

Creativity in These Times: Dance & Disability Virtual Summit

Saturday March 21, 2026

Virtual

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Deadline for Submission: **January 5, 2026**

Submit online at: <https://www.ndeo.org/Learn/Conferences/Virtual-Summit>

We invite a wide range of contributions from NDEO members and beyond to investigate with us the multiple contexts of dance and disability and their intersections in disability artistry, disability culture, community dance, dance for the stage, PreK-12, Higher Ed, competitive dance worlds, etc.

The goal of this conference is to elevate the field of dance and disability, bring joy to all participants, and create pathways to dance performance and education careers for students and teachers with disabilities.

You may consider the following questions when crafting your proposal. These guiding questions are a small sample of topics you may wish to explore in your session and can be used as a catalyst for your planning, if needed, though not necessary.

1. How do we revolutionize our pedagogies, curriculum, and lesson plans such that we are more inclusive of disabled teachers, students, audiences, and everybody's access needs?
2. How do we challenge our field's current ableist aesthetics?
3. What can we learn from disability advocacy, culture, and disability justice within the scope of dance education?
4. How might we broaden access for disabled and diverse audiences?
5. How can we both honor our pathways so far and move us toward a more just world in our current policy environment?

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

Proposal Procedures:

- 1. Presenters:** ONE "Main Contact" Presenter must submit each proposal regardless of the number of co-presenters. **NDEO will communicate primarily with the Main Contact**, who is responsible for passing on information to all co-presenters. Individuals may only submit ONE proposal as Main Contact; however, they may be co-presenters on other proposals. **All presenters must register for and attend the virtual summit.** If any presenters change after proposal acceptance, contact conference@ndeo.org immediately. NDEO reserves the right to cancel the session if presenters change, and any changes must be approved by Virtual Summit staff.

- 2. Proposal Review:** Proposals are reviewed by a committee of peer adjudicators from the NDEO membership. Presenters should expect to hear the status of their proposal no later than January 21, 2026.
- 4. NON-MEMBERS:** Session Submission Fee: A \$15 fee MUST be paid in order to submit your session proposal. Unpaid proposals will NOT be considered. There is no fee for current NDEO members
- 3. NDEO Membership and Attendance Policies:** All presenters must be (or become) NDEO members by **January 28, 2026**. All presenters must register and pay the event registration fee by **January 28, 2026**. Memberships must remain current through event dates. *NDEO reserves the right to cancel the session and/or remove presenters if these policies are not followed.*

All proposals require the following:

**All character limits include spaces.*

Below are the questions you will be asked in the proposal submission form. We encourage you to have an offline backup in case anything goes amiss with the form submission.

1. **Session Title: 50-character limit** (Includes spaces. Titles that exceed the character limit will be cut off.)
- 2.) **Biographies for All Presenters: 800-character limit for each bio.**
3. **Session Description: 900-character limit.** The session description should clearly communicate the content and experience of your session to both proposal reviewers and attendees. If selected, this description will be used in Virtual Summit materials to entice attendees to come to your session.
4.) **Consideration of the following question(s):**
 - Describe how your experiences with Dance and Disability informs your session proposal work?
 - How do you plan to engage participants in a virtual format?

Review of Proposal & Presenter Deadlines

January 5, 2026 – Proposals Due

January 21, 2026 – Deadline by which Accepted Proposals
Notified

January 28th, 2026 – Acceptance Confirmation Deadline

January 28th, 2026 – Presenter Membership Deadline

January 28th, 2026– Presenter Registration Deadline (fee waived)

March 21, 2026 – NDEO Virtual Summit

Questions? Contact conference@ndeo.org