



Online Discovery Week Frequently Asked Questions

Who should attend this conference?

Online Discovery Week is for anyone looking to grow their exposure to thoughts, ideas and traditions across the world. The Discovery Week uniquely attracts some people for personal reasons, some for professional reasons, and some for both. Your attendance will enrich you as you will participate in engaging discussions with a passionate presenter who delves into the foundational beliefs of people. We will also hear from Guides from each tradition who can provide the personal, first-person perspective of a practitioner and community leader. Prominent religious artifacts will be also be shown and explained throughout the week. Your experiences will help build leadership traits and help build our broader society's cultural competence. I think you will find that you will be better able to fully see and interact with others, and even better understand world events and the evening news. You will have the knowledge and confidence to initiate discussions with friends, neighbours or strangers when you see the important visual symbols they display on their bodies or in their homes regarding their traditions.

Will I get as much from the Online Discovery Week?

It will be different but I assure you, you will learn an immense amount. We have transformed our coveted Encounter World Religions Discovery Week for virtual attendance. Our calendar

outlines the series of engaging and interactive live online meetings and sets the stage for you to be confident in attending any future opportunities for physical site visits, anywhere in the world, when social distancing measures have eased. You will get an electronic course pack that contains highlights from the classes plus loads of additional information on each tradition. EWR will continue to work with our contacts and we would be pleased to share future opportunities with those on our contact list.

I am an employer or agency that has a surge of demand for high quality training. Can I have additional attendees join?

Yes. If you budgeted for attendance, or you are now looking for training opportunities, our reduced rate allows greater participation through our modern virtual format. Original attendees have been offered priority admittance to the virtual Discovery Week. Please use our secure booking which is now open to the public, or feel free to contact us (encounter@worldreligions.ca) if you require any assistance.

How long has this conference been run

This conference has been run for over 20 years in the Toronto area, recognized as one of the most culturally and religiously diverse cities in the world. You will join approximately a thousand past attendees who have benefited from the richness of the session and you will have the option of joining our subscriber list.

Can you offer my group or agency its own training sessions.

Yes, I like to frame what we offer as *#BeyondDiversityTraining*. I have offered these sessions in fields like healthcare and policing in both Canada and the United States. Please contact us if you attended Online Discovery Week and see the value in sharing training with your peers, or if you seek a tailored or specific keynote or other presentation prior to the next Online Discovery Week session.

Thinking this would be great for another agency you are involved with – please share our contact information with them and let us know. We'd be pleased to acknowledge you!

Will I miss out on the networking opportunities you would get at a traditional in-person conference?

With our digital platform, and our ability to leverage easy-to-use social media tools, we will be able to seamlessly share our thoughts and experiences with one another. I am an advocate of sharing on social media so, if you wish to opt-in to a shout out for you or your agency on platforms such as Facebook or Twitter, please let me know! By sharing our attendee list with one another, we'll help build a network that lasts beyond the conference for those seeking those opportunities. For those individuals who wish to join and learn on their own, we completely respect your wishes to share as much or as little as you choose. If you are looking for the freshly baked cookies in between conference sessions, I trust you are in good hands at your home training location.

Can I ask more questions?

Absolutely. Write us at encounter@worldreligions.ca.