



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS at the ATLANTIC COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Inspiration to Action: Leadership for Active Communities

August 21 – 24, 2012

Holland College, Charlottetown

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Have you worked in a program or project that was inspired by a great idea? Have you developed an innovative policy to influence the health and safety of your community? Have you seen positive results that you would like to share with others? Then we would like to invite you to share your experience with others at the 2012 Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities (ASI).

This year, the ASI presents *Inspiration to Action: Leadership for Active Communities* - three days focusing on comprehensive training to foster leadership for active communities. This theme aligns with a current ASI project aimed at developing capacity for community leadership amongst women and girls in Atlantic Canada.

Leadership is a critical issue in sustaining communities in the Atlantic Region. Women and men of all ages are our key resources. Traditionally, the word “active” evokes images of physical activity and individual behaviours. ASI takes a broader view, focusing on “active communities” rather than individuals and paying attention to the determinants of health and safety. The program of the 2012 ASI will explore how to influence conditions of people’s lives to promote their level of activity and engagement in their communities, as well as their social and economic inclusion.

The 2012 Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities is calling for visual, interactive presentations that can be displayed either on **table top or posterboard**. Presentations should profile innovative and promising collaborative practices, programs, policies, research, experiences or lessons learned that relate to the theme of leadership and active communities – gender; social and economic development; crime prevention and community safety; health promotion; and environmental sustainability - in Atlantic Canada and beyond. **The deadline for receiving presentation summaries (abstracts) is May 7, 2012.**

CAROUSEL FORMAT

A carousel format will offer an engaging, interactive means of presenting your work. The format will actively engage you (the presenter) in profiling and promoting your presentation to all participants before they move in *carousel fashion* to visit posterboards and table top presentations. When the carousel is finished, participants will gather in small groups to share what they learned. Presentations can remain open to visitors until the closing of the ASI.

In the afternoon of August 22, participants of the Institute will gather to listen to a short description of all presentations. Each presenter will be given 2-3 minutes to promote her/his presentation to Institute participants. We suggest you focus on communicating two main reasons why audience members should attend your presentation. *Be creative in explaining your work quickly and concisely, and promoting the uniqueness and strength of your particular presentation.*

Participants will visit your presentation for 12 – 15 minutes, then they will be signaled to move to another table top or posterboard. You will be giving your presentation to groups of participants 6 times during the showcase portion of the program (Wednesday afternoon). After the carousel of presentations has been completed, participants will be discussing in small groups and reporting back on *one thing they learned from the Atlantic Community Showcase that they are going to take back to their community / organization.*

We will give priority to proposals from Atlantic Canada but we also encourage others to submit ideas.

We are looking for presentation proposals in **French** and/or **English** from:

- community groups
- practitioners
- researchers
- educators
- policy makers
- students

GUIDE FOR PRESENTERS

Wireless access is available for table top presentations. Additional information (specifications, format of presentations, setting up and dismantling times) will be provided to selected presenters.

INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

- Each person may submit a maximum of two presentation summaries (abstracts) as the Presenter.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Presentation summaries (abstracts) must be submitted online at <http://www.thequaich.pe.ca/UltimateSurvey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=350>

You will be asked to complete a template that will include:

- a description of your presentation
- the connection / relationship between your presentation and the theme *Inspiration to Action: Leadership for Active Communities*
- what others will learn from your presentation
- a short biography
- contact information

Helpful hint : Try writing your presentation description in a Word or Wordperfect document, then cut and paste it into the template (some answers have a limit on the number of words).

REVIEW PROCESS

We will send you an automated acknowledgement when we receive your presentation summary (abstract). The program committee of the Atlantic Summer Institute will review all submissions. We will notify you if your application is successful or not.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

We are accepting abstracts until **Monday, May 7th, 4:00pm** (Atlantic Time). We will not accept late submissions.

INSTITUTE REGISTRATION

Submission of a presentation summary (abstract) confirms that you agree to register for the Institute and make this presentation as scheduled. Presenters may apply for a subsidy, if needed.

For additional information on subsidies, please consult the Institute's Blog: <http://asi-iea.blogspot.ca>

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding the presentation process, e-mail us at asi@thequaich.pe.ca or call 902.894.3399.

Submissions:

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