



Call for Proposals

BCNPHA 18th Annual Conference - November 22, 23 and 24, 2010 ***Advancing Housing Solutions – The Non-Profit Way*** **Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond BC**

For the past 17 years, BC Non-Profit Housing Association has hosted the largest non-profit housing conference in Western Canada. The Association continuously strives to develop a program that addresses the educational needs and interests of the BCNPHA membership, as well as individuals, businesses and other organizations with an interest in the non-profit housing sector.

Our conference typically draws delegates from a wide range of housing societies and organizations – small, large, urban and rural. The audience consists of (and is not limited to): board members; administrators, executive staff, front-line and support staff and volunteers. Some are new to their positions, and some have been involved in non-profit housing for many years. In an effort to continue to meet and enhance our primary goal of serving BCNPHA's members, we are also interested in attracting housing researchers, students, and policy-makers who add further value to our mandate.

In order to deliver high-quality sessions that meet the needs of our diverse audience, we are inviting interested participants to submit proposals for various presentations in the following formats: Presentations, Workshops, Forums and Panel Discussions (definitions of each format are listed on the Conference Session Proposal Template).

Presentation themes, which describe BCNPHA's strategic priority areas, are outlined on the following page. We have included sample topics for your reference. We welcome submissions on these or any other suggested topics within the parameters of the themes.

We invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in our 2010 Conference, influence the educational curriculum offered to attendees, present new and relevant housing research, and address the latest challenges, practices and trends in the non-profit housing sector.

How to submit a proposal:

Complete the attached Conference Session Proposal Template and send to Kate Nielsen, Education Program Coordinator.

Submission deadline:

Deadline for proposals is **March 15, 2010**.

Questions?

Call Kate Nielsen at 604-291-2600 ext. 224 or 1-800-494-8859 ext. 224 or email kate@bcnpha.ca.

Successful applicants will be contacted by April 15, 2010. BCNPHA thanks you for your interest.

Presentation Themes

Note: Potential topics outlined below are not exclusive, and we welcome submissions on these or any other suggested topics within the parameters of the themes.

Themes	Potential Topics
<i>Housing & Conceptual Change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Re-defining the continuum of affordable housing ○ Innovative strategies for sector sustainability ○ Change management theory and applications
<i>Growing Sectoral Capacity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management & leadership training ○ Non-profit organizational issues ○ Board & staff development ○ Housing operations (e.g. maintenance, budgeting, health & safety issues) ○ Policy & legislation
<i>Strategies for New & Redevelopment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creative approaches to (re)development (e.g. densification strategies) ○ Tenant participation methods ○ Strategic and multi-sectoral partnerships
<i>Impacts of Affordable Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Affordable housing as community development ○ Housing and employment ○ The social and economic value of affordable housing ○ The social and economic cost of homelessness
<i>Green & Sustainable Housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green building practices & resources ○ Smart Growth strategies ○ Energy efficiency techniques
<i>Housing & Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental health issues and service provision ○ Building healthy homes ○ Innovative partnerships with health service providers ○ Smoke-free housing options ○ Housing and child development
<i>Housing & Human Rights</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seniors issues ○ Housing for new immigrants ○ Housing needs for women fleeing violent relationships ○ Aboriginal housing ○ Families living in poverty