

ASPECT Conference 2023 Call for Presenters

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EXPERTS IN WORK TRANSFORMATION



 Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel,
Richmond BC
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NOVEMBER 2 & 3,
2023

Call closes: Monday, June 26, 2023, at 11:59 pm
Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/presenters-2023>
to submit your proposal.

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| <h3>ASPECT Profile</h3> | <p>The Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training (ASPECT) is a non-profit association of approximately 100 community-based training agencies in British Columbia that collectively strives to prepare people for the world of work. The ASPECT conference is about sharing and learning: from keynotes, workshop presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, and peers.</p> <p>ASPECT provides leadership, education, advocacy, and public awareness to support community-based workforce development service providers. We work with governments and stakeholders to meet the needs of those seeking a meaningful and sustainable livelihood.</p> <p>The community-based employment training sector continues the historic mission of providing holistic, collaborative, and community-based career development opportunities services to unemployed and underemployed people in BC including those with disabilities, new immigrants, youth, Indigenous peoples, women, and more.</p> <p>Our members are also a resource for employers and economic development activities within their communities. Our members respond quickly to local labour market needs as demonstrated by the challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> |
| <h3>Conference Overview & Theme</h3> | <p>This is ASPECT BC's 33rd Annual Conference and this year we will focus on "Experts in Work Transformation" to reflect the work our community-based experts do in helping to transform the working world through helping clients, employers, and community economies to prepare for the ever-changing labour market.</p> <p>Our conference takes place in-person at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC, on Thursday, November 2 & Friday, November 3, 2023, and aims to support all front-line workers, executives, and other employment professionals passionate about helping British Columbians find and maintain meaningful employment.</p> <p>Hosted by the Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training, the ASPECT Conference is <i>the</i> sector event of the year where delegates learn new and evidence-based innovations that they can use in their communities.</p> |
| <h3>What Conference Delegates Can Expect</h3> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking with their colleagues in the employment services sector and those who support the sector with 30-minute breaks between sessions and a reception on November 3rd. • Learning from 3 plenary and the choice of 16-18 professional development presentations, panels, roundtable discussions, community consultations, and workshops. • Access to an Exhibitor Showcase highlighting programs, products, and services to help you in your work. |

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| <p>Delegate Profile</p> | <p>Representatives from community-based employment services and training agencies from BC and across Canada including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Development Practitioners/Professionals • Program Managers • Facilitators and Case Managers • Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist • Job Developers • Job Coaches • Vocational Assessor • Employment Specialist • Team Leaders • Regional Manager • Operations Managers • CEOs, Executive Directors, Directors of Employment Board Members • Case Managers • Job Search Advisors • Employment Advisor • Customized Employment Advisor • Intake Workers • Wage Subsidy Advisors • Client Services Managers • Employability Skills Facilitator • Policy Analysts • Labour Market Economists • Representatives from Government |
| <p>Suggested Topics & Content Priorities</p> <p><i>We have been asked by our conference delegates to ensure that speakers do not sell products within their workshop sessions. If you would like to have an exhibit table to promote your product, please contact us at pdaoust@aspect.bc.ca Thank you for respecting this request.</i></p> | <p>The conference will offer workshop streams and topics for employment service providers and trainers.</p> <p>Workshops are intended to provide valuable new ideas and new information that delegates can take back to their organisations and use within their work.</p> <p>The following list of topics is not intended to be exhaustive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career development practice tools and techniques • Client assessment and training • Reconciliation and Indigenous training • Employer engagement and job development skills • Proposal writing and contract negotiations • Public policy, advocacy, and public relations • Board training and strategic planning • Leadership skills • SMART practices for operations and program development • Tools to assist agencies in working with client groups such as immigrants, people with disabilities, youth, Indigenous workers, older workers, and multi-barriered clients • Conflict resolution and de-escalation • Self-care strategies and tools |
| <p>Two Ways to Present</p> | <p>Sessions are 60 minutes or 90 minutes (90 minutes for workshops or sessions with breakout discussions) including questions and answers.</p> <p>Session types are presentation, panel, roundtable discussion, or community consultation, and workshops. Some sessions may be limited by the number of participants.</p> |

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| Submission Deadline | Proposals must be received no later than 11:59 pm PDT, Monday, June 26, 2023. Selection will be primarily based on the information provided in your submission. |
| Compensation | Presenters have no financial compensation. However, those wishing to attend the ASPECT conference will be provided with complimentary registration. When groups are presenting, only the first 3 presenters will qualify for the complimentary conference registration. A small gift of thanks will also be available for presenters. |

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Daoust at pdaoust@aspect.bc.ca.

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