



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



2018 NUSA Conference

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is proud to host its 43rd annual conference, May 23-26, 2018, in Birmingham, Alabama, where it will showcase the event's theme "BUILDING TOMORROW'S NEIGHBORHOODS TODAY".

NUSA provides its members with the tools and training to improve and maintain great neighborhoods every year. These cutting-edge workshops provide an education for anyone who is committed to community improvement, whether you're a grass-roots activist or a professional.

NUSA's Program Development Committee is seeking proposals from the best and brightest to present workshops on a wide range of topics related to neighborhoods.

Preference is given to proposals that address the conference theme, "Building Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today", in one of the following nine (9) workshop tracks:

NUSA 2018 TRACK DESCRIPTIONS

Neighborhood Initiatives - Defined by the spaces, places and the people who call them home, neighborhoods are the backbone of every city. Learn about the initiatives that have been undertaken by other communities to combat neighborhood challenges, build upon existing strengths and improve the reality of the people who define the places we call home.

Neighborhood Stabilization - Neighborhoods lead on-the-ground efforts for promoting economic revitalization and discovering creative solutions. Learn about the initiatives and best practices undertaken by other communities to protect neighborhood assets and take advantage of innovative local opportunities to spur economic growth and build a creative economy.

Empowering Communities - Demonstrate community-based crime prevention strategies supported by multiple stakeholders that foster enhanced safety and livability, while reducing overall neighborhood crime. In addition, hear from leaders who are working towards implementing or managing programs that promote and empower community well-being.

Healthy Communities - Health starts in our neighborhoods. The conditions in which we live, explain in part, why some Americans are healthier than others. Learn how neighborhoods are creating social and physical environments that promote good health for all and how programs, practices, and policies can affect the health of individuals, families, and communities.

Going Green! - Neighborhoods can play a vital role in environmental stewardship by creating a “culture of conservation” within their communities. Discover eco-friendly technologies and what neighborhoods can do to help the environment. Learn about topics such as land use, community gardens, and urban farming; and, strategies communities are engaged in to reduce the generation of waste and to promote recycling initiatives and the use of renewable energy sources.

Creative Inclusion - America is entering a time of profound and permanent change to the demographic structure (age, race, religion, socioeconomic, etc.) of the U.S. By 2030, the U.S. will have twice as many seniors as we have today and, by 2044, the country will reach a peak of diversity regarding racial and ethnic composition. Communities will be made up of a kaleidoscope of ethnicities, religions, age and socioeconomic groups. Learn why it is important to foster an environment of inclusion and how leaders are building inclusive neighborhoods through art, communication, and community collaboration.

Living Independence - Independent living is a worldwide movement that promotes equal opportunity, self-determination, and self-respect. Learn about innovative initiatives and programs that assist people with disabilities and the elderly to thrive in our neighborhoods. Discover initiatives that increase collaboration and inclusion of those with disabilities and seniors in planning for the future.

Family and Youth - Engaging families and youth and providing the tools necessary for them to become involved in the neighborhood issues that affect them is essential. Learn how to develop and implement programs that will encourage, guide families and motivate youth to become active in their communities to impact change. Best practices and programs from neighborhoods across the U.S. will be highlighted.

Please e-mail your proposals to the following address: WorkshopProposals@nusa.org. All proposals must be received no later than September 1, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. (East Coast Time) to be considered and must follow the “Proposal Outline” below:

PROPOSAL OUTLINE

Workshop Information

1. Workshop title
2. Description - should be 50-60 words maximum. This will be used to prepare the conference registration and program booklets.
3. Extended Description - 300 word maximum, including a minimum of three learning objectives.
4. Primary and Secondary Conference Tracks
5. Session Format (i.e. debate, clinic, moderated session, panel, etc.)

Proposer/Session Organizer Information

1. Name, Title
2. Company/Organization
3. Address, City, State and Zip
4. Phone: Daytime, Evening and Fax
5. Email Address

Panelist Information (list for each panelist)

1. Name, Title
2. Company/Organization
3. Address, City, State and Zip
4. Phone: Daytime, Evening and Fax
5. Email Address
6. Describe experience in presenting this workshop topic. Include academic and/or professional credentials as appropriate.
7. Describe overall presentation experience. Include a link to any YouTube video that provides an example of presentation skills, if available.
8. Include statement confirming the panelist is aware of the submission and agrees with the terms and conditions described below.

WORKSHOP EXPECTATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Workshop proposals must be submitted with the prescribed "Proposal Outline" above. Proposals must be submitted via email and received no later than by 5:00 p.m. (East Coast Time) on September 1, 2017. If we select your presentation, you must adhere to the established guidelines.

Workshops will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 and Friday, May 25, 2018. Speakers should be available on both days until an actual workshop time has been confirmed. Your assigned time will be provided to you as soon as possible.

Workshop proposals demonstrating significant audience participation will be given priority. The Program Development Committee reserves the right to merge workshops and panels as it sees fit.

Presenters should limit statements during the workshops. A brief statement, either at the beginning or end of the session is permissible.

We encourage speakers to participate in the entire conference. ALL speakers and panelists are required to pay conference registration fees.

The following AV equipment will be provided in each workshop room: laptop, LCD projector, screens, laptop tables, easels, and markers. Presenters will need to provide anything additional at the presenter's cost.

Some sessions may be recorded on video. Please give us your permission to record or not to record your session in a written statement.

NUSA and the local organizing host city committee for the 2018 conference reserve the right to combine proposals of similar and/or related workshop topics.

Please direct all inquiries, questions and/or concerns you may have about the terms and conditions to WorkshopProposals@nusa.org. Thank you!