



**International Association  
for Social Work with Groups, Inc.**

**XXXVI Annual Symposium  
June 5-8, 2014**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY**

## **Call for Proposals**

### **Unity in Diversity: Embracing the Spirit of Group Work**



Please join us in **Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 5 - 8, 2014**, at the XXXVI Annual Symposium of the International Association for Social Work with Groups hosted by the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary. We welcome students, faculty, agency administrators, practitioners of various disciplines, and community workers and developers who utilize the group modality to submit papers, workshops, posters, and other innovative presentation formats.

Proposals are especially welcomed in the following, as well as in other group work topics:

- Spiritual & religious issues in group practice
- Group work with indigenous populations
- Facilitator self-awareness & development
- Cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, & religious diversity in group work
- Spirituality in group work education, training, & research
- Values, beliefs, & ethics
- Loss & trauma
- Use of ritual & creative activities
- Self-help groups
- Nature-based & traditional practices

#### **TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS**

- **Papers\*** are 20-30 minutes - didactic and discussion-oriented presentations
- **Workshops** are 60-90 minutes - experiential presentations
- **Poster Sessions** are visual presentations - displayed at designated times during the Symposium
- **Innovations** are other forms of sharing information not described above

#### **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

The Symposium will be predominantly in English but sessions may also be conducted in French, German and Spanish; 350-word abstract proposals may be [submitted online](#) at our online service, Confex Technologies or enter the following URL in your browser:

<https://aaswg.confex.com/aaswg/36/collection.cgi>

#### **Deadline for submission of proposals: February 15, 2014**

Acceptance notification: March 15, 2014

**Deadline for submission of Posters: March 15, 2014**

All presenters must be members of IASWG and register for at least the day of their presentation  
Students, retirees, & unemployed persons receive a reduced registration rate  
Scholarships are available to students in exchange for volunteering

**For Presentation Criteria, Foreign Language Calls for Proposals & Further Information**

Please go to [iaswg.org](http://iaswg.org)

**Or Contact Symposium Co-Chairs: William Pelech and Karen Ring at [symposium@iaswg.org](mailto:symposium@iaswg.org)**

\*Selected papers will be considered for publication in a book of proceedings published by Whiting & Birch.  
Additional details will be provided upon acceptance.