

NATIONAL LIVED EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FIRST TIME
ON THE
WEST COAST!

November 11-13, 2024

Held in partnership by



San Jose Marriott,
Downtown
San Jose, CA

INFORMATIONAL SESSION: HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

AGENDA

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Conference 2024

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ZOOM HOUSEKEEPING

Come off mute to ask questions



Feel free to use the chat

CONFERENCE HOST

National Coalition for the Homeless

envisions a world where everyone has a safe decent, affordable and accessible home. Our mission is to prevent and end homelessness while ensuring the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness are met and their civil rights protected.

Destination: Home

a public-private partnership in Silicon Valley ending homelessness. Through collaboration and a data-driven, human approach, we tackle root causes, drive systemic change, advocate for policies, and invest in strategies to connect homeless individuals to stable homes and prevent homelessness.

ABOUT NATIONAL LIVED EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The conference is designed **by** and **for** people with lived experience of homelessness.

Aims to empower and uplift the voices of all those who have experienced homelessness and are passionate about creating a change.

We hope to unite activists, local leaders, and individuals who have lived experience to empower, innovate, collaborate, and advocate for housing as a fundamental human right, driving impactful solutions to end homelessness.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Each submission **must** include individuals with lived experience of homelessness and incorporate the voices and experiences of underrepresented and marginalized communities, ensuring diverse representation.

Use person first language and avoid any stigmatizing language throughout your proposal submissions.

Proposal that address the unique challenges faced by specific subpopulations will be prioritized

SUGGESTIONS & TIPS

Proposals are your Blueprint for an Inspiring Dialogue

- Reviewers want to dive into the heart of your session, focusing on how it uplifts your voice and empowers others to drive collective change.
- Make your proposal shine by clearly showing how you'll tackle the topic, sharing personal examples, and outlining the valuable insights your audience will walk away with!

LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE SELECTION CRITERIA BEFORE YOU START WRITING

Lived Experience Empowerment and Leadership Topic:

- Would you like to give guidance on establishing Lived Experience Advisory Groups?
- Are you interested in designing workshops centered on self-care, resilience, and personal growth for individuals with lived experience?

Innovation & Best Practices in Homelessness Solutions Topic:

- Would you like to share some best practices for integrating lived experience insights into service design and delivery?

Collaboration & Engagement Strategies between Homeless Service and Lived Experience Advisory Groups Topic:

- Would you like to share examples of how service providers can effectively engage with and learn from people with lived experience?

Advocacy, Policy, and Systemic Change Topic:

- Would you like to teach or hold a dialogue or workshop on how people can use media to affect change?

Develop your own topic!

PROPOSAL APPROACH TIPS

Making Your Proposal Easy to Understand

- Make your proposal clear and organized.
- Develop key points that connect well and make your presentation easy to follow.

Think About How to Keep the Audience Interested

- **Interactive Activities:** Use things like polls, Q&A sessions, and group discussions to get everyone participating.
- **Visuals:** Show slides, videos, and pictures to help explain your ideas and make them clear for everyone.
- **Clear Explanation:** Make sure your proposal explains its purpose in a way that's easy to understand, no matter your background or how much you've read.
- **Interesting Content:** Share real stories, practical ideas, and new ways of thinking to keep everyone interested and excited.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING YOUR DESIRED LENGTH

90-minute proposals

Does your proposal offer practical ideas that participants can take away and use immediately?
Does your proposal allow participants to develop skills and potentially create something meaningful during the workshop session, such as a new project idea or new strategies?

75-minute proposals

Does your proposal need panelists to start a deeper conversation?
Would you like your presentation to include a small group discussion format?

20-minute proposals

Would you like your presentation to resemble a talk show format, where multiple speakers give short presentations, engage in a conversation with each other and the audience, and conclude with a group Q&A session?
Would you like your session to involve more participants and create round-table discussions at each table?

SCHOLARSHIPS

We will offer scholarships to support the attendance of individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

All presenters accepted will receive scholarships, if needed. **More details around scholarship opportunities will be released with conference registration.**

TIMELINE

Proposals are due by 8pm PST on Monday July 15th, 2024.

Mon. 15 July 2024

Mon. 7 Aug. 2024

Applicants will be notified of their application status by Monday, August 7th, 2024.

Q&A

THANK YOU!

- Reach us at conference@nationalhomeless.org with any final thoughts or questions