



# Conversations on the Margins: *Therapeutic Change, Social Change, Social Justice*

University of Ottawa- Ottawa, Ontario, Canada - **June 14 & 15, 2012**

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## Call for Presentations

CONFIRMED PRESENTERS: Allan Wade, Vikki Reynolds, Jill Freedman, Gene Combs, David Paré, Scot Cooper, Marie-Nathalie Beaudoin, Jim Duvall, Karen Young, Cristelle Audet, Nancy Authur, Sandra Collins, John Winslade, Tod Augusta-Scott..... and many more!

### Proposal deadline extended

In response to strong interest more time and space has been made available to accommodate an increased number of concurrent workshops at this conference. The deadline for proposals for presentations has been extended to **January 13, 2012 at 4:00 pm (EST)**.

#### About The Conference

While counselling and psychotherapy are most often depicted as being focused on “mental health”, they are also all about social change and social justice. As well as exploring considerations for collaborative, ethically-based therapeutic practice, this conference seeks to highlight the power relations and cultural forces that are the backdrop to therapeutic practice. Ideas will be shared for bringing a spirit of collaborative activism into daily practice.

- How do practitioners use language to ensure their voice—buttressed by professional credentials—does not overpower or obscure peoples’ voices?
- How to keep values, skills, and purposes at the forefront of therapeutic conversations amid the rise of formulaic treatment models.
- How to hold therapeutic conversations that examine the contextual factors behind difficulties people bring to therapy: racism, sexism, homophobia, poverty, life transitions and others?
- How can a social justice orientation be integrated into therapeutic practice?

- How to engage in therapy that doesn't stop at the office door, but reaches into the community to address the social inequities and injustices that give rise to problems?
- What are the challenges and opportunities associated with doing counselling and community work in international settings?

### **About Winds of Change Conferences**

For over a decade the Winds of Change Conferences continue a tradition of welcoming people from around the world to gather for an exciting and energizing conference experience.

Winds of Change 5 provides an arena for grassroots service providers to share their ideas, innovations and interest in therapeutic practice. The 2012 conference offers a focus on social change, social justice and therapeutic practice.

Once again, immerse yourself in this unique conference as you catch up with valued colleagues, expand your network of friends, and re-energize your practice.

### **How to Submit Your Proposal**

Proposals for 2012 will be accepted as email attachments or through postal services.

The following information **MUST** be included in your submission:

**Presenter Name:** (as you would like it to appear in promotional material. This may include credentials, education or current affiliation.)

Email:

Day Phone:

Cell Phone:

Web page:

Address:

City:

Prov/State

Postal Code/Zip Code:

Country:

**Co-presenter Name if applicable:**

**Presenter and Co-presenter Biography:** Background, education and experience related to your topic; 200-word **MAXIMUM**.

**Time:** Please specify the time desired for your presentation. The times available are *90 minute* or paired *45 minute* presentations.

**Title Of Presentation:**

**Presentation Summary for Brochure/ Web Page:**

A 200-word summary MAXIMUM of your presentation that could be used in the conference brochure and web site.

**Learning Objectives:** Please specify a minimum of three learning objectives for the conference participants. Objectives may be used for promotional purposes and for application for continuing education credits. Please state in the form of completing this phrase: "After attending this presentation participants should be able to ..."

**Target Audience:** State the target audience and education/experience level. (Introductory, Intermediate, or Advanced)

All email submissions must be made in MS-Word attachment.

All presenters **are** required to pay a registration fee to attend the conference. Presenters are required to register. Presenters are responsible for providing their own hotel and travel accommodations for the conference.

**Submit To**

Please send proposals as attachments to [bridges@bridgesinstitute.org](mailto:bridges@bridgesinstitute.org) with subject line; *Winds of Change 5 Ottawa* or mail to :

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All contributors will receive confirmation of acceptance or non-acceptance within 4-6 weeks of deadline.

**Proposal Review Process**

Each proposal will be considered by the conference committee using the following criteria:

- Completeness, clarity, and focus of the proposal
- Relevance to the conference theme "Conversations on the Margins: Therapeutic Change, Social Change, and Social Justice"
- Relevance to the intended conference audience

- Type of workshop session requested, schedule availability, and viability of effectively covering content in the designated time frame. Please indicate your preferred type of session in your proposal.
  - **90-minute Workshop.**
  - **45-minute Workshop** to be paired thematically by the conference committee with another 45-minute workshop to comprise a 90-minute time slot.
- Language of presentation. The conference committee is committed to offering presentation opportunities in both official languages.

All communication, including receipt of submission and notification of final acceptance or regrets will be sent to the Presenter indicated on the submission form.

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