

POWER OF PLAY CONFERENCE Request for Presentations

Deadline for Submission: September 20, 2021



The National Inclusion Project (NIP) invites you to submit a proposal for the 11th annual Power of Play conference. The conference will convene virtually November 8th, 9th, and 10th. The virtual format not only expands our reach to programs & professionals across the globe, it offers flexible options for engagement & a wide variety of learning opportunities. As always, the conference provides participants the strategies, resources, & best practices needed to make inclusion possible across all settings, in all activities, for all children.

The purpose of NIP's Power of Play conference is to provide an annual event for professionals from various fields to learn from and network with each other. The conference connects hundreds of educators, therapists, advocates, researchers, academics, and specialists who are passionate about inclusive play and committed to ensuring no child sits on the sidelines.

The National Inclusion Project operates on three core beliefs: EVERY child can participate, EVERY child can make a friend, and EVERY child can succeed. It is our mission to make the inclusion of children with disabilities the EXPECTATION, not the exception. We provide community organizations, schools, & recreation programs the training, tools, and support needed to ensure children with disabilities are included in ALL of their activities and programs.

Presenting at Power of Play helps to build a world-wide community of practice in inclusive recreation. It connects you to like-minded colleagues and programs doing similar mission-driven work. It provides you complimentary conference registration and 6-month free access to all presentation recordings, materials, & resources. Above all it helps NIP shine a spotlight on the extraordinary things you and your program are doing to make inclusion a reality for the children and families you serve.

Important Dates

- September 20th: Presentation proposals due (email as attachments to amandakloo@inclusionproject.org)
- Week of September 27th: Notification of presentation acceptance
- October 5-October 15th: Optional technical support & recording sessions for presenters
- October 18th: Final recordings of all presentations and additional materials due
- November 8-10th: Power of Play!

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Presentation Types

LEARN - “Learn” presentations are 30-45 minute pre-recorded sessions that are aligned to the [Standards for Inclusive Recreation Programs](#). The format mirrors a traditional conference presentation during which the speakers share content, information, research, strategies, etc. via a slide presentation (PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, or similar platform).

- Presenters will submit a recorded video of the presentation along with any downloadable handouts or materials that supplement the content. (NIP will provide technological assistance and support for recording, if needed.) The session recording will be posted on the conference website November 8th & 9th for attendees to view anytime with follow-up opportunities for live discussion/interaction during the “Include” panels via Zoom November 10th.

ADAPT - “Adapt” presentations are 15-20 minute pre-recorded mini-sessions that demonstrate an inclusion strategy, inclusive game, creative craft, accessible activity, adaptation tip, etc. The format is hands-on, practical, & designed to provide resources, ideas or tools practitioners can add to their repertoire.

- Presenters will submit a recorded “how-to” video demonstrating the tip/activity along with any downloadable instruction sheets & additional materials guide implementation. (NIP will provide technological assistance and support for recording, if needed.) The session recording will be posted on the conference website November 8th & 9th for attendees to view anytime with follow-up opportunities for live discussion/interaction during the “Include” panels via Zoom November 10th.
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INCLUDE - “Include” sessions are 30-minute live Q&A sessions scheduled for Nov 10th featuring session presenters & other inclusion experts. They are discussion forums during which conference attendees will comment on/ask questions about the presentations viewed and topics discussed throughout the conference.

- No proposals are required for these sessions-- all presenters will be invited to participate upon acceptance of their proposed “Learn” or “Adapt” presentations. Presenters are required to submit sample discussion prompts for these sessions in item 5 of their presentation proposal to foster deeper exploration of their topic.

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Presentation Proposal

Presenters are welcome to submit multiple proposals for different presentation types. Please submit a separate, complete proposal for EACH session including the following items. Submit all proposals as to amandakloo@inclusionproject.org by September 20, 2021.

Presentation Type:

- 30-45 minute “Learn” Session
- 15-20 minute “Adapt” Session

Suggested Audience:

- Beginner (early-career professionals, students, or those new to inclusive recreation)
- Intermediate (mid-career or experienced professionals with multiple years in the field)
- Advanced (veteran professionals with advanced expertise and experience)

Presenter Information: (for each presenter)

1. Presenter Name
 - a. Title/Role
 - b. Organization
 - c. Presenter Contact Information (email, phone, address)
 - d. Organization Contact Information (website, social media)(* Copy & paste information for all co-presenters as well...)
2. Presentation Title
3. Presentation Summary (100-word summary or abstract to be posted on the Power of Play website.)
4. Learning Objectives (2-3 learning objectives or participant outcomes)
5. Discussion Prompts (2-3 reflection questions or conversation starters to prompt discussion about the presentation during the live Q&A)

**** Address questions & submit proposals to amandakloo@inclusionproject.org ****

**Thank you for your support of National Inclusion Project’s 2021
Power of Play Conference!**