

2018 Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Workshop Presenter Application *“Make Your Move. Together.”*

Deadline for submissions: July 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

The 5th annual Niagara Leadership Summit for Women is being held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Brock University. The Summit is a full day conference hosted by YWCA Niagara Region focusing on women’s leadership. The Summit will feature Kim Katrin Milan as our keynote speaker, panel discussions, workshops, networking opportunities and a celebration of women’s leadership in Niagara.

Make Your Move. Together.

The theme of this year’s Summit is “Make Your Move. Together.” What is this about? In 2018, the YW is celebrating 90 years in Niagara. As a community, country, and around the world, we’ve made great strides for women in that time, and in the past year we have made more progress towards women’s equity and representation in business, entertainment, social leadership and politics. However, there is much more work to be done and we believe it is time for women, girls and allies to “make their move.” We want to inspire bold action for positive change.

The 2018 Niagara Leadership Summit for Women is now accepting workshop and panelist proposals that reflect the issues and experiences around the theme “making your move” in Niagara and beyond.

The NLSW is a volunteer-driven event hosted by YWCA Niagara Region. We welcome all presenters on a volunteer-basis – from professional speakers and educators to community leaders and activists. With your participation, the workshop line-up will include a variety of diverse presenters, ideas and models that allow attendants to engage in meaningful discussions and techniques. Attendants should leave the Summit feeling empowered, knowledgeable and prepared to apply and share what they have learned.

The committee invites proposals for workshops that:

- Stimulate and promote discussion around women's leadership in all facets of life.
- Engage with ideas, concepts and research about issues facing women in Niagara.
- Presents innovative and diverse perspectives on women's leadership, women's issues and ways to support women and girls.
- Explore innovative tools to empower women to make their move - whatever and wherever those roles may be.
- Inspires young women, girls, and leaders of today. The Summit aims to provide content that is relevant for young people too.

Suggested panel and workshop topics include, but are not limited to the following ideas:

- Making moves: changing careers, working in non-traditional roles, starting a business, getting on boards and women leading families
- Women in politics: women making moves, gaining representation, being seen and being heard in politics and public policy
- Leaders of today: workshops designed for young people and girls who are making bold moves and leading change
- Redefining leadership in the 21st century: skills, values and lessons of leadership for women
- Women as community-builders: finding your voice and sharing stories of collective impact
- Pressing for progress: global movements for women, building community and solidarity

Please review the application process and form below. Note the following:

- Workshops will be approximately one hour, with two workshop time slots. You may be asked to run your workshop twice, for two separate audiences of approximately 20-50 people.
- There are two parts to this application, Part A and Part B.
- Part A is a written application form. You must submit a photograph and short bio with your application. If your application is successful, this information will be used on our website to promote the event and register for workshops.
- Part B is a video submission. This video may be used to promote your workshop and/or NLSW. If you are applying as an artist, please include a few examples of your craft by photo or video.
- Please submit both Parts A and B, including your photo and bio as an attachment to your application. To be fair to all, incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Please allow up to 4 weeks after the application deadline to review your submission and respond to your application.
- Please note that preference will be given to Niagara-based leaders first.
- If you are accepted as a presenter, we will cover your costs for the day, including lunch at the Summit.
- **The deadline for submissions is Friday, July 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**

An important note about participation. Please read through before submitting your application.

We thank you for your interest in the Niagara Leadership Summit for Women. The Summit is a unique and resonating experience for all who attend. The Summit begins at 9am with an exquisite opening ceremony and invigorating keynote speaker. It sets the tone for an inspiring day and creates a vibe, which pervades throughout the day. In order to get the most of the day, and to engage with the audience, presenters and panelists need to be aware of the theme and energy created at the commencement of the Summit and by the keynote speaker. This spirit powers the presentations and leadership messages we wish to convey. Therefore, we ask that applicants commit to the entire day - not just for your allotted presentation time.

Presenters and panelists will be introduced to the audience during the opening. Plan to arrive early on the day of the Summit. Volunteers will be on site to guide you to your presentation

room and will assist you with set-up. Be prepared for a stimulating and thought-provoking experience which will inspire and uplift you as you share your guidance and influence with the groups.

Again, we thank you for your sharing your time and your leadership with us, and for making this commitment to making the Summit a success.

Can we help?

We understand that people are individuals, each with their own unique strengths, and we welcome diversity. We encourage you to apply in the format you are most comfortable with. If writing isn't your forte, but you feel confident speaking on camera, say it with a video for Part "A" as well. If you would like help with the written portion of the application, please reach out. We are looking for unique presenters. Please don't fear you won't be the right "fit" and use this opportunity to use your own strengths.

If you have questions about the application process contact Franziska Emslie, YWCA Niagara Region's Community and Public Relations Coordinator at femslie@ywcaniagararegion.ca

Call for Workshop Presenter Application

Part A

Fill out this form and attach a photo/ bio of yourself with your application.

Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Twitter Handle*: _____

Facebook User Name*: _____

*Social Media handles will be used to promote your participation in the event and be included in the program. They are a great way to build your network and social media presence. Only include if you agree to the aforementioned use.

Contact Phone Number: _____

City: _____

Proposed Workshop Title: _____

Topic/perspective you would like to present: _____

Who should attend this workshop? _____

Tell us about yourself - provide a bio/overview of who you are, what you do and why you do it (70-100 words) and attach.

Please provide a brief summary of your presentation and why it would be beneficial to the attendants of NLSW:

Please provide a list of 3 references:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please (if applicable) provide us a list of events and topics that you have presented in the past:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional information about you that you feel is important for us to know:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Call for Workshop Presenter(s) Application

Part B

Please submit a short video proposal to support your application. Feel free to make the video as creative or simple as you'd like. It can be a simple video from your smartphone. We just want to see you and get to know you. Please follow these general guidelines:

- Ensure that your video submission is a minimum of 1 minute and maximum of 5 minutes.
- Please ensure that the audio is clear and not muffled.

Please submit your application by July 20th, 2018 at 4:30 pm to
femslie@ywcaniagararegion.ca

We thank you for your interest in and application for the 2018 NLSW!

If you have questions regarding the application process or your application, contact Franziska Emslie, YWCA Community and Public Relations Coordinator at femslie@ywcaniagararegion.ca