



### Submission Deadline: July 21, 2023

Thank you for your interest in speaking at PDW 2024! The Call for Proposals is officially open. Please read everything below carefully before submitting your proposal.

### Submitting a Proposal

As a presenter, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the professional development of digital practitioners from across Canada's Public Service. You are invited to submit your proposal(s) here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PDW2024-Call-for-proposals>

- You are encouraged to submit **multiple proposals** so, in the event that there are multiple submissions from various speakers on a similar topic, it may increase your chances of being selected.
- Provide a **link to a video** of you speaking so we can see you in action. This really helps the Program Committee assess whether you are an engaging speaker and would make a good fit.
- Sessions are to be "**product-independent**", the promotion of products and services during these presentations are not permitted. These are educational sessions and not marketing opportunities. Joint vendor/customer case studies can be submitted and are welcomed.
- Please ensure your session proposal is clear with regards to session title, description and format (i.e. one speaker or panel of speakers). If you are selected, your session will be selected as submitted and major changes cannot be made unless for exceptional circumstances, i.e. the speaker no longer works for the organization.

Note: Submitted proposals are not just for PDW 2024 - they may be considered for **other future events** throughout the year (i.e. monthly DPI seminars).

### Important Dates

**July 21, 2023** - Proposal submission deadline

**August 2023** - Proposal selection review process

**September/October 2023** - Program will be finalized. Only those that have been selected will be contacted.

### DPI Background

DPI is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing learning and development opportunities for public sector digital professionals via various monthly events and the signature annual PDW event.

For more information about DPI and evolving updates related to PDW 2024, please visit our website at [www.pdw-spp.com](http://www.pdw-spp.com).

## **PDW 2024**

Our most anticipated annual learning event, Professional Development Week, will be held **May 7 -9, 2024** - both virtually and at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa. Please note that all presenters will be expected to attend PDW 2024 **in person**.

This event will provide important opportunities to learn, network, and connect with colleagues. That’s why we are excited to launch our theme: **“Think Big. Shift Fast. Accelerate Digital.”** The focus will be on various topics such as technology, skill-building, adaptability, resiliency, leadership, mental health, and the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion.

In today's rapidly changing landscape, organizations must contend with constantly evolving technology that disrupts traditional ways of doing things. People and talent management are crucial factors in driving digital innovation and acceleration. PDW 2024 will explore how we harness talent to drive digital, including recruitment, retention and skill building, as well as fostering a culture of experimentation and risk taking in order to respond quickly to the changing landscape. Participants will gain valuable insights by learning and networking with thought leaders, experts, and practitioners to explore the latest trends and best practices in digital innovation and acceleration. Together we will think big, shift fast and accelerate digital.

Below is a list of some key topics/areas we would like to bring to our delegates:

<b>Technology / Innovation</b>	<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Personal Development</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Industry Trends</li> <li>- Sustainable technology</li> <li>- Evolution of Tech</li> <li>- Business &amp; Tech Partnership</li> <li>- AI uses and ethics</li> <li>- Digital Transformation</li> <li>- Digital UX</li> <li>- Digital identity</li> <li>- Data Stewardship</li> <li>- Blockchain / Quantum</li> <li>- Cryptocurrency</li> <li>- Cloud Computing</li> <li>- Cyber Security</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anti-racism</li> <li>- Unconscious bias</li> <li>- Microaggressions</li> <li>- Cultural Awareness</li> <li>- Accessibility</li> <li>- Collaboration</li> <li>- Return to Office</li> <li>- Women in Leadership</li> <li>- Women in STEM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mindfulness</li> <li>- Resiliency</li> <li>- Positive Mindset</li> <li>- Stress management</li> <li>- Breaking the Stigma</li> <li>- Work/Life Balance</li> <li>- Fostering a Healthy Organizational Culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Career Development</li> <li>- Self Confidence</li> <li>- Communication</li> <li>- Talent Management</li> <li>- Critical Thinking</li> <li>- Leadership</li> <li>- Negotiation</li> <li>- Networking</li> <li>- Emotional Intelligence</li> <li>- Empathy</li> <li>- Managing Hybrid workforce</li> <li>- Conflict Management</li> <li>- Coaching/Mentoring</li> </ul>

**\*\*\*Note: If you have an industry topic that is leading edge and within the areas of focus but is not on the list above, we encourage you to still submit your idea for consideration.**

## **Require More Information?**

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [program@dpi-canada.com](mailto:program@dpi-canada.com).

***Thank you from the PDW 2024 Program Committee!***