

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):

I have not.

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

The City of London is a fast-growing city that has welcomed so many people from other countries, diverse backgrounds, social standings and sexualities. There needs to be people who are willing to provide a strong voice and advocate on behalf of those that cannot and are able to work unbiasedly with those who are at the centre of creating policies and change. I have a current working relationship with multiple agencies in the city that include Women's rights, different Faith backgrounds and LGBTQIA2S+ rights, as well as, varying neighbourhood groups. I hope to educate myself more by fostering relationships with other social groups, communities and agencies in the city.

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

I intend on serving as a voice for the community while listening to what is being said and actioned in the current socioeconomical and political climate, studying the independent issues at hand that are presented to us, and working with staff (if needed) to reviews reports and recommendations that respect the cultural and ethnical differences among committee members. Currently, I do belong to 3 other boards but, do not have any of conflicting interest or timing. I am always willing to adjust as needed as well.

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):

I have been the Capacity Coordinator at SafeSpace London since March 2023 and a volunteer before that since April 2022. In this title, it is my job to seek out granting opportunities and funding and have been successful in doing so. I liaise with other agencies of all visions and missions in London to build lasting working relationships and support when needed to one another, reaching out to community markets, businesses and residents to secure additional psychical and monetary donations for the non-profit. Since March I have also worn the same hat as my other colleagues, meaning I regularly advocate and provide support for the folks that come to the space. This includes practicing Harm Reduction through education and safe practices, scheduling

appointments for housing, mental and physical health and attending them as an advocate when asked. I work with folks of all different backgrounds and acuity levels in OEV and the Core area. Sometimes just even offering an ear and providing a shoulder to laugh or cry on can make a world of difference in some ones life.

While I do recognize that this committee does not solely deal with housing and homelessness my work does directly relate to creating an equitable and diverse city for those that live in it.

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

Safe Campus Coalition, Advocacy Lead (Current)

-SCC is based out of UWO and takes a trauma informed approach to educating, supporting and building community across Canadian post-secondary campuses to work against gender based violence within educational spaces. SCC is rooted in inclusive ethics and lived experience.

Huron Heights Community Association, Community Events Coordinator (Current)

-HHCA is a volunteer-led, grassroots organization created by people who live, work and play in Northeast London. We exist to help build a stronger and more vibrant community based off of different cultural backgrounds, faiths and demographics.

Coves Community Association, Board Member (2021-2023)

-The CCA facilitates community events (i.e. community clean ups, movie nights and yard sales) and helps bring awareness to environmental stewardship of the local ESA.

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): **Contact from the City Clerk's Office**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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