

Applied Improvisation Network Conference 2006 Request for Proposals

You are invited to participate in the **2006 Applied Improvisation Network Conference** by making a presentation or conducting an interactive session. The conference will be held in **San Francisco November 15 – 18, 2006**. For more information on previous conferences, see: <http://www.appliedimprov.net> and visit **Past Conferences**.

We want proposals that will support learning, skill development, and will enhance our capacity to apply improvisational principles effectively.

What is the gift you wish to share with your improv colleagues? What creative edge would you like to help expand? What insights would you like to articulate and share? What experiences do you want to create and offer?

We welcome proposals from all potential presenters. We will do our best to hold the space for an engaging conference and we invite you to share your gifts - so bring on your "good old favorites" as well as new topics and perspectives that have not been presented in past conferences. Previous session topics can be reviewed at <http://appliedimprov.net>

We are primarily looking for proposals for 90-minute concurrent sessions. If you believe that your session is best presented in a half-day, explain that within your proposal. If you would like to submit a proposal, here are the pieces of information we need from you by end of day **Friday, June 9th, 2006**:

Presenter Information

Name of the Presenter:
Organization:
E-mail address:
Postal address:
Telephone number:

Name of the Co-Presenter:
Organization:
E-mail address:
Postal address:
Telephone number:

(Please provide this information for each additional co-presenter.)

Session Information

1. Session Title
2. Session Description (for use in publicity materials and conference program) Limit 75 words
3. Content Area (e.g., Music Improv, Research, Business Practices, Tools & Techniques, E-Improv, Case Studies – see also "Scope of Presentations" below)

How to Send Your Proposal

Choose one of the following options:

1. Send an e-mail to karen@createnow.ca with a WORD attachment, **OR**
2. Send the proposal through postal mail to:

Karen Dawson
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Courtenay, BC, Canada V9N 8J8

Scope of Presentations

We aim to cover a wide range of improvisational applications to organizational life:

- Team development (e.g., collaboration, dealing with diverse thinking styles, give and take)
- Individual skills development (e.g., creative thinking, risk taking, leadership, authentic communication, customer service, presentation skills, coaching)
- Interpersonal and intrapersonal issues (e.g., conflict management, dealing with stress, surfacing difficult issues)
- Organizational strategy and planning
- Organizational change management
- Marketing/focus group research/Branding
- Application of improv to specific disciplines – for example, medicine, law, product development, project management, or software engineering.
- Any and all other organizational topics to which improvisation can be applied!

We are looking for presenters who are involved in the following:

- Trainers, coaches, facilitators, OD practitioners who use improvisational tools & concepts
- Academic researchers into improvisation
- Performing artists who apply improvisation to business, organizations, education, community building, social action
- Applying the following forms to organizations: Playback, Forum Theater, sociodrama, Boal techniques, Masks, Clowning etc.
- Applying musical improvisation
- Applying movement/dance improvisation
- Applying visual arts or any other creative mediums
- *Any and all other related practitioners in the emerging field of Applied Improvisation*

If your proposal is selected, you will be contacted by a member of the Applied Improvisation Conference 2006 Programming Committee no later than June 23, 2006.

We ask that all presenters register for the conference – it is important to us to build and nurture a strong and vibrant community of applied improvisers. **If your proposal is selected, you will receive a \$50 discount on the cost of the conference.**

In addition to presenter-led sessions, we will devote time during the conference to Open Space. **WHY Open Space?**

Open Space provides opportunities during the conference to share learning, experiment, play, initiate grand conversations and continue grand conversations. For more information about Open Space, visit:

http://www.appliedimprov.net/blog/archives/2006/04/open_space_tech.php