



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness



Healing Our Spirit Worldwide 2023

The 9th Healing Our Spirit Worldwide (HOSW) will be held in the City of Vancouver from September 11 to 15, 2023 at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

HOSW brings together thousands of Indigenous leaders and health care professionals from around the world to share and celebrate the healing power of traditional Indigenous knowledge and cultures.

This international event is held every four years. In 2023, it will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. The gathering is an opportunity for original peoples who have a history of colonial impact to share knowledge, wisdom, learning and experiences. These new and old teachings will foster relationships, understandings and new opportunities – and in doing so they will reinforce our resilience as Indigenous peoples.

GATHERING OBJECTIVES

- Showcase how Indigenous people have control of their health, healing and wellness that is based on their culture, practices, and languages.
- Provide a safe space for social and intellectual discussion, and for Indigenous leaders to work together on challenges about Indigenous health, healing and wellness.
- Provide participants with an opportunity to partake in different Indigenous ceremonies, culture and presentations.

1. REGISTRATIONS

Registration for Healing Our Spirit Worldwide 2023 will open on June 15, 2022.

The following are the registration fees in Canadian dollar currency:

Early Bird – Paid before April 1, 2023	\$800
Standard Fee (Paid before August 25, 2023)	\$1000
Elders and Youth Fee	\$600
Group Registration Early Bird (paid before April 1, 2023)	\$725
Group Registration (Paid after March 31, 2023 and before August 28, 2023)	\$900
Day Registration (paid by August 28, 2023)	\$350
Day Registration (paid after August 28, 2023)	\$500
Late Registration (August 28 to September 14, 2023)	\$1500

2. ABSTRACTS

The call for submissions will open on June 15, 2022 for the following:

1. **Workshops:** 55 minutes total – 40-minute interactive presentation; 15 minutes for questions.
2. **Oral Presentations:** 20 minutes total – 15-minute presentation and 5 minutes for questions.
3. **Poster Presentation:** Abstract represented in poster format.
4. **Digital Poster Presentations:** Abstract presented in a 3-5 minute pre-recorded digital presentation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for Abstract Submissions Opens:	June 15, 2022
Call for Abstract Submissions Closes:	September 30, 2022 Midnight (PST)
Notification of Acceptance:	November 15, 2022
Presenter Response:	December 15, 2022

STREAMS AND THEMES

Health and Wellness Streams

- Celebrating Health and Wellness
- Indigenous Healing, Culture, Teachings and Wellness
- Health Innovation and Transformation
- Wellness and Healing Together – A Trauma-Informed Approach
- Community Strengths and Resilience

Presentations will be based on a health and wellness stream and focus on one of the following themes:

- Health Promotion, Prevention, Education and Awareness
- Research, Data, Information and Knowledge Exchange
- Program Development, Implementation and Evaluation
- Mental Health, Healing and Wellness
- Substance Use and Addictions
- Youth (16 to 29 years old)
- Elders (65 years old and over)

HEALTH GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP STREAM

Presentations will focus on one of the following:

- Health Leadership
- Health Governance

Please watch our HOSW website for more information or contact us at hosw@fnha.ca

The FNHA is hosting two logo contests, which are open to all Indigenous People living in Canada. One is for an overall logo for the Gathering, which is open to all age groups. We are also looking for youth artists for the development of logos for the banners that represent the different streams.



HOSW LOGO:

The Overall Gathering Theme is:

“Resiliency through Indigenous Teachings, Celebrating Wellness, Health Governance and Nation-Rebuilding”

The theme represents “celebrating resiliency”, which honours our traditional teachings and explores wellness, governance, and self-determination. We are looking for an overall HOSW logo that represents this theme.

PRIZES:

The winner will receive \$1200 cash or a MacBook Air.

YOUTH CONTEST (16 – 29):

We are looking at having a banner to assist the participants in identifying the different streams of the program. As part of the banner, we are looking for a logo for each of the six streams.

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- Community Strengths and Resilience
- Health Governance and Leadership

PRIZES:

The winner for each stream will receive an Apple iPad.

TIMELINES:

Submission Deadline: June 24, 2022

Review Phase: July 15, 2022

Winner Announced: July 29, 2022

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