



Request for Proposals  
DUE DECEMBER 30, 2016 9.00pm  
August 4 - 6, 2017  
Preconference August 3, 2017

Chicago Marriott Naperville  
QUESTIONS: 844 488 SENG (7364);  
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SENG conferences prioritize recognition, understanding, and acceptance of the social and emotional needs of the gifted population. This year's event, "In our Hands, Creating New Possibilities" features 6 Keynote presentations, 8 distinct session strands and new in 2017 - Voices Live!

#### Conference Structure:

The Conference will be organized over three days. Preconference activities begin on Thursday August 3, 2017; conference August 4-6. Projected attendance 500 persons.

#### Call for Proposals:

We would be pleased to receive abstracts from interested presenters. Abstracts should clearly define the objectives of the presentation, topics covered, key conclusions reached, and potential benefits for the gifted community. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words in length.

Persons interested in presenting must submit their proposal through the SENG registration portal on or before December 30, 2016 at 9.00pmEST. Please select the strand that most effectively describes your submission.

1. The Creative Mind - developing creativity, creating; crossing boundaries and risk taking
2. Equity and Diversity - culture and ethnicity; diverse communities, traditions, heritages, LGBTQ and more

3. Connectivity - social and emotional differences, Outliers, relationships
4. Holistic Development – mental, physical, social, emotional and spiritual growth; multipotentiality; well-being
5. Educational Responses to Giftedness – differentiation; special programs in and out of school; curriculum
6. Multiple Exceptionalities – gifted with behavioral, learning, physical and/or social challenges
7. Families and Community – parenting and grandparenting; advocacy; communities; networking and support
8. Gifted and Grown Up – gifted across adulthood from young adults to elders; the millennials and Gen X; relationships; employ-ability
9. Voices Live - Voices is a SENGVIne column dedicated entirely to you and your observations as a gifted individual. This session strand affords individuals the opportunity to share their gifted experience in 30 minute presentation be it a story, poem, personal anecdote, painting, theatrical or musical performance.

#### Format Presentation Options:

Several presentation formats are available. Presenters should select the format that best suits their needs.

1. Short Form Lecture - 30 Minute "Ted Style Talk" with Q&A
2. Long Form Lecture - 60 minutes with Q&A
3. Discussion/Interactive (60 Minutes)
4. Workshop (60 Minutes)
5. Panel (60 Minutes)
6. Voices Live – 30-minute presentation your gifted experience

#### Additional Requirements:

Presenters are required to provide a list of where they have presented in the past and provide a reference with contact information.

Should you need to edit your submission you can return to our RFP Portal as needed; simply retain your user name and password.

Individuals can appear as lead presenter on no more than two sessions and can appear as a co-presenter on up to two more sessions.

All sessions are reviewed based on similar criteria: theoretical soundness, relevance of ideas, innovation, timeliness, clarity, and ability to attract an audience.

Note: SENG reserves the right to change the theme you will be placed under to best serve the needs of our attendees.

**Submission DEADLINE: December 30, 2016 9.00pm EST.**

**Accepted speakers will be notified by: February 15, 2017**

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Direct your questions to [office@sengifted.org](mailto:office@sengifted.org) or 844 488 SENG (7364)

Thank you!