



## Speaker Application

### INSPIRE NEIGHBORHOODS CONFERENCE

*The Inspire! Neighborhood Conference is open to residents of the City of Fort Wayne at no cost.*

*Learning Tracts for the Neighborhood Conference align with the focus areas of the Neighborhood Planning & Activation Workgroup. We encourage speakers to submit proposals for presentations, workshops, and activities in the following four categories: Planning, Activation, Collaboration, and Play/Rest. Descriptions of each learning tract can be found on the fifth page of this document.*

### TELL US ABOUT... YOU & YOUR TEAM!

*Use this space to tell us more about you and/or your team.*

#### 1. Contact Information: Speaker 1

Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Handles \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Contact information: Additional Speakers (if applicable)

Speaker 2 - Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Handles \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 3 - Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Handles \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 4 - Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media Handles \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Lead Speaker Bio & Headshot

Provide a bio of your lead speaker. (100-word response limit)

## TELL US ABOUT... YOUR SESSION!

We'd love to know more about what you would like to share with your conference attendees. Each session will be 90 minutes long including time for Q & A. Speakers are encouraged to provide opportunities for conference attendees to actively participate in their session.

### 1. Session Title:

### 2. Session Format & Language

Check all that apply.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Language of Delivery: English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panel        | <input type="checkbox"/> Language of delivery: Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other language: _____         |

### 3. Topic Alignment

Please indicate which of the following topics your proposed session aligns with.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning (i.e., strategy, n'hood health)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration (i.e., partnerships, resources)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activation (i.e., advocacy, beautification) | <input type="checkbox"/> Play/ Rest (i.e., social activities, team building) |

**4. Learning Objectives**

*Please name 3 learning objectives for your session. Character-limit 100 words.*

**5. Session Description**

*Please describe your session in 100 words or less. You are encouraged not to repeat your learning objectives, though you can describe how you will meet them.*

**6. Alignment - Impact for Conference Attendees**

*We want meaningful engagement of attendees to be a hallmark of neighborhood conference content. Opportunities to interact can include more serious activities like participating in object-based lessons or drafting action plans to take back to one’s neighborhood as well as more light-hearted activities like talking to and laughing with one another. Please let us know how this session will inspire, equip, or energize conference attendees. (100-word limit)*

## 7. Technical Support Needs for Presentation

Please indicate what technical support or materials you may need for your presentation (i.e., access to a projector/screen, sound/speakers, post-its, whiteboard, markers, dry-erase markers, internet access, etc.).

### SPEAKER APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed Application
- Headshot(s)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 pm, Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Applications can be submitted by using the online form or by completing the PDF application form and emailing it to [rena.bradley@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:rena.bradley@cityoffortwayne.org). Both the online and PDF forms can be found on our website at [www.inspirefortwayne.com](http://www.inspirefortwayne.com)

### PROGRAM MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any additional questions about the conference, contact Réna Bradley at [rena.bradley@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:rena.bradley@cityoffortwayne.org) or by calling 260-427-2284.

## LEARNING TRACT DEFINITIONS

### Focus Area 1: Planning

Planning speaking topics focus on how local stakeholders (neighborhood residents and community leaders) come together to envision and shape the future of neighborhoods and communities. Example topics include: what makes a healthy neighborhood, strategic thinking, project implementation, etc.

*Past topics have included: Healthy & Livable Communities, Placemaking, Transportation, Community Gardens, and Crime Prevention & Safety*

### Focus Area 2: Activation

Activation speaking topics provide neighborhood residents and leaders with tools and project examples that build their capacity to lead and implement projects and events. Speakers can focus on beautification projects, community advocacy, member recruitment, event hosting, etc.

*Past topics have included: Youth Engagement, Public Art, Meeting Facilitation, Governance & Finance, and Fundraising & Grant Opportunities*

### Focus Area 3: Collaboration

Collaboration speaking topics focus on developing, building, leveraging, and strengthening partnerships and resources between neighborhood associations and other entities including stakeholders, corporations, foundations, non-profits, other neighborhoods, etc.

*Past topics have included: Engaging immigrants and refugees, Intersectional experience, Government Basics, and Understanding Trauma*

### Focus Area 4: Play/ Rest

Making room for self-care, rest, and fun is essential to creating well-run neighborhood associations, and cultivating sustainable growth for people and communities. Speakers who choose topics in this focus area can talk about social activities, team building efforts, mental-health practices, and more.

*Past topics have included: Resting Well, Avoiding Burnout*