



Annual Conference
October 16-18, 2023
Baddeck, Nova Scotia

Call for Presenters

The Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM) is issuing a Call for Presenters for this year's Conference that will be held October 16-18, 2023.

This year's theme is: **Museum Care: Care of Self, Care of Team, Care of Community**

Museum conferences regularly focus on care of collections, care of facilities, and care for exhibits. This year, it is time to care for the museum people who make it all happen.

"Museum Care" is a necessity to ensure a healthy heritage sector. How is your work providing care and support for employees, the heritage sector, and your communities? We want to hear about your projects and initiatives! Some topics to consider include:

- **Care of Self:** how do you take care of yourselves – physically, mentally, and professionally? How can you feed your passion for museums while protecting yourself from burnout?
- **Care of Team:** how do we take care of each other – our peers, volunteers, emerging professionals, mid-career, and seasoned professionals? How is the workforce changing and what tools can be used to create positive work environments for all stages of our careers?
- **Care of Community:** how do museums take care of our communities, especially in challenging times? What community-led services can we offer that strengthens our role of service, and as a result, strengthens our communities' support of museums?

The ANSM Conference Content Committee is looking for a variety of proposals and are open to any and all ideas for sessions, including:

- Presentations – Present a problem your museum faced, how you solved it, and what tools other museums could use when faced with a similar problem;
- Tea Talks (Panels) – Join a panel to discuss how different museums are dealing with a similar challenge, i.e. work-life balance, working with students, succession planning;
- Workshops – Get people doing something, be it physical movement, worksheets, or a small group discussion;
- Other – All ideas welcome!

All sessions will be delivered in-person. Sessions will be 50 minutes long. Applicants at any stage of their career are encouraged to apply.

How to apply:

Please submit your application as a Word or Google Docs. Include:

- Session Title
- One Sentence Description of your Session
- Expanded Description of your session (50-250 words)
- Session logistics (length, room set-up, AV requirements)
- How this session relates to self-care, team care, and/or community care
- How the session will incorporate EDIA (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility)
- Presenter Contact Information (name, organization, email, phone number)
- Other details.

Please send your submission to: conference@ansm.ns.ca

Deadline: 10:00 am, Wednesday, July 12th

Note: Conference presenters will be given a 25% reduced early-bird registration rate for the conference. ANSM cannot support travel costs for presenters.