

Friends of the Conference

Due to the significant growth in the conference, the conference organizers and community members are introducing a new initiative to provide community members with an opportunity to be more engaged with the running of the conference.

In addition to volunteers who work on the conference throughout the year, and donors who contribute financially to the conference, "Friends of the Conference," is a third avenue of support and engagement by community members.

The primary role of a "Friend of the Conference" is to provide practical and creative support to the conference without becoming a full time volunteer. Friends can, however, also be financial contributors.

Who Can Be a Friend of the Conference

- Any member of the community who is interested in supporting the conference.

Obligations and Commitments

- Each member determines the form of their support in terms of time, creativity, energy and/or resources.

Requirements

- Promptness in communication and fulfilling the commitments you make.
- One year membership: the conference year ends with the conference.

How Do Friends Help?

- Publicize the conference.
- Generate new connections with: media, donors, academic and community organizations.
- Put forward ideas on: publicity, media, volunteer training, fund raising, and the conference events.
- Help with practical tasks: airport pick ups, hosting scholars, purchasing materials, transporting food etc.
- New Ideas: Friends can put forward ideas, activities, and resources that we have not thought of!

FRIENDS OF THE TAMIL STUDIES CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
2009-10

Email completed form to info@tamilstudiesconference.ca

Name: _____

Affiliation: (Students should state their institution and field of study, others should state their field of work and organization)

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Postal Address:

Languages that you speak: _____

Have you attended the Tamil Studies Conference before? If so, which years?

Why are you interested in the Tamil Studies Conference? (What areas of study interests you most or what personal/social/cultural/political interests draw you to the conference)

How would you like to support the conference – please select all options that apply, and use the space below to elaborate as needed:

- Strategy
- Fundraising
- Media & Publicity
- Event Planning & Logistics
- Volunteer Training & Mentoring
- Communications (Facebook, Website, Email updates)
- Conference Registration
- Other, please specify below:

Questions/Comments:
