



REPRESENT

NIAGARA

**LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
FOR WOMEN**



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Call For Speakers Represent at NLSW 2019

YWCA Niagara Region's Niagara Leadership Summit For Women (NLSW) is seeking submissions for presentations and workshops.

NLSW is a full-day, volunteer-driven women's leadership event hosted by the YWCA Niagara Region and Brock University. Elements of the program include a Keynote Speaker, seminars, workshops and opportunities to network and discuss to promote women's leadership in Niagara. We welcome all presenters on a volunteer-basis - from first time speakers and professional speakers to educators, community leaders and activists.

The Summit takes place on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Where?





NLSW 2019 will take place at Brock University, 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way, St. Catharines, ON L2S 3A1.

Brock University is located on the shared lands of the Original Peoples, which became known as the traditional beaver hunting grounds.

Submitting A Proposal - Theme & Topics

The 2019 Summit theme, “Represent”, invites speakers and facilitators to give context to the many ways women lead. We are eager to receive proposals that provide a diverse experience and perspective on women’s leadership, women’s issues and ways to support women’s representation in various forms of leadership (in business, family, social, community, political, academic, and informal and non-traditional leadership models).

We are looking for a diverse range of presenters and facilitators that, throughout the day, will:

-  **inspire** attendees to recognize their own leadership abilities and potential
-  **spark** meaningful conversations that lead to redefining women’s leadership
-  **expose** attendees to new concepts related to leadership and women’s issues
-  **connect** us; ground us in community and a shared understanding of what we need to celebrate or change

You may be interested if you are...

- ...involved with creating change in your community
- ...mentoring and fostering leadership
- ...sparking creativity and innovation
- ...a role model, be it at home, at work, or in your community
- ...striving to foster inclusive communities and workplaces
- ...willing to share your story & unique life or leadership experiences

Submission Types & Deadline

The official application accompanies this information sheet. When you begin “Part B” of your submission, we will ask you to specify which session type you are requesting according to the criteria outlined in the table below.

The deadline for submissions is July 26, 2019. Applicants may be asked to submit a video or join the committee for a virtual or in-person proposal review to supplement their application. Submissions can be made by completing the application package and emailing it to Franziska at the YWCA Niagara Region at femslie@ywcaniagararegion.ca.

NLSW 2019 Session Types

Session Type	Content Format	Tips	Suggested Topics (Not Limited To)
Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share your story and/or your experience as a woman in leadership (whatever shape or form that may take) Designed to share new knowledge with attendees leaving them inspired May be, but not limited to, a combination of lecture, visual aids, interaction with participants to enhance learning and experience 	<p><i>We welcome single or group seminar applications - please state in your application</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal leadership Overcoming/navigating adversity Sharing unique lived experiences Women's experiences and impact in STEM, health, arts/culture, sports, business, politics, history, etc. Courage - how do you overcome your fears, show up, use your voice Understanding and engaging your network EcoFeminism - women's leadership in the environment
Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive opportunity that may be, but is not limited to engaging in group discussions, activities or exercises Designed with the objective for participants to leave with tangible knowledge, tools or information that they can begin to immediately apply in their lives 	<p><i>Remember to include a tangible outcome for participants!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring and identifying your strengths and areas to improve Understanding how to build collaboration How to value and recognize the accomplishments of others Understanding the importance of emotional intelligence Who am I? (Not who I think I am but how I'm perceived and how I #Represent) Understanding the art of negotiation Understanding how to engage your network/circle Understanding your rights/rights in law (i.e. Bill 168, 132) How to navigate adversity

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Panel	If the committee receives proposals that have the capacity to be an empowering panel discussion - sharing information and analysis on a similar topic, we may invite you to join a panel instead of offering a seminar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There is no guarantee that panels will be formed</i> • <i>If you have the intent of having more than one speaker, we encourage you to submit a Seminar application</i> • <i>If you are not interested in a panel discussion, please indicate when asked on your application</i> 	To be determined by the community through like-applications or group applications

Selection Process

Submissions will be reviewed by the Program Committee, who will notify applicants of the Committee’s decision by **August 9, 2019**. Applicants may be asked to submit a video or join the committee for a virtual or in-person proposal review. Guidance will be provided.

Attending The Summit

Confirmed presenters are required to attend the entire Summit, beginning at 9am on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. We encourage presenters to plan to arrive early. Volunteers will be on-site to guide you to registration and your presentation area and will also be available throughout the day to direct you to other sessions or activities you may be interested in partaking in.

Prior to the summit, all speakers will have the opportunity to receive support and guidance throughout your NLSW 2019 Speaker’s journey. Details will be provided to speakers directly.

How Can We Help?

We understand that people are individuals, each with their own unique strengths and we welcome diversity. If you would like help with the written portion of the application, please reach out.

Questions?

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

Thank you for showing interest in presenting at NLSW 2019, this is a unique and resonating experience for all who attend. We look forward to your contribution to this event!

Represent Speaker Application - Part “A”

“**Represent**” is the theme of this year’s Niagara Leadership Summit for Women, being held at Brock University on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The Summit is a full-day conference hosted by YWCA Niagara Region. Focusing on women’s leadership, the program will include a Keynote Speaker, seminars, workshops, opportunities and space to “inspire, spark, engage & connect”, to promote women’s leadership in Niagara. To fill this program, the Niagara Leadership Summit for Women is now accepting workshop and seminar proposals that reflect the issues and experiences around how women represent differently. Please complete this application for speaker consideration.

Please review the accompanying information sheet prior to filling out your application!

APPLICATION - PART “B” - ABOUT YOU!

Please fill out this form and attach a headshot with your application.

Name, Title: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Twitter Handle*: _____

Facebook User Name*: _____

Instagram Handle*: _____

*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: _____

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

How did you find out about this application? (i.e. Social Media, Colleague, Friend, etc.)?

Would you be interested in speaking to local media if present at NLSW 2019 (circle one)?

Yes

No

With Guidance

OPTIONAL

Is there anything else you'd like to share with us? If so, please include here. Sample:

- Why you want to present at NLSW
- Relevant speaking experience

Are there any additional social links you want to include in your presentation? Sample:

- YouTube, website link

APPLICATION - PART "B" - ABOUT YOUR SESSION!

Working Title For Your Session:

Is This a Workshop or Seminar? (circle one)

Please tell us about what you will be presenting on in 100 words or less (Abstract).

Please tell us who your session is targeting and why they should attend your session in 100 words or less.

Would you be interested in joining a panel presentation on this topic, if the opportunity presents itself? (circle one)

YES

NO

WORKSHOP APPLICATIONS ONLY:

Learning Outcomes - What tangible outcomes will attendees leave your workshop with? Please list.

Detailed Outline - Please walk us through what will take place throughout your 60 minute workshop. Content and activities mandatory, tentative timelines welcome.

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