



Call For Presenters - Aging Well 2026

The Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario (OACAO), founded in 1973, is a non-profit organization providing resources, expertise and leadership to Older Adult Centres, Seniors Active Living Centres (SALCs) and senior groups through advocacy, education, networking, and innovative direction. The Association has a membership of over 270 Centres, organizations and individuals involved in working with over 200,000 older adults across Ontario.

Seeking Presenters for OACAO 2026 Annual Conference

The OACAO Conference Planning Committee would like to invite leaders, educators, researchers, managers, seniors, and students to submit an application for presentation at our annual conference **AGING WELL: Reimagine, Redefine, Rediscover**, to be held in-person,

Sunday November 1 to Tuesday November 3, 2026 in Mississauga.

Speaking at the 2026 OACAO Aging Well Conference provides you with an opportunity to share and exchange new approaches and information in the areas of older adults and Seniors Active Living Centres (SALCs). Our conference has experienced growth each year and we expect attendance of over 175 staff & volunteer leaders from all over Ontario.

This year's theme **Reimagine, Redefine, Rediscover**, provides the opportunity to build the future of Senior Active Living and Older Adult Centre programming, welcomes new collaborations and opportunities to activate new innovative ideas for the sector. The OACAO Conference encourages personal and professional development through inspiring and informative learning experiences.

Application should support staff and older adult volunteer leaders from municipal and not-for-profit SALCs and older adult centres to Reimagine, Redefine, Rediscover in one of the following program streams.

Technology & Outreach: AI, digital platforms, personalized tech education for seniors, including online outreach to combat social isolation.

Social Prescribing & Collaboration: Community-based health initiatives, including green prescribing, tailored programs, and engagement with healthcare professionals.

Organizational Development: Policy and procedure development (risk, governance, advocacy), diversity/inclusion initiatives, capacity building through fundraising, program evaluation, and empowered leadership.

Volunteer Management: International Year of Volunteers, aging volunteer cohort/change over of

volunteers, facilitation skills for volunteers and staff.

People Management: Difficult conversations, supporting different personalities, increasing capacity for supporting higher needs members such as service navigation.

Future-Focused Programming: Addressing the evolving needs of older adults, innovative programs (eg.: Food and mood, seniors boxing, what is the next trend?)

Presentation Formats

A. Workshop Presentations – *English*

Sessions **delivered in English** that are between 30 minutes – 75 minutes in length and should allow for a presentation, interaction, and question & answer period or discussion with participants. Most workshop presentations will take place on Monday, November 2nd, 2026. Some topics may be offered on Sunday November 1 or Tuesday November 3, 2026

B. Ateliers présentés en français

Des sessions en français d'une durée de 30 à 60 minutes dans lesquelles nous y retrouvons une présentation, une interaction avec les participants, une période de questions et réponses suivi d'une occasion d'échanges. Ces ateliers auront lieu dimanche 1 Novembre 2026

C. Keynote Presentations – *English*

Keynote presentations are offered on both Monday and Tuesday of the conference for approximately one hour. If you feel your presentation could be offered as a keynote (energetic, engaging and of interest to our FULL delegation) please select the applicable box in the application form.

D. Lightning Talks

Lightning Talks are **quick** 7 – 10 minute presentations that are intended to share creative ideas and trends, innovative solutions, and inspiring approaches for cutting edge, “think outside of the box” results to programming and senior services. These are high level presentations meant to share the most important information quickly. Lightning talks will take place on Tuesday with full-delegate participation.

Notice of Acceptance

All submissions will be reviewed by the Conference Program Committee which will select the most relevant submissions. We thank all applicants, but only successful applicants will be informed by mid-July. Please ensure all contact information is current and correct, updating us with any changes ASAP. The primary contact person listed will be the only individual contacted regarding a submission.

Applicants should be comfortable speaking to a large group in a conference style room with and without a microphone.

Registration for Presenters

Presenters wishing to also participate in other conference activities, outside of their own presentation, are asked to register as a delegate with regular conference fees. This covers the costs of the hotel, meals etc. Please contact the Conference Committee with inquiries at info@oacao.org.

Application for Presenters

Interested applicants should complete the online application form using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AgingWell2026>

Additional conference information is also available on the OACAO website at: <https://www.oacao.org/events/aging-well-conference/?tab=about>

If applicants require an alternative format for submission, please contact: info@oacao.org.

Please designate one main contact if applying as a group as communication will be directed to one person only.

Submission Deadline: Friday June 5, 2026

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2026 Presenter Application

Submit online by June 5, 2026 at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AgingWell2026>

Name:

Organization Name:

Address:

Primary Phone:

Alternate phone:

Email:

Additional Presenters: name, organization and email

(note: all communication will be directed to main contact listed above)

Title of Presentation:

Summary of Presentation:

By the end of the Presentation, participants will have learned:

(Please list 3-5 learning outcomes, that participants will take away from your session. 1-2 learning outcomes is acceptable for Lightning Talks)

Biographical Information:

(Current position, past/relevant experience, etc.)

Intended Audience or Topic Area (select all that apply):

Technology Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Prescribing & Collaboration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Future Focused Programming	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organizational Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	People Management	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is your session applicable to:

Municipal Not for Profit Both

For which presentation format are you applying for?

Workshop presentation: 30 minutes 60 minutes

Lightning Talks (adaptable creative ideas and trends): 7 – 10 minutes

Language of presentation: English Français

Total Fee (if applicable): \$ _____ Plus HST

Negotiable? Yes No

Please consider that we are a not-for-profit charitable organization when providing your fee.

Questions can be directed to 905-584-8125 or 1-866-835-7693 or info@oacao.org

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