

Before You Start: Presenter and Host Expression of Interest

Monday 9 to Friday 13 November 2026 · Online, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm AEDT · Coordinated by Mediation Institute

Thank you for your interest in taking part in International Mediation Awareness Week (IMAW) 2026. The theme is **Helping People Understand How Mediation Can Make a Difference**. The week is for members of the public, families, educators, community leaders, managers, employers, service providers, students, lawyers and dispute resolution professionals – in short, anyone who experiences conflict. We also welcome sessions for lawyers and other professional advisers that explain how mediation and family dispute resolution work, and how they can help clients prepare for and participate effectively in the process.

The Expression of Interest form asks a fair few questions. Most of them are tick boxes and contact details. The only parts that take real thought are three short pieces of writing – your session description, what participants will leave with, and your bio. Draft those first, and the form is a five to ten minute cut-and-paste job.

Ways to take part

Present

- **Live online session** – about 45 minutes of presentation plus 15 minutes of questions, on Zoom.
- **Pre-recorded presentation** – you send us a recording by Sunday 1 November 2026. It can be shown even if you cannot attend.
- **Panel, interview or facilitated conversation** – live, with other participants.

Each approved one-hour presentation earns the presenter three CPD points for preparation and delivery.

Host

- **Day host / MC** – open the day with a short morning catch-up, introduce presenters and keep the day on track, or run a discussion after a pre-recorded session. Where there is no host, presenters introduce themselves.
- **End-of-day discussion** – 4.30 to 5.00 pm AEDT: reflect on the day's theme ideas, answer questions and help make the topic accessible to everyone attending.
- **Friday networking session** – closes the week.

Each day can have more than one host, and hosts with experience in that day's theme are especially welcome.

Want to do more than one thing? If you would like to present *and* host, choose "presentation" at the start of the form – you will be asked about hosting near the end. To propose a second presentation, submit the form again.

Theme days

Day	Theme
Monday 9 November	Mediation in Workplaces, Community Groups and Organisations
Tuesday 10 November	Elder Mediation
Wednesday 11 November	Family Dispute Resolution
Thursday 12 November	Mediation in Education
Friday 13 November	More Ways to Manage Conflict – including CM-1, Family Group Conferencing, conflict coaching and related processes

Not sure which day fits? There is an "unsure, please help me choose" option.

Key dates

What	When
Expressions of Interest close	Sunday 1 November 2026, 11.59 pm AEDT
Pre-recorded presentations due	Sunday 1 November 2026
International Mediation Awareness Week	Monday 9 to Friday 13 November 2026

Live session times (AEDT)

9.00–10.00 am · 10.30–11.30 am · 12.00–1.00 pm · 2.00–3.00 pm · 3.30–4.30 pm. You can tick every slot you could do. Selecting a time does not reserve it – we confirm the final date and time after reviewing all proposals.

What to have ready

Draft the written pieces in a document first, then copy and paste them into the form.

Everyone

- ☐ Your contact details: name, email, phone, professional role or title, organisation (if any), website or LinkedIn.
- ☐ Whether you are a Mediation Institute member or student (you do not need to be either to take part).

Presenters

- ☐ **Session title** – short and clear.
- ☐ **Session description, 100 to 200 words** – the issue or situation your session addresses, who it is for, what people will learn, and how it may help them.
- ☐ **Theme day** that best suits your topic, and your **intended audience** (for example members of the public, parents and families experiencing separation, employers and managers, lawyers, mediators, students).
- ☐ **Delivery**: live session, panel or pre-recorded. For live sessions, which time slots you could do and any dates you cannot. For recordings, whether you can meet the 1 November deadline and whether the recording can screen without you.
- ☐ **Presenter biography, 100 to 150 words** – used in event promotion, so write it for a general audience.
- ☐ **Co-presenters** – name, role and email address of anyone presenting with you.
- ☐ **Technical needs** – how comfortable you are on Zoom, what materials you will use (slides, video, handouts, live demonstration) and any accessibility requirements.
- ☐ **Recording** – whether you agree to us recording a live session, and how we may use the recording (during the week only, or published afterwards).

Hosts

- ☐ Which day(s) you would prefer to host.
- ☐ Which hosting roles interest you: morning catch-up and opening the day, MC (introducing presenters), running a discussion after a pre-recorded session, the end-of-day discussion, or the Friday networking session.
- ☐ A few sentences on your **experience or interest** in that day's topic.
- ☐ When you are available on the day (morning from 8.45 am, during the day, or 4.30 to 5.00 pm AEDT), and whether you would co-host.

Planning a topic that helps people

IMAW is about helping people understand how mediation and related processes can make a difference in their lives. When shaping your session, consider:

- Who can use this process, and when should someone consider it?
- What does the process involve, and how does it begin?
- Where can someone access this type of support?
- What should people expect – and when might another process be more appropriate?

Sessions must respect privacy, confidentiality and copyright. Any client, student, family or case information must be appropriately de-identified. You will be asked to confirm this in the form.

Apply now

Ready to go? Complete the Expression of Interest form at m-i.li/zktY8v

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What happens next

You will receive a confirmation email when you submit. Mediation Institute reviews all proposals, then contacts you about the theme day, format and session time. Submitting the form does not guarantee acceptance or reserve a session time. We schedule every session and provide the Zoom link – you do not need to set up your own meeting.