



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 well over 230 Centres, organizations and individuals involved in working with over 200,000 older adults across Ontario.

## Seeking Presenters for OACAO 2024 Annual Conference

The OACAO Conference Planning Committee would like to invite leaders, educators, researchers, managers, seniors, and students to submit a proposal for presentation at our annual conference **AGING WELL: Collaborate, Innovate, Advocate**, to be held in-person **Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Mississauga.**

Speaking at the 2024 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). You will gain recognition as an expert in the field at conference and beyond. Our conference has experienced growth each year and we expect attendance of over 150 staff & volunteer leaders from all over Ontario.

This year's theme **Collaborate, Innovate, Advocate**, provides 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.

**Proposals should support municipal and not-for-profit SALCs and older adult centres in one of the following streams. Relevant proposals will be considered for all streams:**

### Technology Education

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Leveraging the digital environment
- One to one tech support/education programs for seniors
- Online and social media promotion for centre promotion

### Social Prescribing

- Community Collaboration
- Implementation
- Green Prescribing
- Co-design
- Engaging with health care professionals

### Policy and Procedure

- Insurance and Risk Management
- Navigating municipal policy
- Board governance
- Government relations & Advocacy

### Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility

- Toolkits for staff/member education
- Age friendly & inclusive communities

### Capacity & Sustainability

- Engaging the next generation of seniors (e.x.: Gen X)
- Generational change of the "new" older adult
- Grant writing & Fundraising
- Program evaluation
- Innovative programming
- Leadership & Development
- Staffing (human resources, hiring, policy)
- Volunteerism (recruitment, succession planning, training)
- Partnerships & Collaboration

## Presentation Formats

### A. Workshop Presentations – English

Sessions **delivered in English** that are between 30 minutes – 60 minutes in length and should allow for a presentation, interaction, and question & answer period or discussion with participants. Workshop presentations will take place on Monday October 28, 2024.

### 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 le 27 octobre ou lundi le 28 octobre 2024.

### 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.

### E. 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.

### F. Networking

Individuals with experience facilitating large group networking and collaboration experiences may apply referencing their experience and topic areas of facilitation.

### G. Video Submissions

Does your centre or group have a video/reel, short clip showcasing your centre or special program? Have your video showcased at this year’s conference. Complete the registration form and we will contact you about submitting your video.

## Notice of Acceptance

All submissions will be reviewed by the Conference Program Committee which will select the most relevant submissions. 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.

## 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 is to support the costs of the hotel, meals etc. Please contact the Conference Committee with inquiries at [info@oacao.org](mailto:info@oacao.org).

## Application for Presenters

Interested applicants should complete the online application form using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Q8Ms7tBsUeGezwDp6>

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](mailto:info@oacao.org).

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

**Submission Deadline: Monday, May 13, 2024**

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# 2024 Presenter Application Form

Name:

Organization Name:

Address:

Primary Phone:

Alternate phone:

Email:

Fax:

**Additional Presenters: name, organization and email (note: all communication will be directed to main contact listed above)**

**Title of Session (max. 150 characters):**

**60 Word Summary of Session (max. 600 characters):**

**Biographical Information:**

(Current position, past/relevant experience, etc. – 50 Word / 500 character max.)

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

Technology Education  Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility   
Social Prescribing  Capacity & Sustainability   
Policy and Procedure

**Is your session applicable to:**

Municipal  Not for Profit  Both

**For which presentation format are you applying?**

Workshop presentation:  30 minutes  60 minutes

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

**Networking facilitator**

**Video Submission.** Please indicate the length of the video: \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Would your workshop/presentation be suitable as a **Keynote**? Yes  No

**Language of presentation:** English  Français

**Total Fee (if applicable):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Plus HST

Negotiable

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

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