

Celebrating Personhood

Call for Presentation Proposals - 30th Provincial Conference

October 21-22, 2019 at the Hilton Doubletree, Dartmouth NS



Individuals living with dementia are people first. The Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia strives to shift the culture of care and support from a medical model to a relationship approach – focusing on the needs, values, and preferences of the individual. Thirty years ago, our first conference focused on the needs of caregivers. In 2019, our focus has shifted to ensure that the person living with dementia remains central to and engaged in our conversations. How have your research projects, care practices, policies, and strategies shifted to be more person-centered?

This conference is targeted to people working in home support, long-term care, and allied health services. It presents an opportunity to engage with others from across the province and to foster and champion positive attitudes and practices. The theme of the conference is **Celebrating Personhood**. We are looking for evidence-informed presentations that offer fresh perspectives, along with practical tips, strategies, and tools to enhance care and support. Our goal is for attendees to leave with a better understanding of person-centered care, and the motivation and tools to better meet the needs of people living with dementia.

Do you or your team have a case study, workshop, or presentation that:

- Showcases the importance of person-centered care?
- Focuses on research that will improve the lives of people living with dementia and their families through a person-centered care philosophy?
- Highlights how to foster independence, freedom, and/or autonomy to improve quality of life?
- Demonstrates an innovative, person-centered approach to support people living with dementia or their partners in care?

Send your submission by **Wednesday May 6, 2019**, which includes the presentation title, names, credentials, and affiliations of presenter(s), as well as an abstract (300 words or less) which outlines the key objectives of your presentation and the length of the presentation (15, 30 or 60 minutes) to:

Linda.Bird@asns.ca OR Fax 902-422-7971

OR mail to Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, 112-2719 Gladstone Street, Halifax, NS B3K 4W6

If you have any questions, please call 902-422-7961. The Conference Planning Committee reviews all proposals; selection will be based on relevance to the theme and target audience.

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