



18-20 April 2012
Invercargill, Southland

YOUth in Local Government Leadership Conference 2012:

Call for Abstracts: closes 7/09/2011

Elected members, council officers, youth leaders, youth workers, health and social service providers, academics and researchers are invited to join the 7th *YOUth in Local Government Leadership Conference* (YILGLC) which is scheduled on April 18-20, 2012 at the Civic Theatre Complex, Invercargill.

The 7th YILGLC is being jointly hosted and organised by Invercargill City Council (ICC), Gore District Council (GDC) and Southland District Council (SDC) with support from Venture Southland (VS) and the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ). The focus for the 2012 conference is *Leadership and Professional Development* for those working with and for local authorities.

Participants will have the opportunity to experience the best that Southland has to offer as well as a professional development opportunity filled with: informative presentations, exciting field trips, a Youth Project and Services Expo and lots of networking opportunities for members and guests to connect with youth leaders and industry colleagues.

Submission Guidelines

All submissions are required to be submitted electronically. An abstract may only be submitted once, with no retractions or modifications once submitted. **Abstracts may include:**

- **fresh concepts;**
- **best practice projects;**
- **new technology;**
- **preliminary research results but may also contain work-in progress reports; or**
- **a review of recent research literature pertaining to a particular problem or approach, indicate what the findings suggest, and/or provide a suggestion - with rationale and justification - for a different approach or perspective on that problem.**

The Working Party will correspond with the Lead (primary) author only. Co-presenters should not contact the Working Party. It is the primary author's responsibility to notify all co-presenters regarding the status of the proposal as well as to notify the Working Party of any change in the Lead Author's contact information.

All presenters are required to register for the full conference registration. All travel and additional expenses, including the conference registration fee, are the responsibility of the presenter(s).

The conference will explore the role of Local Government using a 'leadership' lens to look at ways to share, inspire and grow young people who are connected and participating in every community within New Zealand. Conference themes include, but are not limited to the following areas:

Leadership

- Leadership & Communication Skills for the 21st Century
- The Global Community and Youth Leadership
- Inspiring Local Leadership

Youth Engagement/Youth Development

- Local Government Projects that engage young people in new and innovative ways in order to strengthen their 'youth voice', 'capacity-building' or 'services' delivered to young people.
- Community Initiatives/Projects that engage young people in new and innovative ways.
- Technology and Social Media: opportunities for engagement
- Community Collaboration: quality relationships and sustainability
- New Research that supports improved 'well-being', positive youth development and increases youth participation in community life.
- Youth Development and Whanau Development, complementary?
- Engaging with diverse communities
- Engaging with rangatahi Maori and their whanau

Youth Connections, reframing our future

- Turning 'Outputs' to positive 'Outcomes' for young people
- Youth Transitions/Connections: Pathways from school, education and employment
- Changing Times, Changing Trends in Employment
- Intergenerational Opportunity

Youth Specific Workshops

Young people have told us they want a mix of reflective and interactive capacity building workshops in the following areas:

- Learning the 'lingo' or language of local government/council.
- Meeting Protocols
- Encouraging the Youth Voice, ways to be taken seriously and heard
- Effective decision-making
- Project Planning

Submissions are judged on their overall quality, their significance and contribution to the sector, and their interest to conference delegates. Papers judged to have outstanding merit by the Working Party will receive a Best Paper designation in the conference program and will be recognized at a general session for all attendees.

If you have any questions please contact: leadership.conference@icc.govt.nz

To make a submission:

Word limit: Please limit your abstract to no more than 350 words. Once accepted paper presenters are REQUIRED to submit the Final draft, abstract (150 words), picture of the author and short biography (100 words).

File type: Please submit abstracts in either format: WORD docs or PDF.

Extended Closing date: 07/9/2011, 5pm. Late submissions will not be accepted, unless at the discretion of the Working Party.

Submission Abstracts should be emailed to:

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