

Request for Proposals

Families in Global Transition 2018 Conference

Diverse voices celebrating the past, present, and future of globally mobile lives

Submission Deadline September 15th, 2017

The 2018 Families In Global Transition (FIGT) conference will continue to build bridges between communities and sectors as expressed in our mission statement:

FIGT is a welcoming forum for globally mobile individuals, families, and those working with them. Our mission is to promote cross-sector connections for sharing research and developing best practices that support the growth, success, and well-being of people crossing cultures around the world.

The program of FIGT18NL will tell the story of the past 20 years of growth in our understanding of globally mobile lives. This year, FIGT continues to encourage tolerance and especially aims to celebrate the increased diversity of our growing community. We are inviting globally mobile individuals, as well as those who sponsor, support, and study them, to share their perspectives on challenges and solutions related to a globally mobile lifestyle.

We would like to receive proposals that represent these different perspectives:

Leaders of the move (sponsors)

- Business, missions, diplomats, military, international governmental and international non-governmental organizations, and other such globally mobile entities

Movers

- Sponsored and self-initiated expats, lifestyle expats, refugees
- Adult expats, expat partners, TCKs/ ATCKs, CCK

Supporters

- Educational institutions, therapeutic services, relocation specialists

Others

- Artists, media, entrepreneurs, humanitarians, and other areas not listed but relevant

#FIGT18NL requests proposals for conference sessions that address:

- Rigorous (re) examinations of basic terms (e.g. expat, immigrant, migrant, global nomad, TCK, CCK, family, foreign assignment, high mobility, etc.)
- Advancing our understanding of the needs and responsibilities of mobile individuals, families and communities
- Teaching, modeling and encouraging empathy, resilience and collaboration between diverse groups, sectors and backgrounds within our growing community
- Consolidating research and support structures within the global mobility field

Session Formats

CONCURRENT SESSION: Hour-long sessions focused on a single topic by one or several presenters. Preference will be given to sessions with original, compelling information, practical resources and/or empowerment tools for families or supporting professionals that are relevant to diverse sectors and experiences. When appropriate, interactive, practice-based, solution-oriented workshops or presentations are encouraged. The suggested format is a 15 to 20-minute presentation and 40-45 minute active discussion on your topic.

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATION: Informal, half hour small group discussions around a table. Lively, interactive, presentations/conversations around a focused, practical topic, designed to expose conference attendees to a range of ideas and presenters. Presenters make a brief (8-10 minute) presentation of their topic and then engage in discussion (15-17 minutes). Ideal for new and experienced presenters alike.

LIGHTNING SESSION: Dynamic, structured talks allow presenters to share big ideas quickly to all conference attendees. Each presenter prepares 20 image-based PowerPoint slides, which advance automatically every 18 seconds, to accompany their “story.” Preference will be given to presentations that are engaging, informative, and based on a powerful question/idea, as well as to speakers with robust presentation skills. There will be a Q&A session immediately after the presentations.

PANEL DISCUSSION: Hour-long expert panels can be an effective way to consolidate knowledge and lead a conversation across sectors and areas of experience/expertise. The ideal panel discussion will contain a big question of interest to constituents of all sectors, moderated by an experienced facilitator. To propose a panel discussion, please fill out the RFP with your information as well as the information for other panel members; we will follow up with you regarding details.

New this year!!!!

POSTER SESSION:

Posters summarize information, ideas or research concisely and attractively to help publicize it and generate discussion. The poster is usually a mixture of a brief text mixed with tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats. A poster is a graphic display of your work. Poster presenters will be invited to present their posters in designated 30 minutes time frame during the conference. This is a new format at FIGT encouraging everyone to present ideas worth spreading. The posters will be displayed during all three days allowing the audience to read your story/research/idea and contact the presenter during the event.

KEYNOTE: High-level lecture, presentation or performance. Can be followed by Q&A at the presenter's discretion. Preference will be given to accomplished speakers or performers with topics that address a universal theme. Please send additional promotional information to the Daniela Tomer, Program Chair at program@figt.org

Opportunities for Presenters

By leading a session, presenters have the opportunity to tap into a highly connected consortium of globally minded, cross-sector colleagues and clients. Session presenters will be included in the promotional materials for the conference.

Fees & Expectations

FIGT is a volunteer-driven, charitable organization recognized under U.S. law and operates with a limited budget that does not permit compensation for presenters. All conference speakers and presenters must register for the conference and pay the full registration fee. The presenter(s) shall also cover their own travel and accommodation. If your proposal is accepted, you will receive a contract with more detailed information. If you require financial assistance to attend the conference, you may find information about our David C. Pollock Scholarship on our website. Special conditions may apply for keynote speakers.

The Application (due September 15, 2017)

The application must be submitted using the online form. This form must be completed in one sitting. It does not allow you to save your submission part way through and complete it later, although you can move back and forth between questions as you work. We strongly recommend you type out and save your more detailed responses in a separate document before you begin. When you hit

“submit” at the end of your application, you are finished. You can expect to receive a response from our Program Committee in October 2017.

Before you begin, review all necessary information needed:

	Step 1: Your contact details
1	First name
2	Last name
3	Your email address
4	Your role/job title
5	Your company/organization (if applicable)
6	Your website (if applicable)
7	If you use Linkedln, insert a link to your profile here
8	Any other social media, publications, certifications or training we should know about?
	Step 2: Your involvement with FIGT
9	Are you a member of FIGT? Y/N
10	Have you attended an FIGT Conference before? Y/N
11	If yes, which years did you attend?
12	Have you presented at an FIGT Conference (including on a panel) before? Y/N
13	If yes, which years did you present?
	Step 3: Your biography and session description
14	Your session title, bio and session synopsis, once submitted, are final and will be used on our website, conference app and in our promotional materials. The Program Committee may suggest clarifying changes and reserves the right to edit, if required, to fit the constraints of our conference app. Do you accept? Y/N
15	Your biography. For publication on our website, conference app and promotional materials. 850 characters (approx 120 words) maximum.

16	Is there more than one presenter for this proposal? Y/N
17	If yes, please provide name(s) and email address(es)
18	Session title 150 characters (approx 20 words) maximum
19	Session description Describe your session to our RFP readers, including its relevance to our theme and your unique perspective.
20	Please indicate your preferred/most appropriate session format. Select all that apply. Concurrent Session Keynote Kitchen Table Conversation Lightning Session Panel Discussion Poster
21	Session synopsis For publication on our website, conference app and conference promotional materials. 850 characters (approx 120 words) maximum..
	Step 4: Academic Research
22	Does your session include an academic research study you have conducted? Y/N
23	If yes, please provide the following information about your research study Who are the participants? Number of participants? How were they recruited to the study? 850 characters (approx 120 words) maximum. NB: If you research falls outside of traditional social sciences, please interpret these questions as you see fit.
24	Your findings What tools and measure did you use? What statistical, theoretical and/or practical significance? 850 characters (approx 120 words) maximum.
25	Is your study complete? Y/N
26	If no, describes what remains to be completed before the 2018 Conference.
27	Step 5: Your perspective, handouts and keywords
28	Which perspective does your presentation relate to the most? Leaders/Sponsors of the move (business, missions, diplomats, military, IGO, INGO, etc)

	Movers (sponsored and self-initiated expats, lifestyle expats, refugees, adult expats, expat partners, TCKs/ATCKs, CCKs) Supporters (educational institutions, therapeutic services, relocation specialists, etc) Others (please explain in the next question)
29	If you selected "Others," please explain
30	Will you be adding a takeaway/handout or resources from your session? Y/N
31	Choose 3-5 (maximum) keywords that describe your session, for example: <i>diversity, culture, language, transition, psychology.</i>
	Step 6: SUBMIT

All proposals will be read by the RFP Committee, a dedicated group of readers representing different perspectives and backgrounds. The Program Committee will make the final decision taking into consideration the uniqueness of #FIGT18NL being our 20-year celebration.

Questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact Judy Rickatson, FIGT Administrator, at admin@figt.org

THANK YOU!