

IT'S ALL ABOUT COMING TOGETHER

ENVIRONMENTAL
GATHERING
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Request for Presentation Guidelines

Ready for an environmental future that enhances well-being for all? Want to find fellow collaborators to work with you on an issue? Excited to share a breakthrough or success story you had in 2018 with a wider community? Keen to communicate an issue that should be on the radar for Albertans? We are looking for sessions and ideas to complete our Environmental Gathering Program that will help facilitate environmental action in Alberta.

Building on the success of the Big Ideas for Alberta's Future shared at the 2018 Environmental Gathering, the 2019 Environmental Gathering will focus on the aspirational United Nations 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) as a lens for environmental work in our province. Alberta Ecotrust is looking for engaging presentations that apply a lens of the SDGs to current and future environmental solutions in Alberta.



The Environmental Gathering is an annual event designed to foster collaboration between environmental nonprofit organizations, Indigenous communities, concerned citizens, industry and government. We recognize that collaboration can be time-intensive and hard work; which is why we do our best to bring a diversity of voices to the Environmental Gathering and turn a large portion of the program over to our delegates.

To see what past programs have looked like, please review the [2018](#), [2017](#), or [2016](#) Environmental Gathering websites.

GUIDELINES

- Please submit proposed presentations using the [RFP Submission Form](#) by **December 17, 2018** to Amy Spark at a.spark@albertaecotruster.com.
- Submit up to two proposals (separate forms for each).
- Presenters are expected to attend **both days** of the Gathering (April 4 and 5, 2019), paying the cost of a one-day ticket (\$125). Presenters can attend the entire day of their session free of charge. If cost is a barrier for you attending, please contact Amy Spark at a.spark@albertaecotruster.com.
- Alberta Ecotrust reserves the right to cancel a session.

FORMAT

The Environmental Gathering is always a balance of time spent in plenary with all delegates (panels, Keynote presentations, forums, etc.) and an opportunity for members of our community to share their work in breakout rooms.

On your proposal, please indicate whether your presentation is for the 1 hour breakout sessions, or 15 minute plenary session.

Breakout Sessions

Throughout the Gathering, there will be 18 peer-led one hour workshops (twelve on April 4 and six on April 5). These sessions should be hands-on, engaging, and interactive. We encourage creative and experiential workshops such as games, discussion groups, art projects, etc. These spaces give our delegates the opportunity

to learn about specific environmental issues, what's being done about it, and how they can contribute.

In 2018, we heard from our delegates that they appreciated the opportunity to hear from each speaker before heading to the breakout rooms. As part of your proposal, we will ask you to indicate whether you are willing to speak for 3-5 minutes in front of the plenary before your session. This allows all delegates to hear about your work and ideas, as well as make a more informed decision about where they want to spend their breakout time.

You will be asked to indicate which SDGs your session references in your proposal.

Plenary Sessions

Four speaking spots are available to close the Gathering on Friday afternoon (April 5). These sessions are designed to give delegates tangible examples of a project, success story, or initiative that creatively makes the connection between the SDGs and environmental work in Alberta.

What has your organization done to incorporate the SDGs into your work? What have the outcomes been? What “unusual allies” have you connected with throughout the process? What advice would you give to individuals and groups trying to incorporate the SDGs into their work?

Each session will be 15 minutes, followed by a 5 minute question period.