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Chicago IL



Creating Community,
Catalyzing Change

KAtCH 10th Anniversary &
IKAA Annual Convention
Call for Proposals
Deadline: April 20, 2018

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Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL
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KAtCH (Korean Adoptees of Chicago) invites you to submit a proposal to present your work or facilitate a workshop at our 10th Anniversary Celebration & 2018 International Korean Adoptee Associations (IKAA) Annual Convention. This weekend-long event will feature a variety of programs that celebrate the vibrant Korean adoptee community and reflect on how to better support our diverse needs. We welcome local, regional, national, and international perspectives exploring community building, mentoring, and the advocacy and activism of adoptees in the twenty-first century.

Our conference theme, "Creating Community, Catalyzing Change," aims to expand the current discussions around building solidarity amongst the diverse adoptee population and creating change in how adoption is commonly understood in today's world. Formal and informal adoptee networks and organizations provide a welcome space for adoptees to discuss the complexities of being adopted and Korean. We are particularly interested in interactive sessions or hands-on workshops that provide participants with applied skills or tangible actions. We also invite creative presentations (e.g. writing, film, drama, graphic arts, other media) on the conference theme. Topics of interest include:

- Creating and sustaining formalized adoptee-led organizations and informal adoptee-led networks
- Peer-to-peer mentoring and adoptee empowerment
- Resources and opportunities for adoptees related to wellness and mental health
- Birth search and post-reunion experiences
- Creative productions examining adoption and/or adoptee identity
- Explorations of adoptees' racial, ethnic, and cultural identities
- Adoptee-led advocacy and activism

Proposed sessions or workshops should run no longer than 60 minutes. Each proposed session or workshop is limited to four co-panelists. All speakers should allow for at least 20 minutes of discussion within the 60 minutes. Please note, if we receive multiple proposals on a similar topic, we reserve the right to contact potential presenters about creating a single session.

Please submit your proposal online at: <http://bit.ly/2q9CMxC>