

You can be a Mentor!



BROADBAND 2020

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Interesting times require innovative solutions! Our annual broadband conference is going online (Zoom) and we're using the opportunity to do things differently -- with four weeks of dispersed activities we are striving to customize (even personalize!) the experience.

We are hoping you will be interested and available to join as a mentor and share your experience and expertise for a finite period during the month of October. There is no obligation for future engagement – continued conversation is up to you and the mentee(s).

While subject to change (we are learning as we go) there are potentially two parts to the opportunity:

1. Thursday, Oct 8 from 11-noon we will schedule two 25-minute small group sessions with mentors via Zoom. Each mentor will be paired with 1-4 (?) people per session. Mentors may meet with one or two small groups during this session.
2. During weeks 2 & 3, there may be demand for setting up additional one-on-one (or small group) sessions with willing mentors. Conference planners would help arrange these sessions, and timing would depend on what works for all parties. Participation is optional, flexible, and you don't need to decide right now.

Here's a rough outline of the conference format:

Week 1 (Oct 5-8)	Three mornings of "in real time" online events including speakers and small group discussion
Weeks 2 & 3 (Oct 9-26)	Customized programming based on your level of desired involvement and interest with special sessions, a chance to pilot future programming, a book club, regular online space just to chat, mentor match-making with host of local and national experts arranged by the planning team, virtual happy hour, and more! You choose your level of participation. No expectations – only opportunities.
Week 4 (Oct 27-29)	Mirroring the first week with three mornings of "in real time" online events including speakers and small group discussion

If you are interested, please contact Mary Magnuson memagnuson@blandinfoundation.org | (218) 327-8738 or another member of the conference planning team. All we'll need from you is a short bio and we'll be ready to go. We'd love to have you!

Friendly clarification: we're not looking to set up sales pitches, but rather a chance for you to share your knowledge and make new connections



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