



Call for Session Proposals Conference 2018: *Cultivating Connections: Museums and the Environment*

September 20 - 22, 2018 Canmore, Alberta

Museums are places of learning and sharing, inquiry and innovation, discussion and exploration, and dialogue and debate. Cultural institutions embrace their roles as places where meaningful connections are made both between individuals and with the most pressing issues in society today.

In a time of increased concern with environmental sustainability, museums are situated to encourage communities to examine how they interact with and care for the environment, while also demonstrating their own sustainable practices. When museums ensure their activities support their surroundings – air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans, and settlements – they can engage more deeply with the social and cultural impacts of the environment in their community and foster greater overall well-being for the community.

The Alberta Museums Association's (AMA) 2018 Conference will explore, consider, and celebrate the ways museums are moving towards greater engagement with environmental issues. Delegates will examine how collections, preservation, and research can benefit from approaches that consider sustainability, as well as how public programs, exhibitions, and partnerships that engage with environment can broaden the museum's impact. Potential sessions could explore themes such as:

- Programming the Environment
- Exhibitions and the Environment
- Green museum practices (Collections, preservation, exhibits)
- Engaging community through environmental sustainability
- Waste reduction and museum practice
- Reconciliation and the environment
- Emergency Preparedness and Prevention
- Talking about environmental sustainability as a museum
- Lessons from integrating environmental sustainability into museum practice
- Issues museum face when engaging with environmental sustainability

All session proposals are reviewed by the Conference Program Committee. The AMA Secretariat is happy to provide feedback on proposals before they are submitted for review. Contact learning@museums.ab.ca with your ideas and questions.

Complete the [online session proposal form](#) by February 12, 2018. For more information about the AMA and its Annual Conference, please visit museums.ab.ca.