

2020 A Vision for the Inclusion of Isolated Mothers in Canada
Call for Panelists

In May 2020, the Mothers Matter Centre will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a national conference entitled '**2020: A Vision for the Inclusion of Isolated Mothers in Canada**'. Nearly two decades of experience have lent us a deep understanding that, motivated by the desire for a better life for their children, mothers are catalysts for change in their families and communities. The conference is aimed at exploring the means to unleash the powerful force of isolated low-income mothers in Canada.

The conference, which will take place on May 5th-7th 2020 at Simon Fraser University (SFU) Harbour Centre in Vancouver, BC, will provide 250+ diverse attendees with unique and interdependent strategies for a human-centered holistic approach to invite isolated mothers in from the margins of social and economic inclusion in Canadian society. There will be three cross-cutting themes - Indigenous; newcomer and refugee; and low-income Canadian mothers.

The program will include international and world-renowned keynote speakers, mothers sharing their personal journeys of transformation, and expert panels. This call for panelists seeks submissions from participants who are experts in gender equality as it relates to one of the following three categories:

- HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY
- ECONOMIC SECURITY
- SOCIAL INCLUSION

Panels

Panels will consist of 4-5 participants with range of expertise on the below suggested subtopics. Each panelist will have an opportunity to speak about their work. This will be followed by a group discussion and a question and answer period. Panelists should plan on presenting without access to audio/visual equipment.

Suggested Subtopics

Health, wellness, and safety (subtopics: mental health; maternal health; nutrition; reduction of domestic violence; reproductive rights)

Economic security (subtopics: social and micro-enterprise; financial education; reducing the precarity of work)

Social inclusion (subtopics: countering social exclusion; citizenship and participation; understanding the Canadian democratic system; racism and gender bias; fathers as partners in change)

Submission Guidelines

Please submit a one-page abstract detailing the nature of your work and topic you would like to speak on at the conference. Submissions should include the submitter's name, institutional affiliation, email address, and telephone number. Please note, accepted panelists are expected to pay their own expenses to travel and attend the conference. They will not have to pay a registration fee.

Submissions should be emailed as a PDF document attachment to: njeffreys@hippicanada.ca no later than February 1st, 2020. Selected panelists will be notified via email.