**Call for Presentations that Energise, Enhance, Connect**

**Volunteering Victoria 2019 State Conference**

**Melbourne 20 – 21 June, 2019**

Volunteering Victoria is inviting submissions from suitably qualified persons to deliver short presentations during concurrent breakout sessions at the 2019 State Conference.

The conference is a two-day event of keynote addresses, panel discussions and concurrent breakout sessions featuring workshops and presentations. Over **250** volunteer managers and leaders are expected to attend the conference being held at Pullman Melbourne on the Park.

The 2019 State Conference will explore the best of current and emerging practices and thinking as well as the future of volunteering through the theme of **Energise, Enhance, Connect**.

***What are we looking for?***

* There are a limited number of opportunities to deliver short presentations during concurrent breakout sessions at the conference.
* The maximum duration of presentations during the concurrent breakout sessions is **25 minutes** (including Q&A). Due to programming and venue restrictions on Day 2 of the conference, some presenters may be asked to shorten their presentation to **20 minutes** (including Q&A).
* Volunteering Victoria encourages presenters of all backgrounds to apply and to be sensitive to matters of diversity and disability in their submissions and presentations. Volunteering Victoria does not discriminate in accepting proposals with respect to race, culture, gender, age, sexual orientation or various forms of disability.

***Conference theme and presentation topics***

Submissions to present **must** address the conference theme. Potential presentation topics for the breakout sessions are included as a guide.

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| **Energise** | **Enhance** | **Connect** |
| Presentations on strategies and practices that **energise** volunteer managers and leaders, their volunteer programs, their volunteers, and their boards and senior managers.Presentations in this stream should enrich delegates understanding of, and/or ability to, energise themselves and inspire others in their environment. | Presentations on strategies, programs, techniques and research that **enhance** volunteer leadership and management practice. These presentations should improve delegates knowledge of, and/or ability to, enhance their volunteer programs or organisations. | Presentations on strategies, programs, techniques and research that facilitate **connection** of volunteer managers and leaders to their peers, volunteers, organisations and communities. These presentations should develop delegates understanding of, and/or ability to, collaborate and connect.   |
| **Presentation topics may include:*** Self-care, wellbeing
* Volunteer recruitment and retention
* Positive work environments
* Recognition and reward of volunteers
* Workforce relationships between paid staff and volunteers
* Workforce relationships with senior management and boards
* Volunteer management
* Volunteer program design
* Leadership
* Diversity and inclusion
* Marketing / Communications
* Collaboration and partnerships
* Social isolation, loneliness and volunteering
* Technology e.g. social media, volunteer management, business operations
* Current, emerging and future trends
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***How to make a submission***

1. Complete the Application to Present form
2. Email your application to h.kierce@volunteeringvictoria.org.au. If you are unable to submit your application via email contact Helen Kierce on 0416 239 383 to discuss alternative arrangements.

***Hints for best chance of selection***

* Submissions **must** address at least one of the conference themes – Energise, Enhance or Connect.
* Innovative presentation formats that go beyond standard lecture style and actively engage the audience are encouraged.
* Submissions should clearlydescribe what the delegates will be able to do after attending the presentation. Include **learning objectives or outcomes** in the submission.
* Deadline adherence is critical. Submissions received by the deadline will be considered the final version for review. Any received past the deadline will remain on a wait list.
* Multiple proposals from individuals and organisations are welcome but because of scheduling limitations and fairness to others, they will be considered options for the Organising Committee to choose from.
* Not all submissions received will be accepted into the program. Presentations will be selected based on their proposed topic, content and approach, and relevance to the conference theme. The focus for each concurrent break out session will also be determined based on submissions received.
* Your presentation should be exclusive to Volunteering Victoria’s 2019 State Conference, and not one that has been presented at a previous Conference or similar event. All submissions will be reviewed by the Volunteering Victoria Conference Organising Committee and Program Advisory Panel.

***Submission Deadline***

All presentation proposals should be submitted on the Application to Present form by 5.00pm on **14 March 2019** Australian Eastern Summer Time (AEST).

***How to Make Submission to Present***

All enquiries and submissions should be directed to:

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