



***This is Long Term Care 2019* Conference: Transforming Aging Together Call for Content - Instructions for Applicants**

Background

Taking place September 17-19, 2019, the Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) in partnership with the Global Ageing Network are hosting the premier international event for professionals and consumers of long-term care and aging services. *Transforming Aging Together* will build on Ontario Long Term Care Association's Fall conference, *This is Long Term Care*, and the Global Ageing Network's Biennial international conference, to profile emerging research and innovation and successful quality initiatives in a unique forum dedicated to shared learning and professional networking.

We are seeking sessions that will deliver big ideas, new models, novel technologies, emerging trends, and revolutionary processes that demonstrate compelling leadership for aged care practice and operations. Conference delegates should expect to participate in interactive sessions, and gain both inspirational ideas and practical tools, as well as forge new partnerships, both locally and abroad.

Our delegates consist of aged care leaders and professionals, owners and operators, board members, researchers, aging care innovators, business providers, policy makers, frontline care providers (nurses, physicians, personal support workers, food service workers, activation, and rehabilitation professionals), long-term care residents, and family caregivers.

Who Can Apply?

While all colleagues are invited to apply, we particularly encourage OLTCA member homes, Canadian Alliance for Long Term Care (CALTC) members, Global Ageing Network members and staff, thought-leaders, researchers, and innovators and business providers to submit abstracts for our 2019 conference. Proposals are welcome in a variety of submissions formats that facilitate the sharing of innovation, research, and quality outcomes.

Successful applicants are required to:

1. Register for the conference by Friday, May 31, 2019 and pay applicable registration fees.
2. Agree to be profiled in selected OLTCA, Global Ageing Network and conference promotional material.

****This call is specifically for sessions to be delivered in English.**

Session Themes

This year's conference theme, *Transforming Aging Together*, builds on *This is Long Term Care*'s legacy of advancing quality, research, and innovation in the seniors care space, and elevates it to the next level through the Global Ageing Network's vast membership and international focus on aging care. In particular, this year, applicants are asked to submit innovative ideas, research, projects or programs that address the following thematic areas:

- Dementia – Thought leadership and new care and programs for dementia clients
- Emergency preparedness – Disaster or emergency operations and management excellence
- Health human resources – Workforce, leadership development, culture change and staff engagement solutions in action
- Health system optimization – Leveraging technology and data to improve outcomes and gain efficiencies
- Novel models of care and/or services – Bringing *Long Term Care Plus* to life: A showcase of innovative models from across the globe
- Physical spaces – Designing for the future, physical spaces for the next generation of clients
- Quality improvement – Incremental innovation success stories
- Quality of life – Initiatives that focus on wellness, that could include a focus on physical, social, emotional/psychological, intellectual, and/or spiritual well-being
- Technology – Gadgets and gizmos, the latest technologies and products that are shifting our industry
- Transforming data to intelligence – Decision support tools, artificial intelligence and beyond!

Session Formats

This year, applicants can apply to present in three different formats as described below.

- 1. Workshop** – A one-hour concurrent session, dedicated to a single content area and project. Presenters should provide a hands-on interactive learning experience and a deep dive into relevant content. The workshop design (i.e. activities) chosen should tie directly to the proposed learning objectives.

Applications that demonstrate content that enables scale and spread of ideas will be rated more favorably.

- 2. Oral Presentation** – A concurrent session showcasing a diverse set of perspectives from an international panel. Each panelist will be allocated 10 minutes for their formal presentation, followed by a moderated discussion and questions taken from the audience. Presenters must demonstrate high quality and methodology and are encouraged to highlight outcomes and results.

- 3. Poster Session** – Posters will be displayed in the exhibit hall. Dedicated program time will be assigned to promote poster networking. Presenters will have an opportunity to showcase innovation and excellence in care and/or operations.

Evaluation Criteria

- **Relevance and Potential Impact.** The proposed presentation addresses one or more of the conference themes or another key issue relevant to delegates. There is potential for the program, initiative or research to improve quality, efficiency, or outcomes for residents/clients and/or professionals/operators.
- **Originality.** The topic, initiative or program is innovative and/or represents a diverse perspective.
- **Quality and Methodology** Application must be clear, demonstrate knowledge level of speakers, and convince reviewers that appropriate methodology and evaluation approaches were utilized to assess impact or results.
- **Scalability.** (Workshops Only) – The presentation includes implementation resources and tools that promote the practical spread and scale of the project, innovation or research.

Content will be selected based on submissions that excel in the outlined evaluation criteria and align with conference themes. The conference program will also include pre-selected presentations invited by the program committee.

Key Dates

- Call for Content close date is **Friday, September 14, 2018, at 12:00 pm ET.**
- Applicants will be notified of the decision by **Friday, October 19, 2018.**
(Date subject to change, pending application close extension)
- Conference registration opens **Thursday, November 1, 2018.**
- All selected presenters must be registered as a conference delegate, exhibitor or sponsor by **Friday, May 31, 2019.**

- *This is Long Term Care* 2019 conference will take place **Tuesday, September 17 – Thursday, September 19, 2019.**