

2023 Provincial Conference

**We Raise Each Other Up:
ECEs building leadership and learning communities of joy, curiosity
and hope**

April 27 - 29, 2023

Call for Proposals Submissions due: Monday, January 9, 2023

We, the Association of Early Childhood Educators Ontario (AECEO) and the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) are very excited to invite all members of the early years community to submit proposals to present at our 2023 Provincial Conference. In an attempt to step away from a traditional academic gathering, we especially welcome and encourage submissions from early years professionals who haven't traditionally seen themselves as conference presenters. The conference will be held online, and all presentations will be on April 29, 2023.

The theme of our 2023 Provincial Conference is ***We Raise Each Other Up: ECEs building leadership and learning communities of joy, curiosity and hope***. In this conference, we strive to reaffirm and reclaim our roles as educators, learn from each other, and center the voices of educators through knowledge sharing and learning. ECEs will build leadership and learning communities to create spaces that celebrate educator **joy, curiosity**, and focus on finding **hope** in the strength of each other and our work. It will be an opportunity to share and learn from each other's stories, learn through connection and collaboration, raise each other up, and support each other in exploring ways to re-think, unlearn, and disrupt the status-quo.

The conference aims to enable early years professionals to:

- a. explore, present and exchange their knowledges, experiences, ideas and aspirations;

- b. foster an emerging community with other early years professionals concerned with social justice issues;
- c. take the impassioned early years community and provide the tools to imagine and transform the sector into an active space of resistance to structures of oppression; and
- d. to create a space where “We Raise Each Other Up” through centering the voices and stories of early years professionals.

We know we need our community partners to help create a sector that everyone can thrive in - all are welcome to attend the conference.

If you are interested in learning more about presenting at the conference, you are invited to attend an Information Session.

[Click here to register for the Thur, Dec 1, 2022, 7.30pm est Session](#)

[Click here to register for the Tue, Dec 13, 2022, 7.30pm est Session](#)

We are truly excited to welcome you at the conference!

Proposal Submission Guidelines

The conference will provide a space for presentations, workshops, panel discussions, artistic performances, and/or creative projects. Holistic presentations are also welcome, because ECEs sometimes know a little bit of everything. You may submit a proposal for any of the following formats: presentation, workshop, panel, salon, and gallery. Please see format descriptions below for more information.

It is our goal to keep our professional learning accessible for both attendees and presenters. Honorariums are available to support presenters who may benefit from financial aid to be able to present at the conference. More information on honorariums will be communicated after acceptance.

We encourage submissions from all early years professionals. Remember the conference will strive to be a safe space for sharing, so please consider being a presenter.

i. Formal Presentation submission: An individual presentation with one to four co-presenters. Presentations will be approximately 50-minutes in length, followed by a 25-minute discussion/question period.

ii. Workshop submission: A workshop is a session that has more “doing” rather than “listening” compared to a formal presentation. The key difference between a workshop and a presentation is the hands-on element. In addition to discussions, workshops may involve group exercises, activities, and the practical applications of concepts learned. Presenters will facilitate a 75-minute workshop, inviting attendees to practice their skills or learn new ones. The facilitator(s) will facilitate the participation in their workshop.

iii. Themed Panel submission: A panel submission is a self-organized group of three to four presenters under a common theme. Panels will be approximately 50 minutes in length, followed by a 25 minute discussion/question period. A presenter will moderate the panel.

iv. Salon submission: A salon is held by an inspiring host(s), where people are invited to gather together to think, converse and share ideas around a particular topic. Salons are a place for exchanging ideas, receiving and giving feedback, and sharing intellectual, interdisciplinary work. Presenters will host a 75 minute salon, inviting attendees to engage in conversation and discussion around a guiding topic, subject, or questions. As the emphasis is on interaction and collaboration, there will be no formal presentation, but the host may choose to display brief information via PowerPoint or similar to initiate and guide the discussion. The host(s) will facilitate the participation and discussion in their salon room.

v. Gallery submission: We invite digital, poster and/or creative submissions (artworks, videos, multimedia, etc.) exploring the conference theme. These works will be curated into a digital gallery. The digital gallery permits presenters to include accompanying videos, sounds, texts, and narrations. Conference participants can engage with your work virtually, offering comments, questions, and feedback throughout the 3-day conference. Presenters will respond to participants asynchronously. Please indicate the format of your work: digital, poster, canvas, etc.

The Call for Proposals is on the AECEO website. **The deadline for all submissions is January 9, 2023.** Proposals can only be submitted to the [online portal](https://forms.gle/2fyjEavcWFuhohcP6) through <https://forms.gle/2fyjEavcWFuhohcP6>. Submissions will be anonymized by AECEO Professional Learning Coordinator, Safra Najeemudeen, and provided to the Conference Committee for blind review. Proposals will be reviewed and selected based on creativity of approach and responsivity to the conference theme. You will be notified of the outcome of your proposal for presentations no later than March 1, 2023.

Name and professional title of presenter(s):
E-mail address of presenter(s):
Short bios (maximum 2-3 sentences per presenter):
The conference committee wants to ensure that there is a space for all voices and a variety of identities are represented. If presenter(s) are comfortable, please share how you self-identify, considering your race, ethnicity, gender, etc.:
The conference committee wants to engage and build leadership throughout the province. Please share the city and province of presenter(s):
Working title of submission:
Session format: <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Themed Panel <input type="checkbox"/> Salon <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery
Brief description of session (maximum of 250 words).

Some things to consider when writing your description: Relevance of session to the conference theme, how this topic impacts you, what attendees will learn from your session.

Please add any other comments:

I understand the conference as a whole will be recorded, and resources from sessions may be shared with members on the AECEO Professional Learning hub. Presenters will remain owners of their intellectual work, and it will not be used for other purposes by the AECEO. Please contact snajeemudeen@aeceo.ca if you have any questions.

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If you have any questions/concerns or require further information, please contact AECEO Professional Learning Coordinator, Safra Najeemudeen: snajeemudeen@aeceo.ca