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2025 BRIDGE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Thank you for your interest in presenting at School's Out Washington's 2025 Bridge Conference! Our annual convening brings together presenters and participants with many different identities, perspectives, and backgrounds from the expanded learning opportunities field, including welcoming people who speak multiple languages. This year's theme is **Together We Rise**. Learn more about our theme [here](#).

Please review this list of questions before completing your proposal via the [Form](#). Questions with an asterisk (*) are required. We look forward to reviewing your proposal, and thank you for your commitment to the expanded learning opportunities field!

LEAD PRESENTER INFORMATION

Name of Lead Presenter *

Pronouns, fill in the blank. This information ensures that we communicate with accuracy and respect. For more information, visit <https://uwm.edu/lgbtrc/support/gender-pronouns/>.

School's Out Washington is committed to a more equitable afterschool and youth development sector that reflects the young people and communities we serve; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are highly encouraged to apply. **Do you identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or a Person of Color (BIPOC)?** Yes/No

Lead Presenter's Role of Profession *

Organization Name (mark N/A if not applicable) *

Lead Presenter's Email *

Lead Presenter's Phone Number *

Lead Presenter's Address (Work/Home/Mailing)

Lead Presenter's Address Line 1 *

Lead Presenter's Address Line 2

Lead Presenter's City *

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Lead Presenter's State *

Lead Presenter's County *

Zip Code *

Lead Presenter's Biography: Bridge participants seek to learn from others in the expanded learning opportunities field — people with different roles, levels of experience, and perspectives. Describe your experience and education, and any other information about your background that would help us understand your connection to this workshop topic (maximum 900 characters). This information may be used on the SOWA website and/or other marketing material to help attendees learn more about the presenter's background and connection to the expanded learning field. *

Do you have co-presenters?

Fill out Co-Presenter 1 and/or 2 information, if applicable.

WORKSHOP PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

Session Title (maximum 100 characters). Use action verbs to entice workshop attendees. *

Session Description: Please provide a brief description of your workshop. Include the age group that your content focuses on, if any (maximum 900 characters). *Note: Descriptions will be used in marketing and communication material.*

Workshop learning objectives: Using [Blooms Taxonomy](#) - What will participants learn or be able to do? Please provide 1-3 learning objectives.

Does this Workshop Build Youth School Success? Yes/No

If Yes, include a description of how the training impacts school success. **For example:** The workshop titled, "Empathy Matters," may contribute to school success by providing youth with the soft skills needed to put themselves in others' shoes and have compassion for other students at school.

Audience: (Choose all that apply)

(Direct Service Staff, School-Age Licensed Providers, Administrators, Managers, Executive Leader, Researcher, Trainer, Funder, Other)

Racial Equity: SOWA is committed to building a more equitable expanded learning opportunities field to better serve BIPOC youth unjustly impacted by structural racism and other systemic barriers. Bridge Conference is a space for deepening our learning and skills to address racism and sharing experiences from the community. Please describe how your workshop will contribute to the conversation of racial equity. *

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WORKSHOP PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

Conference Focus Area: Which of the following area(s) do you think your workshop could fit within? (See FAQ for definitions.) Please select **one or two**. *

- Race and Equity
- Youth Development Programming
- Capacity and Systems Building
- Emerging Issues
- Multi-Sector Partnerships and Collaboration
- Self and Collective Care

Workshop Delivery: Describe how you will facilitate a high-quality and compelling workshop. If possible, include a brief outline or agenda. *

Workshop Level: How would you define your workshop level? (Choose one) *

- Emerging: This session is designed for with attendees with little or no knowledge of the subject
- Establishing: This session is designed for attendees with working knowledge of the subject
- Deepening: This session is designed for attendees with some expertise in the subject

Dates: When submitting a proposal, we will ask you to indicate which days you are available to present at the conference. Because there are a limited number of workshops in each Period, your availability may influence our decision-making as we finalize our menu of workshops. All sessions are 90 minutes. Check all that apply. *

- Monday, October 27, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM PST
- Monday, October 27, 1:15 PM-2:45 PM
- Monday, October 27, 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 28, 9:15 AM-10:45 AM
- Tuesday, October 28, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 28, 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

ACCESS AND SUPPORT

Our goal is to create a supportive and accessible experience for our presenters. SOWA will provide a room host for each workshop session. Room hosts will meet presenters in the designated room 15-30 minutes before the start of each workshop session and may assist with room setup, welcoming attendees, and distributing evaluations 3-5 minutes before the workshop ends.

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Audio Visual Equipment: Please check items that you require for your workshop session. We may not be able to accommodate all requests. Please expect to provide your slide deck in PowerPoint format to our Bridge team. Laptops will be pre-loaded with your workshop materials prior to your session. Flip chart stands, papers, and markers will be provided. Conference staff will follow up with you to confirm what will be available. * Check all that apply.

- Projector & Projection Screen (e.g. for PowerPoint presentation)
- Audio (e.g. for playing music or showing a video)
- Microphone
- Other (please describe)

Special Requests: If you have any unique requests that would influence the success of your workshop, such as maximum number of participants, room setup, etc., please record your request here. If your session is selected, we will follow up regarding your request.

Accommodations: If you have any accessibility needs and require any accommodations to fully participate as a presenter in this conference, please describe your request for additional accommodations here, or contact our team at bridge@schoolsoutwashington.org to inquire about how we might be able to accommodate your request.

WORKSHOP SELECTION CRITERIA AND PRESENTER EXPECTATIONS

Selection Criteria: SOWA will prioritize the following criteria in the workshop selection process: high-quality and compelling workshop (e.g. clarity of title, description, style, and delivery), conference alignment and relevance (with event learning objectives), racial equity alignment, and providing a balanced, diverse program including a majority of presenters identifying as BIPOC and workshops from across Washington state, and an array of topics for attendees with different roles and levels of experience and expertise to choose from. English grammar is *not* part of our criteria.

Required Presenter Orientation: If selected, all presenters are required to attend the presenter Orientation meeting via Zoom on one of the following days/times:

- October 7, 2025, 4:30 PM-6:00 PM PST
- October 9, 2025, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM PST

Room Host & Pre-Workshop Check-In: Presenters must arrive 30 minutes prior to their workshop start time, check in at registration, and check in with the room host at the assigned room at least 20 minutes prior to session start time.

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Complimentary Registration: We encourage you to attend the rest of the Bridge Conference and offer up to 2 complimentary registrations (value of \$650) to each presenting team selected through the RFP. Additional co-presenters are welcome to purchase a ticket if they wish to attend. If you are selected, you will receive information about how to register as a presenter and we strongly encourage you to register at that time in order to reserve your spot.

Products: We encourage you to share free resources, tools, curriculum, etc. in your workshop session. If you are interested in promoting a product or service that is not free or widely available to the public, we offer you the opportunity to become a sponsor or exhibitor for Bridge. Please visit our Bridge website for more information.

Photos & Video: School's Out Washington may take photos and video of the 2025 Bridge Conference, including speakers, attendees, and other activities to use in marketing and other materials. Conference attendees waive any rights and claims regarding the taking and publishing of such photos, video, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMELINE

- The deadline for proposal submissions is **June 27, 2025**.
- All applicants will be notified of the status of their proposal by **August 29, 2025**.
- If selected to present, you will be required to confirm your plans to present by **September 8, 2025**.

I have reviewed the guidelines and agree to participate as outlined above if this proposal is selected for the 2025 Bridge Conference. Yes/No

Thank you for submitting your proposal to present at the 2025 Bridge Conference.