

8th International Social Role Valorization Conference Halifax
Nova Scotia Canada May 7-9 2025

*CELEBRATING
OVER HALF A CENTURY
OF NORMALIZATION AND SOCIAL ROLE VALORIZATION:
THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE
AT HOME, SCHOOL, WORK, AND BEYOND*

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
Applications Due: September 30th 2024

The 8th International Social Role Valorization (SRV) Conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada May 7-9, 2025. Pre-conference events will take place May 5 and 6. SRV theory, derived from the principle of normalization, was first defined by Wolf Wolfensberger in 1983. Over the past 40 plus years, many have used SRV theory to guide their work in supporting individuals and families, education, training, and advocacy.

This conference is an opportunity for practitioners, human service providers, policymakers, advocates, educators and trainers, individuals who receive services and their families to come together to discuss the role that SRV has on their lives and/or in their work. We will consider presentations and papers on a variety of topics that relate to the implementation, influence, and impact of SRV Theory.

Potential presentation topics include, but are not limited to:

1. How valued social roles are the building blocks to having more of the good things in life, such as having a real home, and a family life; meaningful participation in school, work, and a career; taking part in the civic and recreational opportunities in one's own community; to travel; the opportunity to practice one's own faith, to explore one's personal beliefs, and to be part of the connectedness that comes from being rooted in a community with others.
2. The relevance of SRV to a variety of groups who are devalued or at risk of devaluation, including, but not limited to those with disabilities, mental health concerns, older individuals, and Indigenous peoples.
3. How SRV might be used to analyze and respond to a variety of societal issues.
4. How SRV is used to develop agency, organizational or governmental policies.
5. How SRV can be used as an analytical tool in policy, law, or research.
6. How SRV can be used in service development and/or evaluation.
7. Effective ways of teaching and promoting SRV.

Presentation Application Form

You may submit a proposal for an **Individual presentation**, in which case you will be grouped together with other presenters who have submitted a proposal on a similar/ related topic. You may also submit a proposal for a **Group Presentation**, in which several presenters, identified in your proposal, will each speak for a length of time, as determined by the group (leaving some time for questions/discussion). If you are the person submitting the proposal for a Group Presentation, you are the de facto **Lead Presenter; we will send all communications to you and it is your responsibility to share this information with the other members in your group.**

General guidelines

Please send us your proposal electronically as a Word or Pages document attached to your email, including all the information requested. The Conference Program will include your name, affiliation, session title, and abstract. Please note that we will use these in the conference program, so be sure they are accurate. We reserve the right to edit the abstracts and presenter biographies for clarity or length.

Please send your application to present to srvconf2025@gmail.com. You may submit at any time. Applications will be considered as they are received and we will confirm with presenters electronically as their submissions are accepted. Applications received after September 30 2024 will only be considered if space remains in the program.

If you wish to present more than once, you must complete a separate application for each. Presenters will not be reimbursed for expenses and are required to register for the conference. (As for all attendees, presenters may apply for a bursary.)

Please indicate:

_____ I am the lead for a group presentation involving 2-3 presenters on the same topic.

_____ I am presenting by myself (I understand that I may be paired in a session with other presenters).

If this is an individual presentation OR you are the lead for a group presentation, please include the following information:

Your first and last name:

Affiliation

Email

Phone (include country code and area code):

Street address:

City:

Province or State:

Country:

Postal or Zip Code:

Biography: Please submit a brief description of yourself and your work as it relates to this presentation. Presenter biographies will be made available to conference participants. Maximum length 200 words.

Other Presenters (if applicable)

First and last name(s):

Affiliation(s):

Biography (ies):

Presentation Title:

Presentation Abstract:

Please describe the topic, listing the major points that you (or the group) will present. Ensure that you outline the connection of your topic to the implementation, influence, or impact of SRV Theory. The abstract for an **individual** presentation should be a maximum of 200 words, for a **group** presentation, a maximum of 500 words.

Questions? We are available to answer your questions. If you have an idea, and would appreciate talking it through with someone, or receive assistance in putting together an abstract, please feel free to contact us:

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