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Concurrent Workshops

Developing skills to foster mentally healthy communities

5 concurrent workshops will be offered to enhance skills in the use of tools and methods for practice and policies that support population child and youth mental health promotion.

2. Local Connections: Sustainable Development Goals and Youth Engagement at Home

Presenter: Jackie Dowling, The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and institutions working in the Atlantic region, which are committed to achieving global sustainability in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity, and participation for all. ACIC is committed to using a holistic approach to all levels of our programming to ensure our work contributes to healthy individuals and communities. The Sustainable Development Goals are key in supporting the work we do and in helping us achieve this goal.

In this workshop, Local Connections: Sustainable Development Goals and Youth Engagement at Home, ACIC will present the SDG's, the diversity and inclusiveness of them and how they can be used to enhance programming within organizations. In addition, workshop participants will learn how the SDG's are being used locally in 'our own backyard' in the Atlantic region and nationally. This workshop will be interactive and includes small and large group activities and discussions.

Connection with the ASI theme:

Given ACIC's primary focus is youth, that we use the SDG's as a framework in how we approach our work, that we are a regional council with connections in all 4 Atlantic provinces and also have a national presence, we feel there is a very natural connection to this years ASI theme of Let's Act Together! Developing a whole society approach to promoting child and youth mental health.

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- How to connect the SDG' to their own work for a more holistic and equitable approach
- How to connect to others in the Atlantic region working on various SDG's
- How the SDG's are being used on the local level here in the Atlantic

Lessons for scaling up or delivering policies and programs:

The workshop will help participants in 'scaling' up their programming and policies by exploring how their current work falls within the SDG framework, connecting with others doing similar work and by examining their work through the SDG lens, which uses an equitable and holistic approach.

Presenter:

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Jackie has been working the areas of community development and youth engagement for the last 15 years across Turtle Island (Canada) and internationally. Jackie's role as Program Manager at The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation involves program development and implementation of youth programming at the local level, with ACIC member organizations and non-members community groups, and at the national level, with other Council members, national non-profits and government offices. Jackie uses she/her pronouns.