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FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGE KEEPERS CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre will host the 12th Annual First Nations Language Keepers Conference November 22nd-23rd, 2017 in Saskatoon. This national conference provides an opportunity for First Nations to share best practices and community-based innovations in the revitalization and retention of First Nations languages and cultures. This conference will bring together a wide array of language professionals and cultural experts to explore, share, learn and discuss the aspects of language preservation, promotion and protection.

Theme: This year's theme is **Resurgence: Reclaiming Indigenous Knowledge Systems**. Our goal is to share and profile First Nations language initiatives as well as recognizing relevant and new models of community-based knowledge. We invite contributions from the community as well as from researchers, teachers and scholars that explore, profile and demonstrate the application of traditional and contemporary development to:

- Collaborative First Nations language research, teaching and learning initiatives rooted and sustained in the community.
- Teaching methodologies and resources reflective of linguistic, social and cultural contexts and diversities.
- Best practices of First Nations community engagement especially of those that inspire youth to learn and maintain their language in order to strengthen First Nations identity.
- Learning from historical and contemporary perspectives by offering opportunities for dialogue around First Nations language initiatives and priorities such as policy, curriculum, legislation, management and retention issues.

Target Audience

The conference is primarily attended by educators, language instructors, Elders, linguists, storytellers and knowledge keepers within First Nations communities.

Workshop Structure

Each workshop or plenary session will be 60-75 minutes in length. Priority will be given to presenters that incorporate their First Nations language and focus on the conference theme.

Submission Guidelines

1. Applications will only be accepted electronically to conference@sicc.sk.ca
2. Submissions are due by August 15th, 2017 and should include:
 - a. A 200 word abstract including content and description of presentation objective
 - b. Workshop title and name of presenter(s)
 - c. Description of the learning outcomes of the session
 - d. A 100 word biography of presenter(s)
3. The Committee reserves the right to request modifications to the presentation
4. Presenters will be advised of the Committee's decision by August 22nd, 2017
5. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.



SICC will not provide or be responsible for travel arrangements, expenses or honoraria for presenters. Registration fee will be waived for up to two (2) presenters. The SICC looks forward to receiving your submissions and thanks everyone in advance for your interest in the 12th Annual First Nations Language Keepers Conference.

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