

Heritage BC



Heritage BC & ArtsBC 2016 Conference **Call for Proposals – Workshops and Presentations**

“PlaceMaking: Where Arts and Heritage Collide”
May 5-7, 2016 Granville Island, Vancouver, BC

Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2016

Two provincial organizations, one giant conference, all taking place on Vancouver’s Granville Island. Granville Island’s unique industrial history and successful transformation into a vibrant arts community and tourist attraction make it an inspirational setting for this collaborative conference.

This year, from May 5-7, 2016, Heritage BC (www.heritagebc.ca) and ArtsBC (www.artsbc.org) are partnering to host an exciting and innovative conference that will explore the role of the arts and heritage in forming and sustaining ‘places’.

Places are geographic spaces that are defined by the meanings, sentiments, stories, and shifting articulations that exist around them; by nature they are dynamic and contested. Life is lived in spaces and experienced through place. One of the roles of arts and heritage is to bring meaning and value to those places by capitalizing on a community’s assets, inspiration, and potential. Placemaking explores leveraging community spaces to create inspirational public places.

This conference is a great opportunity to join ArtsBC’s diverse membership of galleries, theatre and dance companies, local governments and other arts service organizations, and individual artists together with members and supporters of Heritage BC, including architects, heritage commissions and societies, museum professionals, planners, archivists, consultants, government employees, First Nations organizations, tourism professionals, educators, students, politicians, realtors, heritage enthusiasts and advocates, for three days of interactive and hands on workshops, keynote speakers, tours, special events, member reports, and networking opportunities.

Proposals for sessions that will be eligible for professional development credits from the Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) and the Planning Institute of BC (PIBC) are strongly encouraged.

ArtsBC and Heritage BC are inviting proposals that explore the range of intersections between the arts and heritage. Conference themes include:

Building Places for the Arts and Heritage

Proposals could include topics such as:

- Cultural Landscapes
- Industrial Heritage and Design
- Adaptive Reuse

Contesting and Caring for Places

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Proposals could include topics such as:

- Community Engagement Strategies
- Interpretation of Place through Arts and Heritage
- Arts, Heritage and Places influence on Health and Social Well-being
- First Nations Heritage, Arts, and Culture

New Frontiers and Collisions

Proposals could include topics such as:

- Heritage and Cultural Tourism
- Technology in Heritage, Arts, and Places
- Sustainability: Cultural, /Social, Economic, and Environmental
- Imagined Places, Imagined Pasts

Organizational Capacity and Partnership Building

Proposals could include topics such as:

- Creating a Community Heritage Register and Writing SOS
- Fundraising and the Funding Dilemma
- Developing Municipal Heritage Policies
- Communications, Promotions, and Social Media
- Not for Profit Board Development
- Changes to the Societies Act and Impact for Not for Profits
- Collaboration and Partnership Building across Arts, Culture, and Heritage
- Advocacy and Awareness Raising

Presentation Formats:

Traditional Presentation (15-30 minutes) – These presentations will use research results and case studies that offer principles and real solutions that others can apply in their communities.

Conference Session or Roundtable (90 minutes) - Propose an entire conference session, including a session moderator and 2 to 4 presenters on a single theme or topic.

Workshop (90 minutes) - Propose a hands-on and interactive workshop that will provide concrete learning opportunities for participants on a single theme or topic.

Please include with your submission:

- Title of presentation/session proposed, format, and 300 words (approx.) summary
- How your proposal aligns with the conference theme(s)
- Author/authors' name, contact information, and brief bio, including prior speaking engagements if applicable

Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be made in early March 2016. Presenters will receive discounted registration rate for the conference and are eligible for travel bursaries.

To submit your proposals or for more information contact: info@heritagebc.ca