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# **Connecting the Dots**

**Braille, Technology  
& Employment Conference**

**Connecting the Dots Conference - Call for Papers**

## **What it's all about**

Connecting the Dots is the CNIB Foundation's largest educational and professional development experience. With over 40 workshops, this two-day event will offer Canadians who are blind or partially sighted a way to connect with other like-minded professionals, explore new ideas, improve their skills and knowledge, and gain key practical experience from industry experts to aid in career advancement.

For over 40 years, the CNIB Foundation hosted the Braille Conference – a Toronto-based event where individuals with sight loss, braille transcribers, educators and CNIB staff members gathered to discuss the latest advancements in literacy. Through further research and collaboration with Canadians who are blind or partially sighted, our conference has evolved into a more inclusive event that covers a number of topics, including technology, employment and literacy.

Connecting the Dots will become more than just an annual event. We'll be expanding our conference from Toronto to Montreal and Vancouver. We aim to connect Canadians with sight loss and their families with the latest accessible technologies, to provide them with an opportunity to network with potential employers, and to expand their knowledge of all things braille.

## **Call for Papers**

**Important:** All proposals must be received by **Monday, July 26, 2019.**

**Name:**

**Title/Affiliation:**

**Area of Expertise:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Telephone (000-000-0000):**

**Abstract of session (Maximum 75 words):**

**Main objectives of session (For example: What will the attendees learn from this session):**

**Additional presenter and their titles:**

**Presenter bio (Maximum 200 words):**

**Do you require assistance producing handouts in accessible formats (braille, large print, etc.):**

**Equipment required (be specific, but please note laptops are not provided):**

**Would you like the opportunity to present your workshop at a Connecting the Dots event in a different city, like Montreal or Vancouver? Travel expenses are not covered by the CNIB Foundation.**

Yes

No

**Please note:** All sessions will be 50 minutes in length including Q&A time. Presenters will be given free admission to the conference on the day of their presentation. Presenters wanting to attend the second day as well, a discount on the registration fee will be provided.

**Please send your completed application to <mailto:ConnectingTheDots@cnib.ca>**