Session Topics Suggested for 2024 Annual Conference

Are you interested in submitting a session proposal for the 2024 Annual Conference, but need help with a topic? Here is a list of suggestions for topics from 2023 Annual Conference attendees (in no particular order).

Fundraising
Communications – crafting your message, navigating the ever changing world of social media, how to use traditional communications techniques.

Sessions for Consultants/Independent History Professionals
How to Prepare an AASLH Award Nomination
Collections Care
Disability History and Accessibility
Evaluation/Visitors Studies
Curators and Collection Manager Content
Local Issues and Impact
Historic House Museum Interpretation
Small Museum Sessions Led by Small Museums
Strategies for Engaging with People and Organizations that Oppose a More Inclusive Telling of History
Board Governance Issues/Strategies
Including Educators on Interpretive/Exhibits Teams
History of Voter Access and Suppression and Other Election-Related Topics
History Advocacy – language use in the field, meeting people where they are, using date to drive our collective work.
Military History
More Foundations and Funders Included in Sessions
Managing COVID Recovery
Strategic Planning and Project Management
Supporting Staff/Preventing Burnout
Guest Engagement
Leading from the Middle
Innovative Programming
Sessions for People Nearing Retirement – What are options for professionals leaving institution-based work? What are possibilities for independent history work? How do you gracefully accept younger people coming in as you exit?
How can people reclaim their history?
More on the 250th
More Nuts and Bolts Sessions
History of Jews in the South
Working with Volunteers
Changing Systems to Help a Museum Better Represent All People
More About Civics
Visitors Services Responsibilities
Finance
AASLH DEAI Statement
Dive into the Themes and Stories that the Host Locations/Region Is Uniquely Equipped to Help Attendees Explore
Highway Markers
Adult Education and Programming
History Organizations Doing Good Work
What AASLH Is Doing Itself to Improve with the Feedback From Members
Archives-Related Sessions
How to Gather Oral Histories and Conduct Interviews Properly
Managing Environmental Issues in Your Historic Building
Workers’ Rights
Sessions for History Organizations/Doers that Are Not Museums
Tightrope of Politics and Tackling Complicated and Potentially Fraught Topics
Sessions that Put Reframing History and Making History at 250 into Action Through Event/Program/Curriculum Swapping and Brainstorming Sessions
Transgender History
Getting Public Officials Involved/Interested in the History of The Community
Repatriation and Cultural Property Focused Workshops
Working with Indigenous Groups
Digital Access to Collections
Writing for Public Audiences
Effective Public Programming Post-COVID
The Importance of State and Local History
Criminal Justice
How to Reach New Audiences with Collections
Balancing Work When You Are Understaffed and Overcommitted
Creating Exhibits
How to Attract and Use Younger Volunteers
Effects of Climate Change on Institutions
Connecting with Schools and Local Communities
Music Museums and Preservation of Historic Museum Venues
More Lightning Round Sessions with Lots of Ideas
Gift Shop Strategy
Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination
Impact of AI and ChatGBT on Field of State and Local History
Women’s History
What Did We Learn From Failing?
Small Museums and ADA Compliance