



Disability and Work in Canada 2020 Virtual Conference The Strategy in Action—Pathways and Impacts

**La version française de l'appel à propositions et le formulaire de demande est disponible sur demande.*

The Disability and Work in Canada 2020 (DWC 2020) Conference will be held virtually this year over four days in late November and early December (November 25 & 26 and December 1 & 2) from 12:30-3:30 EDT. The theme for this year's conference is the "Strategy in Action—Pathways and Impacts," with subthemes for each day as follows:

Wednesday November 25, 2020 at 12:30-3:30 EDT – The Big Picture--Challenges and Opportunities

Thursday November 26, 2020 at 12:30-3:30 EDT – Progress in the Workplace

Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 12:30-3:30 EDT – Strengthening Supports for Workers

Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 12:30-3:30 EDT – Moving Forward Together

We are seeking proposals for different types of sessions from the disability community, businesses, unions, policymakers, service providers and other interested parties. The following types of sessions are being called for:

Vignettes: 5-minute presentations of lived experiences, good practice experiences, success stories, champion initiatives, and other contextualized experiences that exemplify relevant issues in disability and work.

Panel Sessions: 35-minute sessions with several speakers (maximum of four plus a moderator) on current topics with multiple perspectives and insights. Examples of topics include intersectionality, guidance on return-to-work following the COVID-19 pandemic, accommodation best practices, and local initiatives of interest. For these sessions, panel presentations should be approximately 20-30 minutes, with another 5-15 minutes reserved for discussion and questions at the end.

Panel Member: For those interested in participating on a panel on a particular topic, we invite people with experience, knowledge, or insights to nominate themselves for a topic. The DWC committee will attempt to coordinate candidates with similar interests to help organize sessions.



Presentations: These are 15-minute sessions on a focused topic. Presenters share their experience, knowledge, or insights on a topic relevant to the DWC Strategy in Action. Presentations should be approximately 10 minutes with 5 minutes reserved for discussion and questions at the end.

For more details on the DWC Strategy, see the following links:

<http://www.crwdp.ca/en/dwc-strategy> and

<https://www.ccrw.org/dwc-2019-conference-strategy-in-action/>

We encourage sessions that speak to initiatives related to the strategy's two objectives:

1. Disability-confident and inclusive workplaces; and
2. Comprehensive supports for persons with disabilities;

And include measurement strategies to ensure accountability through monitoring and evaluation.

Key Dates

The call is open till Friday September 25, 2020.

Applicants will be notified by October 2, 2020.

Submissions of pre-recorded sessions are due October 23, 2020.

The DWC Steering committee will provide guidance and support for the recording of sessions if needed.

Application

Name:

Contact email:

Contact phone number:

Organizational affiliation (if applicable):

Position (if applicable):

Topic/Title of session:

Type of session:

Vignette

Panel Member

Panel

Presentation



Theme best suited for the session:

Day 1: The Big Picture--Challenges and Opportunities

Day 2: Progress in the Workplace

Day 3: Strengthening Supports for Workers

Day 4: Moving Forward Together

If panel session, name of other participants:

If panel session, roles of other participants:

Moderator

Speaker

Other:

Describe the session in 250 words or less in a form suitable for publication:

Submission of Application

Please submit your application to the DWC Steering Committee by September 25, 2020 at

info@DWCstrategy.ca