

ASPECT Virtual Conference 2021

Call for Presenters



Call closes: Sunday, July 25, 2021, at 11:59 pm

<p>ASPECT Profile</p>	<p>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>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>
<p>Conference Overview & Theme</p>	<p>This is ASPECT BC’s 31st Annual Conference and this year we will focus on the shifting world of work and growing demands for employment services and supports as we “build back better” from the pandemic.</p> <p>Our conference takes place virtually on Thursday, November 4 & Friday, November 5, 2021, 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>
<p>What Conference Delegates Can Expect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual networking within BC, Canada, and the world • Learning from 20 live and on-demand concurrent sessions and workshops plus 4 plenary sessions with keynote speakers • Access to Virtual Exhibitor Showcase highlighting programs, products and services to help you in your work • Access to all sessions that will be recorded and available for later viewing

<p>Delegate Profile</p>	<p>Representatives from Community-Based 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 events@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 organizations 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 & contract negotiations • Public policy, advocacy and public relations • Board training, 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 & answers.</p> <p>Session types are presentation, panel, roundtable discussion, or community consultation.</p> <p>Choose between a webinar format or a virtual meeting format. Both formats offer the following:</p> <p>Interact with delegates using one or more of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live Q & A plus question voting for most popular question • polling • chat function • use Zoom whiteboard or external sites to collaborate <p>The virtual meeting format will also allow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenter to see their audience • Use break-out sessions for workshop activities or small-group discussions.
<p>Submission Deadline</p>	<p>Proposals must be received no later than <u>11:59 pm PDT, Sunday, July 25, 2021</u>. Selection will be primarily based on the information provided in your submission.</p>
<p>Compensation</p>	<p>Presenters will be offered complimentary registration fee. Presenters are encouraged to register and attend the conference but are not required to do so. Registration is open now. Those chosen to present will be sent a special registration code.</p> <p>A small speaking honorarium will be provided if the presenter does not wish to attend or participate in the conference outside of the session in which they present.</p>

If you have any questions, please contact: [Lya Iglesias at events@aspect.bc.ca](mailto:Lya.Iglesias@aspect.bc.ca)