



Inside-Out at 20: The Power of Connection and Community

Call For Proposals

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Twentieth Anniversary Conference and Celebration

Announcing the twentieth anniversary conference and celebration for The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program October 19-21 2017 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The theme of the conference is **Inside-Out at 20: The Power of Connection and Community**. Because we value participatory learning, teaching, and action, our hope is that this gathering honors the best of what we have accomplished together. Additionally, attendees will depart equipped with supportive new relationships and creative guides, inspired to deepen the conversations and relevant work, and challenged to participate further in the Inside-Out mission and vision (<http://www.insideoutcenter.org/mission-inside-out.html>).

This three-day meeting will include a welcome reception, plenary conversations between practitioners and scholars, presentations and workshops from members of the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program network, and a celebration of our work together thus far.

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, October 19:	Opening Reception Philadelphia, PA
Friday, October 20:	Panels and Presentations Plenary Conversation Swarthmore College Swarthmore, PA
Saturday, October 21:	Workshops Plenary Conversation Awards Banquet Graterford Prison Skippack, PA

Our goal is to combine the best aspects of The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program's pedagogical and evaluation tools and practices to share our work with one another across the network and beyond. The conference committee invites you to submit a proposal that addresses one of the following topic areas related to your work:

- Pedagogy: innovative projects, reflection activities and topics, facilitation strategies; obstacles and solutions; lessons learned/best practices
- Innovation, Program Models and Partnerships: novel program designs
- Evaluation and Research: academic research; research ethics, impacts and implications; new findings and directions; effective or novel assessment
- Student Work and Experiences
- Creative Production
- Policy, Transformation, Collective Agency and Efficacy
- Think Tank Experiences and Activities
- Theory to Praxis
- Other

Proposals may be submitted by educators, instructors, practitioners, current and former Inside-Out students, or other partners/stakeholders.





Session Formats

Presentation (15 minutes each)

Presentations involve one or more presenters sharing their work on a panel (to be created by the program committee) that will consist of four presentations total and a question/answer session.

Workshops (30 minutes each)


Workshops should be designed to engage participants in considering conference themes and create experiences that advance participant learning. Consistent with The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program's dialogic model, facilitators should engage participants in reflection and discussion. Sessions that model high-impact practices, such as collaboration and hands-on activities, and that include a diversity of facilitators will be given priority.

Poster/Exhibit

Posters and exhibits share visual models of learning. They might have any number of foci, including but not limited to highlighting a course or program, curricular/co-curricular design; assessment rubric and feedback loops; strategic planning framework; or high-impact practice(s). The poster/exhibit may include best practices, class examples, and step-by-step analyses where appropriate. Posters that include evidence of success and resources for participants will be given priority.

Facilitated Discussions (30-45 minutes each)

Facilitated discussions provide time for colleagues to more deeply examine topics of similar interest through iterative sharing of expertise and experiences. They provide an opportunity to work through issues, ideas, and challenges from multiple perspectives. Proposals for a discussion should briefly set the context for the conversation related to one of the conference topic areas. Facilitators assist the group in examining new ways of thinking about the topic and strategies for moving forward given the complications of institutional constraints and resources. This session should allow for questions from all participants to stimulate and focus the conversation so that the issues discussed are meaningful to all involved.



Proposal Review

Proposal reviewers will strive to offer a balanced, informative and thought provoking conference that best fits within The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program model, which also empowers and emboldens participants to dramatically impact the quality of learning within and across boundaries.

The following elements will be considered in the review of conference proposals:

- the extent to which the presentation offers creative, novel and transformative mechanisms for learning
- the overall contribution of the presentation to diversity and equity in participation, format and content
- the ease by which conference presentation materials and outcomes can be adapted to a wide range of institution types
- the participation and inclusion of current or former inside students or facilitators and their perspectives

Please use this link to submit your proposal:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZfvp2vaAt3vVguszocXQs4ZMLVQOicK67smgwwTKleFmZ6A/viewform>

The deadline for proposal submission is February 28, 2017.

Proposal acceptance confirmation: March 31, 2017.

Questions?

Please send inquiries to: insideout2017conference@gmail.com

