



PROGRESS INSTITUTE

Request for Presenters **Fifth Annual Progress Institute** **November 2nd, 2018**

The Progress Institute is a day-long symposium bringing together the community development field for learning, connecting, and inspiration. Cleveland Neighborhood Progress is currently seeking innovative and engaging speakers and presenters to discuss their creative solutions to challenges facing community development professionals in Cleveland.

Cleveland Neighborhood Progress welcomes proposals from individuals who wish to bring their expertise and passion to Cleveland's annual conference for community development professionals.

Interested presenters should submit a proposal including name, organization, contact information, background and qualifications, and a brief description of the proposed session. The description should include the title, objective, audience, and content level (beginner, intermediate, or advanced). Free conference registration will be offered to session presenters and a small gift of appreciation. Sessions will be 60-75 minutes in length, understanding that Cleveland Neighborhood Progress will be developing final schedule and length of time for sessions.

This is an opportunity to showcase topics critical to community development in a way that engages the audience, facilitates discussion of new ideas, and moves ideas to action!

Topics of interest for the 2018 Progress Institute include (but are not limited to):

CDC Advancement

- Board and Staff Partnerships
- Fundraising and Fund Diversification for CDCs
- Strategic Collaboration and Shared Services
- Data-Driven Interventions
- Nonprofit Marketing and Technology
- Data-based Decision-making and Program Evaluation

Community Development

- Asset Based Community Development
- Grassroots Community Organizing
- Welcoming New Communities
- Creative Approaches to Building Partnerships with Local Schools



Economic Opportunity

- Health Equity and Community Economic Development
- Strategies for Promoting Homeownership
- Economic Development through National Partnerships
- Sparking Economic Opportunity in Disinvested Places

Operationalizing REI

- Strategies for Advancing Equitable Community and Economic Development

Placemaking

- Arts and Culture as Community Empowerment
- Housing Stabilization Strategies
- Real Estate Legal Issues
- Neighborhood-Based Placemaking Projects

Policy and Advocacy

- Importance of Storytelling in Working with Policymakers
- Opportunity Zones: Understanding the New Tax Incentive
- Return from Representative Democracy to Direct Public Participation

We will also consider other creative and engaging community development topics that do not fall under the listed categories.

Proposals are due by 5:00pm on May 25th, 2018. Proposals can be submitted electronically through this [Google Form](#). More information about the Progress Institute is available [here](#).

Preliminary decisions will be shared with those submitting by June 11th, 2018.