



Call for Presenters

FAQ

The Start Here Volunteer Leaders Conference is seeking proposals for content workshops that are geared toward audiences actively engaged in volunteer management, civic and community leadership, and professional development. Sessions should be designed to engage individuals regarding social good, volunteerism, and civic and community engagement.

Conference Audience:

Those seeking quality professional development opportunities that focus on the key areas of volunteer management, including personal readiness, organizational readiness, engagement, and sustainability of volunteer efforts. Participants across West Tennessee will include:

- Nonprofit directors, staff, and board members
- National Service program participants
- Business and community leaders
- Students interested in nonprofit/voluntary sector
- Lead volunteers in public, private, and nonprofit organizations
- Members of service organizations

Conference Session Details:

Typical Session Attendance: 15-30 attendees

Session times:

- *Standard Workshop:* One hour and fifteen minutes
- *Session Setup:* Each workshop room will be set theatre style with an LCD projector, screen, flipchart, and markers. Presenters must provide their own laptops and copies of any session handouts/activities.

Workshop Topics

Workshop proposals that show innovation with clear examples of successful activations in the areas of:

- Volunteer and Community Engagement
- Social Innovation and Change
- Equity
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Civic Engagement and Activism
- Professional Development

Proposal Selection Criteria:

The Proposal Review Committee will review and select conference workshop sessions. For standard workshops, including hands-on activities, opportunities for dialogue, or small group activities is preferred.



Proposals are reviewed by the following criteria:

- Detailed Agenda
- Workshop Objectives
- *Presentation Methods*: Opportunities for Interaction
- *Presentation Methods*: Time for Reflection (For service-learning workshops, the committee expects agendas will include time for reflection, as well as the essential elements of quality service-learning. Including time for attendees to engage in discussion or a Q&A period is recommended for all workshops.)
- Audience Appeal
- Experience with Subject Matter

Submitting Proposals:

All session proposals must be submitted through the online form that is now available. You are strongly advised to save the requested information in a word document and then cut/paste the information into the web form.

Submission deadline: The submission process consists of providing your presenter information AND session information. Once submitted, it will be reviewed by the workshop committee, and you will be notified if you are selected. The deadline to submit your proposal is Friday, April 14th.

Proposal Requirements:

- Presenter and Co-Presenter Information
- *Workshop Title*: (15-word limit) As you wish, it to appear in the conference program. The title should give a clear idea of the session's topic/theme.
- *Abstract*: (150-word limit) As you wish, it appears in the conference program. The Workshop Abstract should give an overall summary of your workshop.
- *Detailed Outline*: The following information must be submitted with all proposal submissions (File upload, 500 words maximum):
 - Detailed agenda (for panel discussion workshops, including panel members and bio/expertise). Include a timeframe.
 - Clearly defined learning objectives/skills/knowledge participants will take away from the session.
 - Presentation methods and opportunities for participant interaction and reflection
 - Explain if this presentation is new or if it has been given before and to what audience.
 - Audience Appeal
 - Experience with Subject Matter

* For all tracks, informative sessions that are not interactive will also be considered.

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