

**2017 Request for Proposals**  
**Families in Global Transition 2017 Conference**  
***Building on the Basics: Creating Your***  
***Tribe on the Move***

**Submission Deadline September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Topics, Speakers, Game-changers

The ideal 2017 session topic is directly related to the conference theme, **Building on the Basics: Creating Your Tribe on the Move**

The 2017 Families In Global Transition conference will revisit the basics: What is the definition of an expat? A Third Culture Kid? A foreign assignment? High mobility? A global family? The FIGT network of researchers, educators, counselors, relocation specialists, artists, humanitarians, entrepreneurs, students and parents will unpack the terms and frameworks that help make sense of global mobility's impact on identity, career and community development. Through discussion about updating definitions, we will advance our understanding of cross-cultural and globally mobile communities in an age of profound cultural, economic and political complexity. If a common basic need for our diverse communities is a sense of belonging, what are the practical steps to finding your "tribe" and helping others do the same?

#FIGT17NL requests proposals for conference sessions that address

- Rigorous (re) examinations of basic terms (e.g. expat, immigrant, migrant, global nomad, TCK, CCK, family, foreign assignment, high mobility, etc.)
- Privilege and hierarchies within Western/Anglo definitions of "global families"
- Advancing our understanding of the needs and responsibilities of mobile communities
- Practical resources for individuals, families and organizations to find their cross-cultural/globally mobile "tribe"
- Teaching, modeling and encouraging empathy, resilience and collaboration between "tribes" with differing needs/outlooks/approaches
- Consolidating research and support structures within the global mobility field
- Who is not "at the table" of our conversation at FIGT

## **Session Formats**

**CONCURRENT SESSION:** Interactive, practice-based, solution-oriented workshops or presentations that appeal to attendees across sectors. Preference will be given to sessions with original, powerful information, practical resources and/or empowerment tools for families or supporting professionals. Conference attendees choose from 3-4 concurrent sessions occurring at the same time. Suggested format is 15 to 20 minute presentation and 40-45 minute active discussion on your topic.

**KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATION:** Lively, interactive, brief Presentations/conversations about a focused, practical topic, designed to expose conference attendees to a range of ideas and presenters. Presenters make a brief (8-10 minute) presentation of their topic, and then engage in a discussion (15-17 minutes). Attendees move from table to table; presenters propose the same conversation twice, to groups of 10-20 attendees each. These are ideal for new and experienced presenters alike.

**IGNITE SESSION:** Dynamic, structured talks allow presenters to share big ideas quickly to all conference attendees. Each presenter prepares 20 image-based PowerPoint slides, which advance automatically every 20 seconds, to accompany their “story.” Preference will be given to presentations that are engaging, informative, and based on a powerful question/idea, as well as to speakers with robust presentation skills. Ignite Presenters will have the opportunity to engage in smaller group sessions directly after the presentations.

**PANEL DISCUSSION:** Expert panels can be an effective way to consolidate knowledge and lead a conversation across sectors and areas of experience/expertise. The ideal panel discussion will contain a big question of interest to constituents of all sectors, moderated by an experienced interviewer/facilitator. To propose a panel discussion, please fill out the RFP with your information as well as the information for another panel members; we will follow up with you regarding details on the complete panel.

**KEYNOTE SPEECH:** High-level lecture, presentation or performance. Can be followed by a Q&A at the presenter’s discretion. Preference will be given to accomplished speakers or performers, with topics that address a universal theme relevant to all conference attendees. Please send additional promotional information to Program Chair – [program@figt.org](mailto:program@figt.org)

## **Opportunities for Presenters**

By leading a session, presenters have the opportunity to tap into a highly connected consortium of globally minded, cross-sector colleagues and clients. Session presenters will be included in the promotional materials for the conferences.

## **Fees & Expectations**

FIGT is a volunteer-driven, charitable organization recognized under U.S. law. Each year, the Board of Directors and countless member-volunteers contribute hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to sustain our thriving community and operational infrastructure. All

conference speakers and presenters must register for the conference and pay the at-cost registration fee. The presenter(s) shall also cover their own travel and accommodation. All fees and amenities will be published with the acceptance of your proposal. If your proposal is accepted we will confirm all fees and amenities with you.

If you require financial assistance to attend the conference, you may find information about our David C. Pollock Scholarship on our website.

**Before You Begin...** review all necessary information needed

**PLEASE NOTE:** The online form (on the website) must be filled out in one “sitting.” It does not allow you to save your submission part way through and complete it later, although you can move back and forth between questions as you work. **We strongly recommend you type out and save your more detailed responses in a separate document before you begin.** When you hit “submit” at the end of your application, you are finished. You can expect to receive a response from our Program Committee in early October 2016.

Below are the questions in the online form. You must use the online form to submit your application.

<b>Your Session Title</b> (160 characters max)
<b>Your Contact Details</b>
· First Name
· Last Name
· Your Role/Job Title
· Your Company/Organization
· Your website
· Your email address
· Your Skype Name
· If you actively use LinkedIn, insert link here
· Any other social media, publications, certifications or training we should know about?
· One-paragraph biography (100 words max)
· Are you a member of FIGT?
· Have you attended an FIGT Conference before?
· Have you presented at an FIGT Conference (including on a panel) in the past?

· Which years did you present?
· Is there more than one presenter for this proposal?
· If yes, add their names here
<b>Your Session</b>
· I am able to tailor my session to the following format(s) Concurrent Session Kitchen Table Conversation Ignite Session Panel Discussion Keynote
<b>Research</b>
· Does your session include an academic research study you have conducted?
· If yes, please provide the following information about your research study. Who are the participants? Number of participants? How were they recruited to the study? NB: If your research falls outside of traditional social sciences, please interpret these questions as you see fit. (120 words max)
· Your Findings What tools and measure did you use? What statistical, theoretical and/or practical significance? (120 words max)
· Is your study complete?
· If no, describe what remains to be completed before the 2017 Conference.
<b>Session Details</b>
· Session synopsis and direct relevance to our theme this year (150 words max)
· Will you be adding a take away/handout or resources from your session?

All conference proposals are due **September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Accept/decline notifications will be emailed in early October.

### Questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact Judy Rickatson, FIGT Administrator, at [admin@figt.org](mailto:admin@figt.org), Skype figt.administrator, +1 (703) 634-7400

**THANK YOU!**