



2024 Annual Conference

EVOLVING TOGETHER:

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

 November 7 & 8, 2024
  Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort

ASPECTCONFERENCE24

ASPECT Conference 24 Call for Presenters

Call closes: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm PDT

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Presenter-2024> to submit your proposal.

<p>ASPECT Profile</p>	<p>The Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training (ASPECT) is a non-profit association of approximately 100 community-based employment service agencies in British Columbia that collectively strive to prepare people for the world of work. ASPECT's annual conference is about sharing and learning from keynotes, workshop presenters, panelists, sponsors, exhibitors, and peers.</p> <p>ASPECT provides leadership, education, advocacy, and public awareness to support community-based workforce development service providers. We work with governments and interest-holders to meet the needs of those seeking a meaningful and sustainable livelihood.</p> <p>The community-based employment training sector continues the historic mission of providing holistic, collaborative, and community-based career development opportunities and services to unemployed and underemployed people in BC, including those with disabilities, new immigrants, youth, Indigenous peoples, women, and more.</p> <p>Our members are also a resource for employers and economic development activities within their communities. Our members are experts at responding quickly to dynamic local labour market needs.</p>
<p>Conference Overview & Theme</p>	<p>This is ASPECT's 34th Annual Conference, and this year's theme "Evolving Together: Preparing for the Future of Employment Services" focuses on the future of community-based employment services and how we can collaborate to adapt to new realities and challenges by helping clients, employers, and community economies prepare for the ever-changing labour market.</p> <p>Our conference takes place in person at the Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort in Victoria, BC, on Thursday, November 7 & Friday, November 8, 2024, and aims to support all frontline workers, executives, and other employment professionals passionate about helping British Columbians find and maintain meaningful employment.</p> <p>Hosted by the Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training, the ASPECT Annual Conference is <i>the</i> sector event of the year. Delegates learn new, evidence-based innovations they can use in their communities. The conference has sold out two years in a row.</p>

<p>What Conference Delegates Can Expect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking with their colleagues in the employment services sector and those who support the sector with 30-minute breaks between sessions and a reception on November 7. • Learning from 3 plenary and the choice of 16-18 professional development presentations, panels, roundtable discussions, community consultations, and workshops. • Access to an Exhibitors space highlighting programs, products, and services to help you in your work.
<p>Delegate Profile</p>	<p>Representatives from community-based employment services and training agencies from BC and across Canada including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Development Practitioners/Professionals • Program Managers • Facilitators and Case Managers • Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists • Job Developers • Job Coaches • Vocational Assessors • Employment Specialists • Team Leaders • Regional Managers • Operations Managers • CEOs, Executive Directors, Directors of Employment, Board Members • Case Managers • Job Search Advisors • Employment Advisors • Customized Employment Advisors • Intake Workers • Wage Subsidy Advisors • Client Services Managers • Employability Skills Facilitators • Policy Analysts • Labour Market Economists • Representatives from Government
<p>Suggested Topics & Content Priorities</p> <p><i>We have been asked by our conference delegates to ensure that speakers do not sell products within their workshop sessions. If you would like to have an exhibitor booth to promote your product, please contact us at pdaoust@aspect.bc.ca Thank you for respecting this request.</i></p>	<p>The conference will offer workshop streams and topics for employment service providers and trainers. Please consider the conference theme "Evolving Together: Preparing for the Future of Employment Services" when designing your proposal and learning outcomes.</p> <p>Workshops are intended to provide valuable new ideas and new information that delegates can take back to their organizations and use within their work.</p> <p>The following list of topics is not intended to be exhaustive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career development practice tools and techniques • Client assessment and training • Reconciliation and Indigenous training • Employer engagement and job development skills • Proposal writing and contract negotiations • Public policy, advocacy, and public relations • Board training, strategic planning • Leadership skills • SMART practices for operations and program development • Tools to assist agencies in working with client groups such as immigrants, people with disabilities, youth, Indigenous workers, older workers, and multi-barriered clients • Conflict resolution and de-escalation • Self-care strategies and tools

<p>Two Ways to Present</p>	<p>Sessions are 60 minutes or 90 minutes (90 minutes for workshops or sessions with breakout discussions) including questions and answers.</p> <p>Session types are presentation, panel, roundtable discussion, community consultation, and workshops. Some sessions may be limited by the number of participants.</p>
<p>Submission Questions</p>	<p>Below is a list of questions we will ask you about your presentation proposal, which may be helpful to you rather than working directly on the online form.</p>
<p>Submission Deadline</p>	<p>Proposals must be received no later than 11:59 pm PDT, Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Selection will be primarily based on the information provided in your submission.</p>
<p>Compensation</p>	<p>Presenters have no financial compensation; however, those wishing to attend the ASPECT Conference will be provided with complimentary registration. When groups are presenting, only the first 2 presenters will qualify for the complimentary conference registration. Additional presenters can register at the group rate.</p>

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Daoust at pdaoust@aspect.bc.ca.

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Questions from the worksheet for online form found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Presenter-2024>:

1. Title of your presentation (maximum 8 words). If are submitting more than one presentation proposal, please complete separate forms for each presentation.
2. Brief description of the proposed session. *(please keep this to 60 words as it will be used in our conference program should your proposal be accepted)*
3. How would participants benefit from attending your session? *(please limit to 10 words per learning outcome)*
 - Learning Outcome #1
 - Learning Outcome #2
 - Learning Outcome #3
4. Type of session (please check all choices that apply)
 - Presentation
 - Panel
 - Roundtable discussion
 - Community consultation
 - Workshop
 - Other (please specify)
5. How much time do you need for your session including questions and answers from attendees/participants?
 - 60 minutes
 - 90 minutes
 - Not sure
6. Is there a minimum or maximum number of participants for your session?
 - No
 - Yes
 - If yes, please provide number.
7. Who would most benefit from attending your presentation? *(please check all that apply)*
 - CEOs, Executive Directors, and Directors of Employment
 - Facilitators and Case Managers

- Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists
 - Job Developers
 - Job Coaches
 - Vocational Assessors
 - Team Leaders
 - Regional Managers
 - Case Managers
 - Job Search & Employment Advisors
 - Customized Employment Advisors
 - Intake Workers
 - Wage Subsidy Advisors
 - Client Services Managers
 - Employability Skills Facilitators
 - Policy Analysts
 - Labour Market Economists
 - Government employees
 - Other (please specify)
8. Have you previously conducted this or a similar presentation? *(If yes, please provide context and the name of where it was presented.)*
9. Presenter #1
- Name
 - Organisation / Company (if applicable)
 - Job Title
 - Address
 - City/Town
 - State/Province
 - ZIP/Postal Code
 - Country
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
10. Presenter #1
- Biography (to be used in conference program - maximum 35 words)
 - Personal and/or organizational social media @handles
11. Presenter #1 photo
- Please label the photos with the presenter's last name and first name, e.g., Doe Jane. Choose File
 - No file chosen.
12. Presenter #2 *(skip the question if not needed)*
- Name
 - Organisation / Company (if applicable)
 - Job Title
 - Address
 - City/Town
 - State/Province
 - ZIP/Postal Code
 - Country
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
13. Presenter #2 *(skip question if not needed)*
- Personal and/or organizational social media @handles
 - Biography *(to be used in conference program - maximum 35 words)*
14. Presenter #2 photo *(skip question if not needed)*
- Please label the photos with the presenter's last name and first name, e.g., Doe Jane. Choose File
 - No file chosen.

15. We have more than 2 presenters.

- Yes
- No
- If you have more presenters for your session, please add their names and email addresses below. We will follow up with you if your session is chosen to collect further information and confirm conference registration. (skip question if not needed)

16. Publications: If you have a PowerPoint presentation or handouts, will we have permission to publish them on the ASPECT website as part of the conference proceedings?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.