**The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres** is the umbrella association for 25 Friendship Centres in the Province of British Columbia. The Friendship Centre Movement is built on community support, trust, strong leadership, tradition and faith, and is mandated to improve the quality of life for Indigenous Peoples.

**CALL FOR KEYNOTE**

**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

The Gathering Our Voices Aboriginal Youth Conference is hosted by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC) and their Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (BCAAFC – PAYC). The conference will be held from March 21-24, 2017 in Kelowna, BC on the traditional territory of the Westbank First Nations at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre. Up to 1000 youth (14-24) as well as chaperones, presenters and guests will network and learn new techniques and skills in workshops, share knowledge through cultural activities, witness performances by talented individuals, explore career and education possibilities and participate in sports and recreational activities.

**KEYNOTE INFORMATION**

* Seeking Indigenous Keynote speaker(s) that will inspire and motivate this generation of youth.
* Inspiring personalities will kick-start the conference with entertaining, energetic presentations that relate to the day-to-day life and inspire Indigenous youth 14-24 years.
* A powerful keynote will set the tone for the conference.
* Speakers or teams should be youth driven and aim to engage and connect with the Indigenous youth audience with a targeted underlying message or theme.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2017**

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit completed application and video demo submission by e-mail, fax, or mail to:   
Attn: Lead Conference Coordinator  
Mail: BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres  
551 Chatham Street  
Victoria, BC V8T 1E1  
Email: [govcoordinator@bcaafc.com](mailto:govcoordinator@bcaafc.com)   
Fax: 250-388-5502  
Phone: 250-388-5522 or 1-800-990-2432 ext. 210

**KEYNOTE APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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| Full Name: |  |
| Stage Name: |  |
| Affiliation (youth group, First Nation or organization): |  |
| Email: |  |
| Phone / Fax: |  |
| Mailing Address: |  |
| Background (short bio): | Attached: o Yes o No |
| Previous Accomplishments: |  |
| Describe the theme or key message in 200 words: | |
| Compensation Required: | o Fees – Details: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o Accommodations  o Travel – From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Resume or other documents attached (optional): | o Yes please list them: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o No |
| References (Contact/number/relation): | 1.  2. |
| Send a Video Demo YouTube link featuring yourself presenting and/or sharing why you want to be the Keynote  [govcoordinator@bcaafc.com](mailto:govcoordinator@bcaafc.com) | o Yes |