

# Call for Proposals

## Inclusion Day CONFERENCE 2016

### THEME

#### Human Rights & the University Progressive? Constrained? Connected?

### DESCRIPTION

*Academic institutions have long been sites of advancement, progression and social change. Historically, universities have been sites for the emergence of many rights movements throughout North America, from the organizing of protests to the critical production of academic literature on social justice issues. But where are universities now? Have the reputation of universities shifted from sites of change to sites of oppression?*

For Inclusion Day 2016, we invite individuals to submit proposals which engage in this debate. What is the current relationship between human rights and universities? Are universities serving as progressive engines in the area of social justice? Or are universities a constraint in the fight for human rights? Are universities as connected with communities as they should be to drive social change? Can universities apply academic and administrative knowledge towards social justice?

We welcome submissions from **Faculty, Administration, and Students**. We invite you to submit proposals that focus on but are not limited to:

- Indigenous Knowledge
- Intersectional Identities
- Race & Racialization
- Gender Expression/Expectations/Performance
- (dis)Abilities
- Business, Science & Human Rights
- Sexual Violence
- Employment Equity
- Religion/Spirituality
- Knowledge Production and Pedagogy
- Immigration/Refugee Issues
- Community Leadership & Mobilization
- Sexual Orientation
- Social Media & Human Rights
- Human Rights & Pop Culture
- University Policies & Procedures

Presenters may submit proposals for a 75-minute session in one of the following formats:

- Roundtable discussion
- Do-It-Yourself (DIY) workshop
- Individual or panel presentation
- Interactive workshop
- Dialogue
- Artistic/Creative presentation & discussion

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Proposals must be submitted no later than **Friday, November 6, 2015** by online submission:

<http://www.yorku.ca/rights/forms/view.php?id=24>

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