



**Application  
To Present**

*Walking Together*

Walk alone if you want to go fast.  
Walk together if you want to go far.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION WA

The Foster Care Association invites you to participate in the 2019 National Foster and Kinship Care Conference being held in Scarborough, Western Australia at the Rendezvous Hotel, from the 5th to 7th September 2019.

The National Foster and Kinship Care Conference is an annual event, typically hosted by State based foster and kinship care peak bodies. The 2019 Conference will be hosted by the Foster Care Association in Western Australia and aims to provide an exciting and nurturing learning environment, acknowledging, inspiring and promoting personal and professional connections in the fostering sector.

The conference titled "Walking Together" will present a unique opportunity to learn from, and alongside, family and general foster carers. Attendees will hear from expert local and national keynote speakers. The conference will have a strong focus on elevating the voice of the carer, both as an individual and a collective group. We will seek to honour commonalities and differences in the fostering experience. We will strive to be culturally responsive, relevant and progressive in reflecting current fostering trends. We aim to attract participation from a wonderfully diverse audience of foster carers, professional practitioners, researchers and young people in the fostering sector.

Attendees will be provided with the opportunity to explore their current thinking and identify new strategies for care, while at the same time, have the opportunity to mix with likeminded people from all walks of child protection and out of home care.

For anyone with an interest in the future of foster and kinship care, the 2019 Conference being held in the iconic beachside community in Scarborough represents a not-to-be-missed opportunity to participate in and share learning and experiences with attendees, government and non government agencies right across Australia.

The conference will challenge attendees individually and collectively to identify strategies that take us forward into the future.

I encourage you to consider favourably the information in this package and make contact with us if we can provide further assistance. Information about FCWA can be found at: <https://www.fcawa.com.au>.

I look forward to reacquainting, or indeed welcoming first-time presenters at the 2019 National Foster and Kinship Conference.



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Director  
*Foster Care Association  
Western Australia*





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## CONFERENCE THEMES

**'Walking Together' aims to explore the current and emerging practises and experiences within the fostering system. This learning will be a reflection from the perspective of the foster family, the child and the professional. Conference presentations and workshops will need to articulate, through research and or good practice, one or more of the following key areas of interest:**

### Foster Care

- Voice Of The Carer
- Voice Of The Child
- Home Stretch
- Leaving Care
- Value Of Relationships Between Carers & Staff / Agency
- Parenting In The 21st Century
- NDIS
- Mental Health
- FASD
- Autism
- Reunification
- Permanency Planning

### Kinship Care

- Differences Between Family Placements & Non-Family Placements
- Cultural & Placement Planning
- Grandparent Carer Challenges

### Cultural Responsiveness

- Carers Experience
- Child's Experience
- Professional Experience

### Self Care

- Carers Needs
- Supporting Biological Children
- Professionals Needs

### Professional Learning

- Research
- Current Trends





## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

**Applicants wishing to present will need to identify which one of the five areas of inquiry their presentation contributes to most directly:**

1. Foster Care
2. Kinship Care
3. Self Care
4. Cultural Responsiveness
5. Professional learning

**Applicants will be asked to identify the audience for their presentation - who is most likely to benefit. Some presentations might target one or more of the following groups:**

1. Foster Carers
2. Kinship Carers
3. Industry Professionals

Applicants will need to provide details about the experience of the presenter and whether the content of the presentation has been presented elsewhere. Please understand that this will help us to balance the program with a mix of new and known content. It will also help us to achieve our aim of delivering consistent, high quality presentations while also giving some new or inexperienced presenters an opportunity to gain experience.

Presenters may be asked to present twice during the conference if their session proves to be very popular.

Should presenters wish to attend other presentations and / or stay for the entire conference payment needs to be made at the full Industry Professional rate.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Applicants must confirm that their presentations are free of commercial interest. Any presentation that is selling or promoting a particular product or commercial service will not be accepted.

At the start of the presentation, all Presenters will need to acknowledge the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island peoples in the area and the Country on which the Conference is being held. The words for the Acknowledgment of Country will be provided to all presenters prior to the Conference.

Power Point facilities (data projectors, computers and screens) will be available for presenters. Presentations must be in Power Point format.

All selected abstracts will be published on the Foster Care Association WA (FCAWA) and Conference Website. FCAWA may record any or all presentations and make the recordings available to attendees at a later date.





# SUBMISSION PROCESS

## Instructions for completion of application:

1. Read all instructions carefully.
2. Complete the Application To Present form, made with a submission of a 300 word abstract.
3. Ensure your application addresses the selection criteria.
4. Forward your application including your 300 word abstract to [freddie@fcawa.com.au](mailto:freddie@fcawa.com.au) no later than 31-Mar-19.
5. Ensure Presenters Biographies are no longer than 50 words in total.
6. Supply one Presenter Photograph (file size maximum 1MB) with application.
7. Supply Company Logo (file size maximum 1MB) with application.
8. Email completed application and all necessary attachments to [freddie@fcawa.com.au](mailto:freddie@fcawa.com.au).

## Important dates:

1. Closing date for Applications To Present 31st March 2019.
2. Review of all Applications To Present by Foster Care Association WA 1st April to 12th April 2019.
3. Announcement of successful applicants 15th April 2019.
4. Submission for final Power Point presentation 15th August 2019.



# APPLICATION TO PRESENT FORM

Organisation Name: .....

Organisation ABN: .....

Organisation Web Address: .....

Address Line 1: .....

Address Line 2: .....

Address Suburb: ..... Address State: ..... Postcode: .....

Organisation Telephone Number: ..... Type of Business: .....

Presenter's First Name: ..... Presenter's Surname: .....

Presenter's Job Title: ..... Contact Telephone Number: .....

Contact Email: .....

**Presentation Title:** .....

## Which area of enquiry does your presentation contribute to most directly?

Foster Care     Kinship Care     Self Care     Cultural Responsiveness     Professional Learning

## Which audience is most likely to benefit from your presentation

Foster Carers     Kinship Carers     Industry Professionals

**Presentation Fee:**    \$ .....

## Necessary attachments:

- 50 word Presenter Biography attached.
- 300 word Presentation Abstract attached.
- Presenter Photograph attached (file size maximum 1MB).
- Company Logo attached (file size maximum 1MB).

I am authorised to sign documents on behalf of the Organisation listed above. I acknowledge that I have read the essential information, terms and conditions and submission process governing the 2019 National Foster and Kinship Care Conference and agree to comply with them in full. Please email completed application though to [freddie@fcawa.com.au](mailto:freddie@fcawa.com.au).

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FULL NAME

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SIGNATURE

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