



## Call for Proposals

This Call for Proposals is designed to help you through the proposal submission process for the 2011 International Drug Policy Reform Conference in Los Angeles, California – from explaining how the process works to giving some guidelines about what kind of proposals we’re looking for and how best to communicate your ideas.

### 1. Details About the Conference Audience, Program & Speakers

The Reform Conference takes place every two years and draws a wide range of participants including students, grassroots activists, academics and drug researchers, city, state and federal elected officials, people in recovery as well as those who currently use drugs, treatment providers and public health advocates.

The Reform Conference aims to have roughly 60 breakout sessions over the course of three days, in addition to three plenary sessions. (Plenary sessions are always programmed by conference organizers; proposals are not accepted.) Breakout sessions typically run 6 to a timeslot. All breakout sessions are 90 minutes long: usually 60 minutes of presentations and 30 minutes of question & answer.

The Reform Conference breakout sessions includes the following formats:

Panel Session	4-5 speakers each give presentations, question & answer follows.
Roundtable Session	A conversational dialogue of 6-7 speakers, led by a knowledgeable and engaging moderator.
Training Session	1-2 speakers focus on a particular issue or topic and give session attendees tips and skills to address it.

**All confirmed speakers must register for the conference, at a special discounted registration rate. They are expected to arrange and pay for their own travel and hotel.**

The Reform Conference has a limited portion of partial scholarships set aside for speakers. Decisions on how these funds are disbursed are made based on the applicant’s need and the desirability of the presentation or session proposal.





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### 2. Key Dates

February 1, 2011	Call for Proposals opens
March 18, 2011	Call for Proposals closes
March 21 – April 8, 2011	Review period
Starting April 11, 2011	Official invitations to speakers begin to go out
End of May	Final response required from invited speakers

### 3. What Kind of Proposals Are You Looking For?

Each year, the Reform Conference features domestic and international topics and strives to create a balance of drug policy reform research, practice, advocacy and policy. We want the conference to inspire attendees and introduce them to new ideas and ways of thinking or working.

Because the Reform Conference Program Committee takes a very active role in creating and framing all breakout session themes, the primary goal of our proposal process is to seek out speakers who will enrich the chosen themes. For this reason we accept **individual presentation proposals** only.

We strongly encourage those directly impacted by the war on drugs, particularly current and former drug users and formerly incarcerated people, to submit proposals on topics relevant to their lives and experiences.

Please review the nine broad topic areas on the following pages and the special target issues listed beneath each to get an idea of the 2011 program focus. This list is not inclusive of all topics.

#### **Criminalization & Other Punishments**

- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Laws
- Drug Courts
- Drug Sellers
- Drug Testing
- Economic Impact of the Drug War
- Impact of Criminalizing Drug Users
- Innovative Policing Practices
- Mandatory Minimum Sentencing
- “New” Drugs – e.g. Salvia, Spice, Mephedrone
- Performance-Enhancing Drugs

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### **Treatment**

- Alternative Treatment Approaches
- Impact of Healthcare Reform
- Integrating Harm Reduction into Treatment
- Integration of Mental Health & Drug Treatment (Dual Diagnosis)
- Relationship between Criminal Justice & Treatment

### **Harm Reduction Practices & Advocacy**

- Alcohol & Tobacco Harm Reduction
- Drug Consumption Rooms & Supervised Injection Facilities
- Expanding Harm Reduction
- Harm Reduction for Stimulant Users
- Harm Reduction in Nightlife Settings
- Overdose Prevention & Education
- Reducing Stigma for All Drug Users
- Syringe Access

### **Marijuana & Medical Marijuana**

- Approaches to Legalizing Marijuana
- Colorado's Expanding Marijuana Reform Efforts
- Legalizing Marijuana in California after Prop 19
- Latest Research on Medical Marijuana
- Approaches to Regulating Medical Marijuana
- Improving Patient Access to Medical Marijuana in California
- Impact of Racist Enforcement of Marijuana Laws
- Youth & Marijuana Arrests
- Marijuana Impairment Testing
- Marijuana in Drug Treatment
- Public Opinion Research Supporting Marijuana Reform

### **Building a Movement (Organizing)**

- African Americans & the Drug War as the New Jim Crow
- Building Bridges Within Different Areas of Drug Policy Work
- Building Partnerships Between Formerly Incarcerated People & Reform Advocates
- Elevating the Status of Women Within the Movement
- Engaging Likely Allies in LGBTQ & Sex Workers' Movements
- Impact of Personal Use & Experience on Drug Policy Work
- Making Drug Policy Reform a Key Issue of the 2012 Presidential Campaign
- Organizing Beyond the 40th Anniversary of the War on Drugs
- Parents Organizing to End the War on Drugs
- Role of Drug Users in Ending the War on Drugs
- Role of Unions in Drug Policy Reform

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### **Foreign & International Drug Policies**

- Intersections Between Global Drug, Human and Gun Trafficking
- Drug Policy & Harm Reduction in Muslim and Asian Countries
- Portugal-style Decriminalization
- Reducing U.S. – Mexico Border Violence

### **Psychedelics**

- Expanding Research Opportunities
- Psychedelics & Spirituality
- Regulating Psychedelics

### **Youth Drug Use Issues & Reform Involvement**

- Juvenile Justice
- Messaging to Youth
- New Models of Drug Education
- Social Host Laws
- “Troubled Teen” Treatment Industry
- Youth Advocacy

### **Training & Skills Building**

- Empowering Individuals During Police Interactions
- Fundraising
- Online Messaging
- Perfecting Your Drug Policy Reform Pitch
- Preventing Overdose
- Media Outreach
- Understanding Your Rights as a Medical Marijuana User
- Using Social Networking for a Cause

### **History, Theory & Ethics of Drug Use & Drug Policy**

- Drug Panics & Their Causes
- History of Criminalization of Drug Use / Drug Users
- Politicization of Research Funding



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### 4. How Should I Submit My Proposal?

Please visit the Reform Conference website and complete the form on the Propose a Talk page [[www.reformconference.org/program/call-proposals](http://www.reformconference.org/program/call-proposals)]. You will be asked for the following information:

Which topic area & panel idea your presentation responds to.

A 300 word description of what your 10-12 minute presentation will cover.

At least one presentation objective (i.e. what attendees will learn).

Your 75-word bio.

Your resume or CV.

You may submit your presentation proposal with a title; however, please be aware that it is Reform Conference practice to list only entire panel titles rather than individual presentation titles.

Please note that while you may submit multiple proposals, in order to make the conference as inclusive as possible, in most cases only one proposal will be accepted per person.

All proposals must be received by **March 18, 2011**. Late proposals will not be accepted.

### 5. What Should I Expect After I Submit My Proposal?

At any time after you submit your proposal, you may be contacted by someone on the Reform Conference Program Committee about your proposal. While the official review period is March 21 – April 8, 2011, program development is on-going and you may be asked to clarify certain elements of your presentation proposal or if you would be open to modifying certain elements. You may be asked to provide speaker recommendations on related topics.

Starting on April 11th, the Reform Conference Program Committee will begin sending out official invitations to speak on a panel. Due to the number of proposals received, only accepted proposals will get a response.

### 6. Further Information

If you have questions not addressed here, please visit the conference website – [www.reformconference.org](http://www.reformconference.org) – or contact Stefanie Jones, Event Manager, at [sjones@drugpolicy.org](mailto:sjones@drugpolicy.org).

