



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2025 HEDR CONFERENCE



HALTON EQUITY & DIVERSITY
ROUNDTABLE



Community
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Halton



Our Kids Network



Thank you for your interest in being a presenter at the 2025 HEDR EDI Conference.

The HEDR EDI Leadership Conference brings together industry leaders in driving thought-provoking and inspirational discussions on the theme of "Building, Sustaining, and Valuing Diversity in Halton Region"

As you prepare to share your work and motivation for bringing your peers together, please note HEDR's philosophy on how we educate, share knowledge, and inspire attendees at the 2025 EDI Conference. We encourage you to design creative, interactive, and informative sessions. We seek solution-focused content encouraging participants to problem-solve and find practical applications to EDI issues. Consider these interactive session ideas as you prepare to submit your presentation, session/forum, or workshop for the 2025 EDI Conference:

1. Host a "Talk Show"
2. Facilitate a Debate
3. Audience-Infused Panel Discussions with Polling Tools

There are three types of abstracts you can submit, including a session, forum, and workshops.



SESSION

A 90-minute session concept delivered lecture-style from the podium.



FORUM

A 90-minute concept designed for panel interaction and attendee engagement.



WORKSHOP

A 90-minute workshop delivered in an interactive/simulation or roleplaying format. A limited number of workshops will be selected as "solution rooms," providing a neutral forum for open discussion, focusing on specific topics relevant to EDI. Workshops encourage debate, sharing of diverse viewpoints, and delving into new ideas and solutions.

THEME & STREAMS

We are excited to invite submissions for presentations on the theme of Belonging. In an increasingly diverse and interconnected world, creating environments where all individuals feel valued, respected, and included is more important than ever. We are seeking presentations that explore the concept of belonging from a variety of perspectives—whether through organizational practices, community-building efforts, educational approaches, or personal experiences.

Submissions should aim to inspire thought, action, and dialogue around the ways in which belonging impacts individuals, groups, and society as a whole. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- The role of inclusion in fostering a sense of belonging in different environments
- Strategies for promoting equity and diversity through belonging
- Personal stories and reflections on the experience of belonging
- The impact of belonging on mental health and well-being
- Practical approaches to creating inclusive spaces that prioritize belonging

We welcome submissions from individuals, organizations, and communities working to deepen the understanding of belonging and its role in creating positive change. If you have an innovative idea, research, or practice related to this theme, we encourage you to submit your abstract and contribute to an engaging and transformative event.

Abstract Submission Requirements

Please read the following instructions carefully; **incorrect or incomplete abstracts will not be considered.**

1. All abstracts must be **submitted online**. The deadline for abstract submissions is **February 3, 2025, 11:59 PM ET**. This deadline will not be extended.
2. Submitted abstracts must not overtly endorse or recommend a specific product or service.
3. Proposed abstract title must reflect the abstract content accurately and concisely.
4. Co-presenters are allowed.

Notification Date

Submitters will be notified of the status of each abstract by the end of March. Please note that HEDR has the right to request authors to revise abstracts.

Contact Us

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