person:

Full conference: Friday to Sunday includes shared accommodations (2 people per room), social events, conference participation and meals \$460.00 per person.

Full conference: Friday to Saturday includes Single accommodations, social events, conference participation and meals \$635.00

Friday OR Saturday night only: \$230.00 per person -includes Friday night Shared accommodations (2 people per room), Friday supper, social, Saturday breakfast and lunch.

Friday OR Saturday night only: \$320.00 includes Single accommodations, social event, conference participation and meals.

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 2023

Title of Session:

Key Message:

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

Method of Presentation: (circle one)

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.