

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Holiday Inn Select Toronto Airport



We are living in an unprecedented social experiment. Never have so many lived so far from extended family or outside of traditional communities, where adults served as collective parents for all neighborhood children. Never have so many marriages ended in divorce and divided families, or so many elderly been relegated to unfamiliar surroundings. These developments have reduced our social capital—the relationships that bind people together and create a sense of community. Consequences include decreased civility, loss of behavioral boundaries and increased crime. We must find ways to deal with our profound loss of social connectedness. Restorative practices can play a critical role in doing just that: restoring community and fostering relationships in an increasingly disconnected world.

Come be a part of confronting this challenge.

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AND PRESENT AT OUR 2008 WORLD CONFERENCE ON RESTORATIVE PRACTICES.

This interdisciplinary conference will provide an international perspective on restorative practices theory and practice in a variety of settings, from education to social welfare to criminal justice.

The whole continuum of restorative practices will be discussed, from the informal to the formal, including family group decision making and family group conferencing, restorative conferencing and circles, and restorative cautions and reprimands. All of these practices share the same underlying purpose: to build community, more effectively address wrongdoing and conflict, and empower people to make decisions about issues that affect them.

Come to Toronto in October 2008, and join with others who share a passion and commitment to restorative practices.

Participants

- Social workers
- Probation officers
- Police
- Teachers
- Administrators
- Researchers
- Community volunteers
- Criminologists
- Counselors
- Peacemakers
- Academicians
- Judges
- Public planners
- Corrections officers
- ... and others

The IIRP has held international conferences across the globe, from Australia to the United Kingdom, Hungary to Canada and the United States. At these conferences, restorative practitioners from around the world have come to share their knowledge and achievements and to find encouragement, support and advice from others doing similar work.

Most IIRP conference presenters are not professional speakers. Except for various featured speakers and videos, IIRP conferences are created by you and others like you volunteering to make 50-minute presentations. Please use the form on the reverse side of this sheet to submit a proposal for your own presentation or workshop, sharing your knowledge and experiences (or go to www.iirp.org/on08). No formal written papers are required. The deadline for proposals is April 21, 2008.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS



Submit your proposal for a 50-minute session by April 21, 2008, online at www.iirp.org/on08 — or send this completed form, via postal service, to IIRP, PO Box 229, Bethlehem, PA 18016-0229, USA, or fax to 1-610-807-0423. Include the following:

- (1) **a brief biography, including relevant information about your work, for each presenter** (50–75 words each, in paragraph form), to be published in the conference program book. Bios longer than 75 words will be edited for length.
- (2) **a brief summary of your session** (100–150 words, in paragraph form), to be published in the conference program book. When writing your summary, please consider that conference participants will be determining their breakout session choices based largely on session summaries. Summaries longer than 150 words will be edited for length.

For items 1 and 2, please specify the locales of programs and organizations mentioned and define any abbreviations or acronyms.

- (3) **answers to the following questions** (1–2 paragraphs each):
 - (a) Who is the prospective audience for your proposed session?
 - (b) How does your session relate to restorative practices?
- (4) **copies of this form for co-presenters' contact information**, specifying the primary contact.

Please note: Applicants will be notified by June 6, 2008. Presenters are expected to register for the three-day conference by July 18, 2008, at the special reduced rate of CND \$300 (regular rate CND \$360). Presenters are responsible for their own travel and lodging. Two presenters for each presentation can register for the conference at the reduced rate. Additional co-presenters must pay the full registration fee.

Please print clearly:

Session Title _____

(Please keep to 15 words or less. We suggest that you come up with a title that both describes your subject matter and will spark interest in your session.)

Presenter's Name _____ Primary Contact

Job Title _____ Agency/Organization _____

Email Address _____

Postal Address _____

_____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ Fax _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Audiovisual Equipment Requests

Digital projectors for PowerPoint presentations, overhead projectors for transparencies/acetates, DVD players and whiteboards/flipcharts are available on request. All conference rooms will have projection screens.

_____ Digital projector for PowerPoint presentation OR _____ Overhead projector (for transparencies/acetates)

_____ Also need speakers for audio

NOTE: You must bring your own laptop computer with PowerPoint installed.

_____ DVD player with speakers and monitor/projector (DVDs must have no region coding or Region 1—USA/Canada.)

_____ Whiteboard or flipchart with markers

_____ No AV requested