QPLA 2023 Professional Development Call for Papers

Queensland Public Libraries Association (QPLA) invites proposals for presentations, workshop, panel and interactive sessions addressing the overarching themes of the Professional Development event.

Presentation themes

The dynamic and expectation of public libraries is constantly changing. Libararies need to be proactive in adapting to the changes to customer expectation, the need to provide more flexible spaces, embracing the benefits of technology to enhance engagement and assist staff in adapting to a modern, contemporary environment to provide a holistic service to our communities.

Potential speakers are asked to explore and expand upon the themes **Sustainability**, **Diversity, Inclusion** in relation to areas such as:

- Understanding and preparing for changes in the Library profession, service design and customers
- Digital and Virtual technology – looking outside the square
- Design of library spaces – adapt, revitalise, renew, revisiting customer experience

Proposal ideas that extend beyond these thematic areas will also be considered. QPLA may also contact you to refine your session proposal.

Presentation duration

It is expected that individual, group, workshop, interactive and panel presentations will be allocated 10 minutes of speaking time with a small allocation of time for questions.

Paper proposals

Paper proposals should include:

- Presentation type (Individual, Group, Workshop, Interactive or Panel)
- Presentation title
- Expected presentation duration

- Presentation theme (Digital technology, Advocacy, Design of library spaces, Branding and Marketing, Collection presentation)
- Short description of 30 words summarising the presentation (for marketing purposes)
- An abstract of the proposed topic up to 500 words
- A short biography of the author/s
- A head shot of the author/s
- Full name and contact details of author/s

A one-day registration will be provided by QPLA if your proposal is accepted. You will need to arrange travel and accommodation.

Paper proposals to be submitted by 31 August 2023 via email to conference@qpla.asn.au

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