

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2016  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Social Work Activism, Advocacy, & Agency: A Conference of Indigenous Knowledge and Action

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: APRIL 30, 2016 4:30 PM

*(Selected presenters will be notified by May 31, 2016)*

Across the nation, inquiries and reports regarding the systematic inequities of Indigenous peoples continue to pile up. In spite of the alarming findings across multiple fields – health, justice, child welfare, education, and policing – many Canadians remain complacent, largely leaving Indigenous peoples to contend with these issues. This conference provides a forum for Indigenous voices to highlight and share the resistance and resurgence efforts we are engaging in on a daily basis, as well as examine the responsibility social workers ought to assume in advocacy and in ensuring concerted and meaningful action across disciplines. While there is much work to be done in many ways, decolonizing action can be achieved and these actions should include the use of traditional Indigenous knowledges and healing practices.

### CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The National Indigenous Social Work Conference Planning Committee is inviting abstracts related to the conference theme. Academic, practice and community-based innovations, as well as student and youth presentations are welcome. Presentation lengths of 30 minutes, one hour, and 1.5 hours (longer time slots would include multiple presenters on a similar topic).

### PRESENTATION FORMATS

Workshops	Dance	Digital or Photo Media	Circle Talks
Oral presentations	Theatre	Community-based Innovations	Art Installations
Panel Presentations	Storytelling	Innovative practices	
Poster presentations	Academic research	Program Evaluation	

*“Complacency is a far more dangerous attitude than outrage.”*

– Naomi Littlebear

## TOPICS OF INTEREST – FIVE MAIN THEMES

### 1. Response to Reports

- Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- United Nations Draft on Indigenous Peoples
- Human Rights Watch
- Amnesty International
- Hughes Report, 2014 (child welfare)\*
- Preston Report, 2015 (health)\*

\*To demonstrate respect for the individual and families at the center of these reports, please use the authoring judge when referring to reports rather than individuals' names.

### 2. Challenging Policies/Government/NGO's

### 3. Activism/Action/Mobilization

*"Decolonization is not a metaphor" – Tuck and Wang, 2012*

- Decolonization as action
- Anti-colonial practices

### 4. Healing and Practice

- Linking traditional healing and decolonization

### 5. Addressing specific practice areas

- Child Welfare
- Health
- Policing
- Justice
- Education

## SPECIAL EDITION OF JOURNAL OF INDIGENOUS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Presenters have the option to submit an article for a special edition of the Journal of Indigenous Social Development. Please note that the paper must be written and submitted no later than **October 15, 2016** in order to be considered for inclusion in the special edition.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Presentations proposals will be accepted in English. Paper abstracts and author biographies should be sent as an attachment to the following email address: [Amanda.Burton@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Amanda.Burton@umanitoba.ca).

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, include full name, affiliation, a brief biography, email address, single-spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font.

*Any questions regarding the conference or abstract submission can be directed to:*

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- CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGES AND SOCIAL WORK
- FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA