



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### 2026 Rendezvous

*Cultivating Humanity: Flourishing in a Complex World*

Monday, July 20th – Thursday, July 23rd, 2026

Limelight Hotel, Boulder, Colorado

Thank you for your interest in facilitating a **Breakout Session** or delivering a **FRED Talk** at the 2026 Rendezvous. To be considered, please review the following guidelines and complete the Session Information Form.

**The deadline for submissions is January 12, 2026.**

Rendezvous is the Purposeful Planning Institute's flagship event and is the premier and most professionally diverse gathering of its kind. Rendezvous brings together professionals representing more than 20 disciplines for collaborative dialogue, keynotes, and breakout sessions centered on family dynamics, governance, collaboration, philanthropy, and personal development and growth. Rendezvous is known for its unique atmosphere and one-of-a-kind learning and networking opportunities.

#### **2026 Theme: Cultivating Humanity: Flourishing in a Complex World**

More than ever, families and enterprises are faced with unprecedented complexity. On the path to flourishing, what they need most is not better strategy or more information—it's a more human approach.

This theme invites us to cultivate the uniquely human qualities that no technology can replace: wisdom, empathy, discernment, creativity, emotional intelligence, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and the courage to navigate ambiguity. When we strengthen these essential capacities and reconnect with purpose, we can untangle the webs of complexity and unlock forms of wealth rooted in wellbeing and flourishing.

### Proposal Guidelines

Please review the online submission form to understand the required fields and prepare your proposal accordingly.

[Breakout Session Submission Form](#)

[FRED Talk Submission Form](#)



**Content Area Alignment:** PPI's educational programming is organized around our **Four Purposeful Pillars**. When submitting your proposal, you will be asked to select the primary content area your session best aligns with. Please review the content area descriptions [here](#) and choose the most accurate category to ensure proper placement within the Rendezvous program.

**Indicate Learning Stage:** Specify the intended learning stage for participants (introductory, intermediate, or advanced), ensuring content aligns with the knowledge level of your target audience.

**Topic Relevance:** Make a clear case for the relevance and timeliness of your topic, explaining its significance for the Rendezvous community and its connection to current trends, research, or challenges in the field. Sessions featuring clients' voices (case studies, etc.) are highly encouraged.

**Focus on Learning, Not Promotion:** All sessions should provide educational value rather than promote a product or service. Proposals solely centered on specific products or services will not be accepted.

## Breakout Session Structure and Format Considerations

Breakout sessions are **75 minutes** and should prioritize engagement over presentation. To support a balanced and diverse program, each attendee/member may submit **only one breakout session proposal**. Please utilize these guidelines for structuring your session:

**Collaborative Teams:** We encourage proposals that involve multiple facilitators from different organizations, backgrounds, and experiences. Proposals should include at least one facilitator who has familiarity with our unique session format, either through presenting or attending Rendezvous in the past.

**Interdisciplinary Approach:** Breakout sessions should be designed to be interactive and experiential and facilitate peer-to-peer learning. As such, proposals integrating perspectives from interdisciplinary fields, practical tools, and creative opportunities for self-reflection and learning are highly valued.

**Minimize Presentation Time & Maximize Engagement:** Limit your on-stage speaking to **20 minutes**. Use this time to introduce the session with a compelling question, framework, or key insights, then shift the focus to **facilitated discussion and participant interaction** rather than lecture.

We encourage facilitators to design sessions that **engage multiple senses**. Incorporate interactive exercises, case studies, dynamic activities, visual aids, or movement to keep participants actively involved.



In your proposal, **describe how attendees will experience the session**. The more explicit and creative your description of interactive elements—whether a game, role-playing exercise, group activity, or other hands-on approach—the stronger your submission. Demonstrate how your session will create **memorable, meaningful takeaways** that participants can directly apply to their family, business, or professional situations.

**Include Thought Leadership and Research:** Integrate relevant research, insights, and thought leadership that align with the session’s theme. Offering current findings or building off past PPI sessions can enhance depth, credibility, and value for participants.

### FRED Talk Structure and Format Considerations

FRED Talks are a unique opportunity to present on the mainstage and engage the full Rendezvous audience. **Fresh, Relevant, Educational, and Dynamic**. This is what we want your FRED Talk to be.

We will select **five talks** to be featured during a plenary session on during Rendezvous. Talks are strictly limited to **15 minutes** – no exceptions.

Our goal is to feature speakers who can share one compelling idea that connects to this year’s theme: *Cultivating Humanity: Flourishing in a Complex World*.

When submitting your proposal, please ensure your talk meets the following criteria:

- **Single, Clear Idea:** Focus on one central idea or insight that can be conveyed within the time limit.
- **Emotional Connection:** Include stories, personal experiences, or examples that make your message relatable.
- **Original Perspective:** Present a fresh, thought-provoking, or unexpected viewpoint.
- **Engaging Delivery:** Design your talk for dynamic delivery, with attention to pacing, voice, and audience engagement.

All Breakout Session and FRED Talk proposals submitted by the deadline (January 12<sup>th</sup>) will be reviewed by our content selection committee, and notifications will be sent in **early March**.

For questions or more information, please contact **Shannon Mulvaney** at **720-458-7777** or **shannon@purposefulplanninginstitute.com**.