

AASW Conference 2019

National Program Committee: Expression of Interest

Introduction

The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) is seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from AASW members interested in joining the Program Committee for the 2019 AASW Conference.

AASW's new four-year strategy is focussed on promoting and advocating for the profession, ensuring strong governance and management of the Association, upholding standards for regulation of the profession, being the leading voice on social justice and human rights issues and building capacity for members.

The AASW has organised a biannual national conference since 2008. The conference is the Association's main professional development forum for social workers across Australia, providing an informative forum of keynote speakers, panel discussion, workshops and networking opportunities over three days.

The 2019 conference will be held in Adelaide, South Australia 7 – 9 November.

The conference, **Challenging Inequality: working together for a just society**, will be a program of presentations, research and education, policy, practice and programs in areas including reconciliation, mental health and disability, family violence, human rights, climate change and sustainability, poverty and the welfare state, aging, children and youth.

The program of the conference will include:

- Keynote speeches
- Presentations
- Workshops
- Multiple Streams
- Trade Exhibition
- Social and networking opportunities

2019 National Conference Program

Location: Adelaide, South Australia

Dates: 7 November 2019 to 9 November 2019 (inclusive)

Conference theme: Challenging Inequality: working together for a just society

National Conference Program Committee

The Conference Program Committee will be convened by AASW's CEO, or their delegate, and will report to the Board. The Social Policy and Advocacy will participate in the Committee and provide secretariat support.

- Responsibilities of Program Committee:
- Develop a multi-stream program
- Develop a workshop program
- Assist in identifying program stream speakers
- Coordinate the call for papers, abstract review, and selection of papers
- Ensure any peer-review processes follow relevant guidelines
- Identify and co-ordinate session chairs

The Committee will comprise up to 10 members and will include representation by AASW members who meet one or more of the following:

- President, or delegate, of the host state BMC
- Convenor of the AASW Clinical Social Work Committee
- Chair of the AASW Research Committee
- Representative from each state and territory
- Expertise and experience in the areas of
 - Research
 - Policy
 - Practice

National Conference Program Committee EOI:

In submitting an expression of interest, please address all the following points and provide as much information as possible including:

- Name, employer, position
- AASW membership number and contact details
- Provide a short CV
- Give details of any skills or experience you may have had in the organising of conferences
- Provide a short statement of interest about joining the Committee including why you are interested in being a part of this conference and the skills and experience you will bring to the committee

Submission Process:

For further information please contact:

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Please send your EOI by 21 January 2019 to 2019conference@asw.asn.au