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Generations United's 2021 Virtual Global Intergenerational Conference

The week of June 14-18, 2021 | On-line

Call for Sessions: Session Guidelines and Instructions

You must use the [on-line form](https://generationsunited.wufoo.com/forms/session-submission-form-2021-virtual-conference/) to submit your proposal by January 31, 2021

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Now in its 21st year, Generations United's Biennial Global Intergenerational Conference will be very different in 2021. The conference will be held virtually but will still convene intergenerational professionals, educators, caregivers, advocates, and enthusiasts from around the world to learn, connect, and share innovative practices and programs in the intergenerational field.

2020 has been a year like no other. The pandemic has both severely hindered intergenerational connections and opened new opportunities for intergenerational engagement. It has placed unprecedented additional strain on families where grandparents and other relatives are raising children. The conference will reflect these realities while also exploring the role of intergenerational practices in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. We can come together in 2021 to rebuild and redefine our communities and our field.

The 2021 virtual conference will feature information on cutting-edge intergenerational research, policies, and practices. We seek proposals for educational sessions that will enhance the intergenerational field's capacity for developing practices, programs, and policies that benefit individuals of all ages, strengthen families, and build more cohesive and caring communities throughout the world.

The Conference Planning Committee seeks proposals that are relevant, informative, creative and represent the great diversity in the intergenerational field. All sessions should use interactive approaches for all types of learners and stimulate and encourage discussion. We are looking for sessions that address different levels of experience with intergenerational work (beginners through experts) and showcase practices that support diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Please review the categories and evaluate where your innovative proposal fits within the following three topic areas:

- **Intergenerational Engagement** - Intergenerational engagement includes programs, policies, and practices that increase cooperation, interaction and exchange between people of different generations, allowing them to share their talents and resources, and support each other in relationships that benefit both the individuals and their community. Proposals in this category should focus on the many aspects of connecting younger and older generations.
- **Grandfamilies, Kinship Care, and Multigenerational Families** - Grandfamilies or kinship families are families in which children reside with and are being raised by grandparents, other extended family members, and adults with whom they have a close family-like relationship such as

godparents and close family friends. Multigenerational families include families where three or more generations are living together. Proposals in this category should focus on supporting and engaging these families.

- **Intergenerational Shared Sites** - Intergenerational shared sites are settings where children, youth and older adults participate in services and/or programs concurrently at the same site or on the same campus. Proposals in this category should focus on this specific type of intergenerational setting.

Type of Sessions:

The 2021 Virtual Global Intergenerational Conference offers four different types of education sessions. You can opt to deliver your presentation in one of the following ways:

1. **Workshop** (45 minutes): Workshop sessions feature education content that examines new program models, promising practices, or applied research on issues in intergenerational research, policies and practices. Following the 45-minute educational session, the meeting will stay open for 15 minutes for networking and additional questions. We request that all presenters stay for the full 60 minutes. These sessions must include a minimum of 2 presenters and include interactive elements.
2. **Speed Session** (15 minutes): Speed sessions feature educational content that briefly shares program examples, research findings, or program development tools and resources. Speed sessions can include one or more presenters.
3. **Program & Research Showcase**: The showcase includes visual representations (either graphic, audio, or video) of programs, projects, or research that will be featured during the conference. Instructions, including a template for the showcase will be available in March 2021.
4. **Peer Group Hosts**: The 2021 virtual conference will include many opportunities for peer networking. Peer groups are 45-minute informal, facilitated discussions on intergenerational topics. They allow participants an opportunity to network with peers who either share a community of practice or are brought together by a common interest in specific issues, populations, or geography. These sessions are informal in nature and designed to facilitate networking and community and do not require a full proposal. Please contact conference@gu.org if you are interested or willing to host a peer networking session.

Session Technology:

We plan for all sessions (except for the Research and Program Showcase) to be conducted live via Zoom. Please contact us at conference@gu.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Submission Deadline:

The deadline for submission is January 31, 2021. Eligible proposals must include ALL requested information. Late submissions will not be accepted. All submissions must be completed [online](#).

Submission Evaluation

All education session proposals are reviewed by the Conference Program Committee. Sessions are assessed using the following criteria:

- **Originality**: At the Generations United Conference it is essential that we continue to present unique and exciting programs that reflect our dynamic community.
- **Relevance**: Generations United seeks sessions that are of great interest to prospective attendees and clearly benefit the professional needs of the designated audience.
- **Overall Quality**: Generations United is dedicated to ensuring that the learning programs at its Conference meet the highest standards of excellence.

- **Intergenerational Participation:** Generations United is dedicated to including the voices of younger and older generations in its conference.
- **Interactivity:** Generations United looks for sessions that are interactive and engaging.

Status Notification:

We will begin notifying presenters in **March 2021**. The lead presenter/key contact will be responsible for notifying all co-presenters. Please hold the week of June 14-18, 2021 until you are notified of your proposal status. We cannot guarantee requests for specific days or times for your presentation but acknowledge that as a Global Conference, presenters will be joining virtually from all over the world. We will do our best to accommodate presenters outside of the continental United States. Conference organizers occasionally combine workshops with complementary topics. You will be notified in advance if this occurs.

Submission Requirements:

Submissions **MUST** include the following information:

- Contact information for all presenters involved in the proposed session
- Short bio for each presenter (no more than 125 words)
- Session title (no more than 15 words)
- 3 Session objectives
- Session description (no more than 125 words)
- Session learning methods (select all that apply)

The maximum number of proposal submissions for an individual is two. We encourage you to review the copy of the submission form at the end of this document prior to submitting online. **All submissions must be completed [online](#).**

Lead Presenter/Key Contact Responsibilities

1. Provide complete information for all presenters per educational session.
2. Hold the week of June 14-18, 2021 until notified of proposal status.
3. Communicate the accept/decline status of the proposal to all presenters.
4. Contact each presenter to confirm participation and registration for the Conference.
5. Communicate any changes to the proposal to Generations United.
6. Register and pay for the Conference (required of all presenters).
7. Do not use sessions to sell products and/or services.
8. Present on what you have proposed in this Call for Sessions.

Presenter Responsibilities

1. Provide complete contact information and short bio to lead presenter/key contact.
2. Hold the week of June 14-18, 2021 until notified of proposal status.
3. Register and pay for the Conference (required of all presenters).
4. Do not use sessions to sell products and/or services.
5. Present on what you have proposed for this Call for Sessions.



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Call for Sessions - Submission Form Template

All sessions must be submitted online by January 31, 2021. Incomplete or late submissions or submission in any other format will not be accepted.

You can access the online form by [clicking here](#) or visiting

<https://generationsunited.wufoo.com/forms/session-submission-form-2021-virtual-conference/>

Please use this template (which includes all the information needed to complete the on-line form) to prepare your submission. All fields denoted with an asterisk are required and must be completed to submit your proposal.

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Presentation Format (choose one):*

- Workshop
- Speed Session
- Program and Research Showcase

Will you accept an alternative format?* YES/NO

Will you combine your session with another presenter on a comparable topic if necessary?* YES/NO

PRESENTATION TITLE (maximum 15 words)

The title will appear in the Conference program. Please be concise, descriptive, and creative. Conference organizers reserve the right to modify descriptions for publication purposes.

Title:*

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

List three learning objectives for your education session. What are the goals of your session? What will participants be able to do after participating in your session? Use descriptive verbs.

Objective 1:*

Objective 2:*

Objective 3:*

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION (Maximum 150 words)

This description will appear in the Conference program. Please be concise, descriptive, and creative. Conference organizers reserve the right to modify descriptions for publication purposes.

Description:*

OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Maximum 250 words) - OPTIONAL

Please share any additional background information on your session.

Other Information:

PRESENTATION LEARNING METHODS

Select all that apply:*

- Slideshow
- Visuals
- Video
- Case Studies
- Group Discussion
- Panel Discussion
- Demonstration
- Activity
- Small Group Breakouts
- Polls
- Chat
- Question & Answer (Q&A)
- Other Methods (please specify):

PRESENTATION FOCUS AREA

Please check ONE focus area in which your presentation proposal should be considered.*

- Intergenerational Engagement
- Grandfamilies & Kinship Care
- Intergenerational Shared Sites

LEAD PRESENTER/KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide current contact information for the person who is the lead presenter/key contact.

First Name:*

Last Name:*

Title:*

Agency/Organization:*

Address:*

City:*

State:*

Zip:*

Country*

Phone:*

Email:*

Website:

Short Bio (2-3 sentences, 125 words max): Please do not send full biography or resume.

- Is this person a presenter in the session?*
- I have read and agree to the lead presenter/key contact responsibilities.*

PRESENTER INFORMATION

In this section you will provide current contact information for all proposed presenters. *Please note that workshop proposals require a minimum of two presenters.* Repeat for additional presenters.

Presenter 1

First Name:*

Last Name:*

Title:*

Agency/Organization:*

Address:*

City:

State:

Zip:

Country:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Short Bio (2-3 sentences, 125 words max): Please do not send full biography or resume.