2023 Lakota Media Summit: “Vision to Action”
Request for Conference Presentation Proposals

Thunder Valley CDC is excited to announce our upcoming Lakota Media Summit on October 5th and 6th, 2023 at “The Box” Event Center in Box Elder, South Dakota. As a community development corporation focused on creating sustainable economic, social, and cultural systems for the Oglala Lakota Nation, we are committed to providing a platform for Indigenous voices in media and entertainment. The Lakota Media Summit is requesting proposals for workshops, film screenings, keynote speakers, and presenters to participate.

Background and Overview of Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation
Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation is a holistic organization that works for the liberation of the Lakota people. We do our work through eight interconnected initiative areas that are rooted in our lifeways and wellness equity work. Together, this whole community approach aims to serve the Lakota community as well as serve as an example for Indigenous communities throughout Turtle Island. Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation is an Indigenous-led, Native American 501(c)(3) non-profit public charitable organization based out of the Thunder Valley community of the Porcupine District on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Lakota Media Summit 2023
This year’s theme is “Vision to Action” - we are looking for contributors that can show how we can all take the first steps towards achieving proper Indigenous representation in media. We welcome Indigenous creators, storytellers, artists of all kinds, and presenters as well as non-Indigenous allies to propose sessions that help bring our conference to life.

Proposal Parameters
Your proposal should give us a clear idea of what you would like to present at the Summit, including but not limited to:
- Presenter/presenters with short bios for each
- Type of presentation: ie keynote, panel, interactive, etc…
- Presentation title
- Summary of presentation
- How the presentation aligns with the conference theme
- Intended audience: Indigenous youth, Indigenous community, non-Indigenous media, or open to all
- Length of presentation
- Media type/equipment needs: ie slides, video, music

Proposal Deadline
Please submit proposals by August 4, 2023, no later than 5:00 pm MST. Proposals will be reviewed and a decision will be made by August 18, 2023.

If selected, Thunder Valley CDC will provide lodging, stipends, and travel (travel for non-local presenters).

Other Proposal Instructions
If you are interested in submitting a proposal or need additional information, contact Delores Pourier at (605) 455-2700 or delores@thundervalley.org