Call for proposals

FQPN Conference May 12, 2022 Trois-Rivières

The Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances (FQPN) is pleased to announce the conference:

"50 ans de luttes en santé sexuelle et reproductive: quels défis aujourd'hui et demain?" (Fifty years of resistance in sexual and reproductive health: what are today's challenges and what lies ahead?).

The conference will be in person in **Trois-Rivières, Quebec on May 12 2022.**



About the FQPN

Founded in 1972, the Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances (FQPN) is a feminist network specialized in advocacy and popular education on issues linked to sexual and reproductive health. Counting local, regional and national groups as well as individual members, its mandate is to raise awareness, inform and foster critical thinking on sexual and reproductive health as well as to promote freedom of choice with a social justice perspective.

In the context of its 50th anniversary, the FQPN wishes to create a unifying event for its members and allies to reflect on contemporary issues in sexual and reproductive health while celebrating the victories from the past five decades.



The conference

Whether you are an activist, an academic, or a community worker, you are invited to submit a proposal for a presentation in French, or any other language, on the following subjects:

- Sexual and reproductive health: what does that mean today?;
- Reproductive justice: integrating anti-racist practices in sexual and reproductive health care;
- **Gynecological and obstetric violences** (we define violence in all its forms, including systemic forms of discrimination such as racism, misogyny, fat-phobia, ableism, and all systems of oppression stemming from colonialism);
- Sexual and reproductive health for single people and / or the LGBTQ2IA + community;
- Access to and experiences of parenthood for women and people with disabilities;
- Discussion on gestational surrogacy: comparing feminist views (as this theme will be animated in the form of a round table, several speakers will be selected).

These themes will guide the conference and we encourage anyone who feels inspired by them to submit a proposal.

The FQPN recognizes all forms of knowledge (experiential, professional, volunteer, academic) and wishes to offer an egalitarian and welcoming space where the diversity of voices heard will reflect the diversity of experiences of our community. In addition, any proposal that addresses a topic adjacent to one of these themes but within the realm of sexual and reproductive health will be considered.

The speakers are free to submit ideas of any format of presentation (conference form, participatory workshop, co-animation / panel, testimonials, etc.). The FQPN will offer a financial compensation for expenses incurred by the speakers. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anaïs Gerentes (agerentes@fqpn.qc.ca) or Jess Legault (jlegault@fqpn.qc.ca).

To submit your proposal, please complete the attached **form** and send it to Anaïs Gerentes (project manager for the FQPN's 50th anniversary): agerentes@fqpn.qc.ca.

<u>Important dates</u>

Communication proposals must be submitted by

January 31, 2022 at 9 a.m. A response will be sent before February 15, 2022.

Evaluation criteria

- Originality
- Relevance/experience of the speaker in relation to the topic
- Clarity

Please note that the FQPN subscribes to the principle of equal opportunity. We encourage, amongst others, women, trans men, non-binary, intersex, or Two-spirit people, Indigenous people, people of colour, people with disabilities, and people identifying as LGBTQIA2+ to apply. We also understand that applicants may experience a number of these identities simultaneously in ways that reinforce and nuance their experience.