



2025 Queensland Community Development Conference

PORT DOUGLAS 14-16 OCTOBER 2025

Call for Proposals

Community Development Queensland (CD QLD) invites you to submit a proposal for the 2025 CD QLD Conference. This year's theme, **Reimagining Our Past, Shaping Our Future**, challenges us to honour the lessons of history while envisioning innovative and inclusive approaches for a brighter future.

We welcome proposals that reflect diverse experiences, creative solutions, and contemporary practices in community development. Share your stories, insights, and strategies for building and supporting the voices and involvement of people in working for meaningful change in your communities, sparking meaningful change in your communities.

Presentation Types:

15-Minute Story Circles: Share project stories in an intimate and collaborative setting.

1.5-Hour Practice Workshops: Facilitate hands-on, participatory workshops that encourage learning and exchange.

Critical Conversations: Lead discussions on pressing issues requiring facilitated dialogue and collective exploration.

Creative Expressions: Showcase community development through performance, art, storytelling, or other creative mediums.

Other Formats: Have an innovative idea? Feel free to suggest a unique presentation style.

Subthemes/Contexts:

Honouring First Nations Knowledge: Integrating Indigenous wisdom and practices into contemporary community development.

Learning from History: Exploring how past successes and failures can inform future strategies.

Building Intergenerational Connections: Creating spaces where different age groups collaborate and learn from each other.

People Led Change: Building the voices of ordinary people towards extraordinary change based on social justice principles.

Resilience Through Reflection: Analysing historical challenges to build stronger, more adaptable communities.

Technology and Tradition: Balancing innovation with cultural preservation in community development.

Civic Participation Then and Now: Understanding how engagement has evolved and envisioning future pathways.

Reimagining Governance: Shaping inclusive, future-focused policies informed by historical lessons.

Sustainable Futures: Drawing from past environmental practices to address today's ecological challenges.

Storytelling for Change: Using narratives from the past to inspire action and unity in the present and future.

Reconnecting Through Culture: Revitalising cultural heritage to strengthen community identity and belonging.

We look forward to receiving your creative and impactful proposals and to collaborating with you in Port Douglas this October. Together, let's reimagine and shape the future of our communities.



Proposal Form

Please complete the form below and submit your proposal by 30 May 2025 via email to CDconference2025@pdnc.org.au.

Contact details of presenter/s

First name	Last name
Position	Organisation
Address	
Email	Phone

Type of presentation (please select one):

Workshop 1.5hr Practice Workshop 1.5hr Critical Conversation	Practice Stories 15min Story Circles 15min Critical Conversation	Other (please specify):
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Proposal details (500 words), to include the following:

Title of the presentation

Description of the content
 (outline the key themes, messages, and objectives of your presentation)

Presentation process
 (detail the methods, activities, or approaches you'll use to engage participants.)

Specific requests
 (do you require any specific requests from the organisers, or the venue?
 e.g. audiovisual equipment)

Relevance to theme
 (explain how your proposal aligns with the conference theme and subtopics)

Presenter biography
 (share a brief bio of the presenter(s), highlighting relevant experience)