

# City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Community Advisory Committees

## Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee**

## Contact Information

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## Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters):

### No experience

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters):

- Making a positive impact on my city as a representative of the BIPOC community, influencing change through personal, lived experiences.**
- Personal development and growth from working with like minded individuals that can influence change**

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters):

**In my current role as a Branch Manager at one of the top 5 FI's, I have been able to get involved in many BIPOC events while hosting educational sessions for an audience of 300 over Teams.**

**I am on the Ontario Region BIPOC ERG with my organization as a co-chair and have found ways of elevating our presence in market to help bridge knowledge gaps, support BIPOC customers with our programs, and programs within the city.**

**I have been an advocate for those that walk through our doors and have built a program with Huron College for the international students to help them in their journey as a newcomer to Canada**

We value the contributions of Londoners with diverse experiences and welcome applications from individuals who share our commitment. Please describe how your work, community or lived experience will enhance these efforts through Community Advisory Committee work. (max. 3000 characters):

**As a first generation born Canadian, I experienced the struggles of a newcomer through my parents eyes. This experience shaped the person I am today.**

**English being my first language, I was privileged as a primary and secondary school student to not feel the eyes of those around me judging me based on an accent, but could see this when out with my family. Being the translator, and the one to fill out forms for my parents at the time felt like a burden, but as I grew older, quickly realized the beauty behind what my parents did and how grateful I was that they went through their struggles to only set out a clear obstruction free future for all of their children.**

**This story is no different then the thousands of newcomers to London, but with the voice of someone who has experienced it, continued a post secondary education in London, built a family in London with my husband who also is a first generation Canadian who attended the University of Western, immigrating here when he was 18-gives the newcomers who share the same story hope. Hope to work towards their dreams and aspirations, Hope that London can be their forever home. Hope that they are seen for**

their differences and applauded and encouraged to be their authentic self. Hope that families before them, struggled and persevered. As a family that holds 2 degrees and a diploma from two London Secondary Schools, I would love nothing more than to help shape the futures of our newcomers by helping our city be better equipped and aware of their hesitations and reservations, building bridges to close the gaps and opening new chapters of support all found within our city.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Community Advisory Committee Member. (max. 250 characters):

**-Through my employer, I have forged relationships with Huron College, assisting the International Students with all their banking needs while also educating them on frauds and scams that they are susceptible to.**  
**-Provided them resources for groups and events within the city, attending many myself as a familiar face, in turn educating myself on the different equity deserving groups that need my support.**  
**-Ontario Region BIPOC ERG with my employer, hosted a virtual event with over 300 attendees internally with an external panelist, Shelly Skinner from Uplift Black. Organized Leader visit to Mosque in honour of Our London Family-Allyship in action. Was the first point of contact with Imam Twakkal to plan and outline the agenda-How to Combat Islamophobia**

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

Attach more files here, if needed:

## Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.; I understand that my application and any attachments will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity: (optional): **Word of mouth**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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