



REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS

Would you like to share your expertise and experience in 'breaking through' at the Environmental Gathering? We are looking for additional presentations and workshop sessions to complete our Gathering Program that will help lead to a new cascade of environmental action!

Sessions should demonstrate, inform or encourage attendees to break through barriers and overcome challenges, see problems in a new light, and create cross-sectoral or community momentum. At the Environmental Gathering we want attendees to learn or build skills to get them where they need to be while being informed, provoked, and engaged. Breaking through is beyond collaboration. It is about mobilizing people to change behaviour and invest in solutions. How can you contribute to that kind of action?

GUIDELINES

- Please submit proposed presentations using the application form by **January 9, 2017** to r.ruff@albertaecotrust.com
- Submit up to two sessions
- Presenters on Friday or Saturday can attend the entire day of their session free of charge. If you want to attend the entire conference as well, we will offer a reduced rate.
- Alberta Ecotrust reserves the right to cancel a session

FRIDAY MORNING SESSIONS - PLENARY

Breakthrough Moments

Following Minister Phillip's opening key note presentation, the first session of the Gathering will feature organizations who achieved breakthroughs in their work over the last year. By breakthrough, we mean an advancement in personal knowledge or organizational capacity to overcome an obstacle and lead to a notable success. Your presentation should inspire attendees with an example of a big environmental win, and you should articulate what change in thinking or opportunity made it possible for you to overcome a barrier and achieve this breakthrough.

Presentation format:

- 20 minute sessions. 10-15 minute high energy presentation, 5 minute Q&A.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS – DEEP DIVE BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

Alberta in Transition

Following lunch on Friday, an expert panel will explore an Alberta 'in transition'. We will take a look at Alberta's future and how social and economic change will impact the environment. Following the panel, 'deep dive' workshops and/or engagement sessions (be creative) will further explore the panel topics. We are looking for additional presentations that expand on one or more of the lenses we can view the environment through. Questions to consider: what are the tools or pathways that will help identify where we are going, how do we collectively get there and what opportunities and breakthroughs are there for the ENGO community?

Transition Lenses:

1. **Economy:** Exploring how changes to Alberta's economy impacts the environment. Potential topics: Green economy, economic diversification, ecological goods and services, carbon pricing.
2. **Social:** Looking at the intersection of the environment and critical social issues like income, employment, health, diversity, and more. Potential topics: Gender and the environment, energy poverty, environmental rights.
3. **Reconciliation:** A discussion about what reconciliation between Indigenous Canadians and the rest of the country means, and how that impacts the environment.
4. **Energy:** Looking at the impact on the environment in Alberta as the world transitions to a low carbon future. Potential topics: Energy transition, community-owned energy, renewables, carbon as an asset, smart grids, energy efficiency.
5. **Education:** Exploring how Alberta's education system can foster environmental stewardship, literacy, and innovation in its youth. Potential topics: Alberta curriculum review, environmental education, energy literacy, indigenisation, social entrepreneurship.
6. **Government:** Creating meaningful engagement, effective policy, trust and transparency in our key institutions. Potential topics: Citizen engagement, policy design, stakeholder consultation, strategic foresight, land use planning, indigenous rights.
7. **Science and Conservation:** An exploration of the methods, tools, and new approaches available to advance scientific knowledge and understanding. Potential topics: Environmental communications, evidence-based decision making, cumulative effects management, citizen science.

Presentation format:

- 50 minute interactive workshop or facilitated discussion

SATURDAY SESSIONS – BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

Saturday will feature a deep dive into the skills, tools, and frameworks for achieving breakthroughs on the environment. We are looking for additional presentations that fit into one or more of our learning categories:

Individual Breakthroughs: Overcoming the personal barriers and obstacles that prevent us from succeeding and performing at our best.

Potential topics: Practicing self-care, ecological grieving, leadership development, succession & mentorship, design thinking, creative practice.

Organizational Breakthroughs: Building resilient, effective, and innovative organizations that achieve positive environmental outcomes. Workshops should focus on the skills and tools organizations need to be effective in our work.

Potential topics: Using data and technology for impact, lean method and prototyping, traditional ecological knowledge, design thinking, adaptive/agile management, grant writing, strategic learning and evaluation.

Sectoral Breakthroughs: The skills and approaches required to work collectively and systemically across organizational, cultural, and sectoral boundaries.

Potential topics: Shared agendas and collective action, movement building, partnership brokering, network weaving and building, leading collaborations, systemic design, social innovation.

Presentation format:

- 60 or 120 minute interactive workshop.