Call for proposals

Engagement Australia is pleased to announce the Call for Papers and invites presenters to submit proposals for the 2016 conference titled "Engage to Transform"

In 2016, presenters are able to submit a proposal for a:

- Practice paper (non-referred)
- Research Paper (refereed/peer-reviewed) for publication in Engagement Australia's journal "Transform: The journal of engaged scholarship"
- Roundtables and
- Stories of Engagement

All proposals should be as informative as possible to truly represent the intended presentation/activity. This will support the review process and assist conference delegates choose relevant presentations to attend.

Reviewers will use the following criteria to guide their review of proposals:

- Relevance to the conference theme
- Recommendations for practice (for Practice Papers)
- Theory/methods/frameworks/models (for Research Papers)
- Reflective critique –the evaluation of the work you are offering participants to help them with their own engagement activities
- Audience engagement (for Roundtables)

Conference Theme

The engagement agenda in higher education is about transformation.

At the individual level, we focus on how we harness rich experiences to inspire students, foster new knowledge and change lives. We embark upon research to create and apply knowledge that meets the needs of people, places and the planet.

At the community level, we connect and collaborate to create mutual benefit, impact and positive change. Through aligned agendas and shared understanding we harness our academic and professional strengths for communities across Australia and the world.

At the institutional level, we seek to navigate changing times with an astute understanding of needs and opportunities. We seek to align our desire for growth and development with the social, economic and environmental priorities of communities. We grapple with an integrated approach that positions engagement as an organisational driver to bring our mission and values to life, whilst delivering tangible benefits in student experience, retention and attraction.

Across scales, the engagement agenda requires us to consider how we evolve, make change and work collaboratively to realise the transformative potential of education and research.

*The 2016 Engagement Australia International conference of engaged scholars and practitioners will broker a dialogue around the role engagement plays in realising the transformative potential of education and research***.**

Structure of abstracts

Please include the following information for all submissions:

- Author names including affiliation and email address
- Presenter names
- A statement summarising how the discussion contributes to the conference theme

Practice Paper – 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion.
A Practice Paper describes personal and localised activities that have changed the practice of engagement in communities. Practice Paper proposals should include the following:

- Abstract (no more than 300 words) and three key words that
- describes engagement initiatives in the wider context of the conference themes
- outlines how engagement initiatives have been embedded and implemented
- how the initiative has been changing practice at the local level

Research Paper – 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion.
A Research Paper describes knowledge, innovations, research and evaluation, and outcomes of engagement related research. The goal of these papers is to share knowledge and encourage critical dialogue among conference participants. Research paper proposals should include the following:

- Abstract (no more than 500 words) and six key words that
- addresses one or more of the conference themes
- indicates the literature, methods, evidence and conclusions involved and
- provides at least three references that support the research.

Full papers will be considered for publication in Engagement Australia's Journal. When preparing your paper, please consider the following guidelines:

- Articles must be between 4500 and 6000 words in length
- Abstract (500 words)
- Six key words
- Concise section headings
- Typeface Arial - 1.5 spacing with a font size of 12pt
- APA 6th Referencing
- High quality format for tables and figures

Abstracts due by ***COB 15th April 2016*, Full Papers due by ***COB 17th July 2016*****

Roundtables - 45 minutes
The Roundtable format is designed for small group discussions on topics of common interest. Roundtables provide an opportunities for peer exchange, dialogue and exploration of key issues relevant to engagement. Submissions for a Roundtable should include the following:

- Abstract (no more than 500 words) and three key words that includes
- the opportunity for peer exchange, dialogue and exploration of key issues relevant to engagement and
- a summary describing the problem or issue, its significance, the questions to be posed, and a plan for engaging participants.

Stories of Engagement – 5 minutes

Story telling will showcase different ideas, innovations, experiences or theories of those working in one of the many diverse areas relating to university engagement with its communities. This knowledge sharing activity will challenge presenters to clearly and succinctly present their story in a total of five minutes. There will be no use of audio-visual materials. Submissions for the Stories of Engagement should include the following:

- Abstract (no more than 200 words) and three key words that includes
- an overview of the story and its significance to the Conference themes

Acceptance and Notification

Acceptance of abstracts into the Conference Program will be determined by significance, interest and relevance to the program themes and conference delegates. Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection of their submission by ***Monday 2nd May 2016***.

If your proposal is accepted you will receive notification by email. However to secure your conference presentation in the program you will need to:

1. Submit any amendments as request by the peer-reviewers by ***Friday 13th May 2016***.
2. Pay your Conference Registration

Note: All accepted presenters will receive early bird rate for registration

Number of submissions

Each individual may submit a maximum of two proposals as the Primary Presenter. There is no limit on the number of submissions for which a person may be listed as a supplementary presenter.

Co-presentations

Co-presentations by community, business/industry and university partners are **strongly** encouraged.

Submitting

All submissions to be email to admin@engagementaustralia.org.au by ***COB Friday 15th April 2016***

For more information on the conference, including links to register to receive the early bird rate, please go to: http://www.engagementaustralia.org.au/conference.htm