2020 OLTA Digital Gathering
"Courageous Land Conservation"

Information for Attendees

We are looking forward to hosting you at the 2020 OLTA Digital Gathering!

Our Gathering this year is being hosted on an easy access meeting platform called Crowdcast, All speaker sessions will be on Crowdcast, breakout networking sessions during the breaks and the AGM and digital campfire sing-a-long can be accessed from breakout tabs at the end of each speaker session.

Many kind volunteers, tech supports and moderators will guide you through each session and tell you how to get into each breakout room or speaker.

Here is the information that will help you to connect to the Gathering:

1. Access the Gathering: You will a receive a registration email from Crowdcast soon. Click the link to join the platform! You are already registered so no other signup is required.

   The Gathering can also be accessed through our webpage https://olta.ca/what-we-do/ontario-land-trust-gathering/ where you will also find more Gathering information - session overviews, speaker bios, link to our auction etc.

2. Please watch this very helpful short OLTA Gathering introduction video, created by our amazing Program and Communications Coordinator Jeff Driscoll to help you get connected: https://youtu.be/PC_sDMuhQ-0.

3. Crowdcast checklist:
   * Join from a compatible browser, (Chrome works best or Firefox) and device (full list here)
   * Make sure your browser is up to date. If you are using chrome, click here.
   * Use headphones. This will help eliminate echo and feedback.
   * Ensure you have a strong internet connection with an upload speed of at least 5Mbps for the best experience, as for any video meeting (test here).
   * As an attendee, your microphone and camera will be turned off. If the speaker invites you to speak, your microphone and camera will be turned on. So check that they are working. Pass the Crowdcast setup checklist. This will test your network firewall and ensure your mic & camera are connected.

4. Note that the breakouts are in Zoom. You click on the break out button at the end of the session and this will link you to the Zoom meeting. You do not need to close the Crowdcast window. When the breakout is finished, you can go back to the Crowdcast window and be ready for the next session. Please ensure you have the most updated version of zoom (version: 5.3.0), this will allow you to move between breakout rooms.

5. Here are the links to the OLTA AGM and the Campfire Sing-a-long, they will also be provided as breakout links in Crowdcast:
   - To join the OLTA AGM at 4:00pm October 19, use this Zoom link.
   - To join the Campfire Sing-a-long with Coco Love Alcorn starting at 7:30pm on October 19th, use this Zoom link.

For more info on using Crowdcast,
   o A brief schedule of speaker sessions can be found at the top left of the page below The Annual Gathering, click on more to expand and less to close. When viewing the schedule in Crowdcast clicking on another session will take you to that session, whether it is live or not. If you do that, click on the session you are suppose to be in and you will be brought back to it. Please view the schedule on our website for more detailed session information.
   o The platform has a built-in chat function where you can interact with all attendees. The chat function is also available while you are waiting for the session to start.
   o All speaking sessions are recorded and the recording is available shortly after the end of the session.
   o You can ask questions in the question box, and others can vote for the questions they'd like answered, which will organize questions based on those with highest priority – lowest priority. Once questions are answered, the Moderator will change their status so that a timestamp is set when the question was answered – this allows users to search through the recording to find answers they are most interested in re-visiting.

Need more help:
It is really easy to join and interact on Crowdcast, however, if you have any questions or challenges accessing Crowdcast – check the OLTA website, Crowdcast website, or reach out to an OLTA staff member via email, Slack message, call us at the OLTA office (416-588-6582) or speak directly with our Program Assistant, Mikayla Johnston-Clayton (289-314-8116).