

2018 ABENY Fall Education Conference Call for Session Proposals

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Colleagues of ABENY:

ABENY's Education Committee is now accepting workshop proposals for the Fall 2018 Education Conference Saturday, November 10, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Frederick Douglass Academy, Harlem NYC.

The committee welcomes thoughtful, inquiry-focused (question-centered) workshop proposals from members, supporters, and colleagues comprising the ABENY and larger community.

All proposals are due by March 31, 2018.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The primary goal of the ABENY Fall Education Conference is to provide a forum facilitating the exchange of actionable ideas, methodologies, and best practice within the education community that benefit the students, teachers, and Pan-African Diaspora that comprise the ABENY community.

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of our Fall 2018 conference, "Creating Culturally Relevant Schools," focuses on the importance of understanding the cultural backgrounds of our learners, especially those that are historically underrepresented in postsecondary, economic, and mainstream contexts. Cultural relevance is vital to the educational, social, and economic development of our community.

OUTCOMES FOCUSED SESSIONS

Session facilitators are the heart of the Fall Education Conference. Instead of lecture-centered sessions in which the presenter's sharing of expertise is the focus, ABENY session facilitators encourage interaction and peer-to-peer learning, ensuring all participants meaningful opportunities to both offer and acquire useful, solution-oriented information.

Sessions are scheduled for 60-minutes and should include small - and/or full-group discussion, and provide adequate time for participants to learn from each other through interactive activities.

In the spirit of collaboration, leadership development, and inclusive learning, special consideration will be given to workshop proposals that involve one or more adult learners as co-facilitators.

CONFERENCE STRANDS

Proposed session topics should be structured around the conference theme within one of the following strands:

- Literacy
- Mental Health
- Civic Awareness and Engagement
- Fine and Performing Arts
- School Integration
- Global Awareness/Readiness (including Financial Literacy/Awareness)

SESSION CRITERIA

ABENY's Education Committee welcomes session proposals that meet the following criteria:

- Reflect the Fall 2018 theme: "Creating Culturally Relevant Schools";
- Present content in an interactive and dynamic format through discussion and problem solving, rather than a lecture-based/presenter-centered format;
- Articulate what that audience can expect to gain;
- Use appropriate spelling, capitalization, grammar and punctuation.

Furthermore, the Education Committee will not consider workshops that promote specific commercial products, brands, or institutions. (If you are unsure if your workshop concept falls into one of those categories, please contact the ABENY Education Committee before submitting a proposal.)

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

Please submit the following:

- Session Title
- Session Description (outcomes based; what will audience gain from attending and participating? how?)
- Session Presenter(s) name, email, phone,
- Brief professional bio/background of session presenter(s)

All workshop proposals are due by Saturday March 31, 2018. Proposals should be emailed to Dr. Sheilah Bobo at sbobo@schools.nyc.gov or sheilahbobo@gmail.com. Proposals may be mailed to Dr. Sheilah Bobo, Education Chair, 306 Gold Street, Apt. 3H, Brooklyn, NY, 11201. Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to Dr. Sheilah Bobo, ABENY Education Conference Chair at the email and postal address referenced above.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Please direct any general questions about the conference to Dr. Sheilah Bobo at sheilahbobo@gmail.com or 917.412.9099.

We look forward to reading your proposals!

Sincerely,

ABENY Education Committee