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Roundtable on Harm Reduction

hosted by the Social Policy and Advocacy Committee

Exponential increases in problematic drug use across Canada demonstrates a critical need for a range of treatment responses. In light of sharp increases in hospitalization, accidental overdoses, and overdose deaths related to drug use including alcohol, opioids and prescription drugs, a range of stakeholders have called for wider access to appropriate harm reduction approaches. Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs.

As representatives for CASWE's Social Policy and Advocacy Committee (SPAC), we are inviting participants to submit abstracts that consider the following broad questions:

How is harm reduction being implemented in your local context? What are some of the main policy and practice challenges of implementing harm reduction strategies?

Our hope is that this panel starts a national conversation on harm reduction among social workers, students, and practitioners, in order to collectively shape the policy agenda.

The deadline for abstracts to be considered for participation in the Roundtable on Harm Reduction Approaches is **midnight on January 27th, 2018**. Please send your abstracts to Anita Vaillancourt at: Anita.Vaillancourt@ufv.ca

Submission Requirements

The 2018 Conference Planning Committee invites proposals that meet the following guidelines:

Proposals must be submitted by January 27th, 2018 to be considered for acceptance and must include the following information:

Presenters: Full name, title, organization or affiliation, mailing address, phone, email address.

Please ensure that you include correct spelling of each name. If relevant, identify the lead presenter/discussion leader or artist.

All submissions must include: Title and abstract (250-word limit, not including title).

Presenter Requirements

- Persons submitting a proposal agree to do so with the understanding they will abide by the Guidelines, as well as the decisions of the 2018 Conference Planning Committee and the Proposal Reviewers.
- All Presenters must be members in good standing of CASWE-ACFTS or are a “Friend” of the Association (please contact Houssein Charmarkeh for more information on eligibility to become a CASWE-ACFTS friend at charmarkeh@caswe-acfts.ca).
- All Presenters are committed to register and attend the Conference must be available to present at any time during the conference. We regret we are unable to accommodate scheduling requests.
- Failure to comply with the membership and registration requirements by April 30th, 2018, may result in the Presenter’s removal from the Conference program.
- Please note that the lead Presenter may present only one proposal for this call. No Presenter may take part in more than two presentations (one main presentation and one adjunct role). A speaker may not be added following the submission of a proposal.
- **We encourage all presenters to have their presentations available in both French and English, and to submit their title and abstract in both official languages.**

Audio/Visual Equipment

- A basic data projector, projection screen, internet access, and sound system will be available at each session. Each room will be equipped with a computer, but you are welcome to bring your own device and cables to hook up to podiums. If you wish to rent additional equipment, please contact the CASWE-ACFTS office to make arrangements. Note that all presenters who rent additional equipment will be responsible for all fees.

Abstract Publication

- All accepted abstracts and presenter/author information will be published in the conference program.

Proposal Evaluations

- Proposals are peer-reviewed by two reviewers, and assessed based on the following:
 - Relevance of topic to the overall conference themes.
 - Clarity of writing.
 - Clarity of research method(s) and/or conceptual approach.
 - Clear articulation of theoretical framework.
 - Significance of critical social work practice, education, research, policy, and theory.

Proposal Status Notification

- Emails regarding the status of proposals will be sent to all primary presenters by February 6th, 2018. If the proposal is accepted for presentation, no changes from the original submission may be made regarding the presentation.

Presentation Options

Paper

- Papers will be grouped to form sessions on a common theme. Each paper will be allocated 20 minutes and presenters should allow time for a discussion period. If there are multiple presenters of a paper, the primary presenter will coordinate the paper presentation, including keeping time.