

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: WORKSHOPS

5TH CARIBBEAN WOMEN AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

SAINT LUCIA
OCTOBER 5 - 9, 2017

“SELF-DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT”

The 5th Caribbean Women and Sexual Diversity Conference (CWSDC) is hosted by The Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Diversity and Equality (ECADE) and United and Strong Inc.

It will focus on the significant contribution of Caribbean lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women to their diverse communities. #CWSDC2017 will explore how women live and love at the intersection of the personal and political, our commitment to maintaining collective bonds of family, culture and identity, while creating spaces for self-actualisation and expression beyond hetero- and gender normative structures. The conference will focus on creating change through continuing individual development and community mobilisation.

The planning Committee of the Caribbean Women and Sexual Diversity conference invites workshop proposals on the conference theme outlined above.

Proposals must be submitted via this link: [CWSDC2017 Call for Workshops Proposals](#)

Below are a sample of potential areas of intervention:

- Self-care for activists
- Community organising & mobilisation
- Grant proposal writing
- Art as activism (artivism)
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights for lesbian, bisexual and transgender people
- Unlocking LBT leadership potential
- Advocacy strategies

- Caribbean feminisms and feminist organising
- Telling our own stories
- Queer feminist entertainment/DJing
- Queer identities navigating religion

PROPOSAL FORMAT

Each workshop proposal must contain the following information:

- **Overview or summary**
- **Objectives and Outcomes**
- **Materials**
- **Time required**
- **Optimum number of participants**
- **Activities**
- **Methodologies**

PROPOSAL DEADLINE

Please submit proposals via [the link above](#) by August 8, 2017.

BACKGROUND

The Caribbean Women and Sexual Diversity Conference was conceptualised during the women's caucus in 2012 at the groundbreaking International Dialogue and Training on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Human Rights which was hosted in Saint Lucia. The first of its kind to be staged in the Caribbean, it recorded the highest number of lesbian and bisexual women from around the region in one space. A women's caucus was organised in keeping with the theme: Focus on Strengthening the Caribbean Response and Linking Regional and International Advocacy around the world. This highlighted the need for further dialogue and to reinforce support networks for lesbian, bisexual and transgender women in the Caribbean.

From September 24 - 29, 2013 the first Caribbean Women and Sexual Diversity Conference was hosted in Curacao, where more than 30 lesbian, bisexual and transgender women activists and facilitators gathered under the Theme: Strengthening the invisible woman and empowering her to leadership. This conference is now in its 5th year.