

# City of London - City of London Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award - Nomination Form

## Section 1 - Information of Youth/Group/Organization Being Nominated

Name of Youth, Group or Organization you are nominating: **Yesalihuni "They Will Teach You" Youth Initiative**

Address of Nominee (please include City, as well as postal code): **208 Deveron Crst London, ON N5Z 4J3**

Nominee Phone #: **519.701.02978**

Nominee E-mail address: [amandakennedy.yesalihuni@gmail.com](mailto:amandakennedy.yesalihuni@gmail.com)

Category (check one): **youth/young adult groups or organizations**

## Section 2 - Initiative Information

What is the initiative this group/organization implemented?: **"Yesalihuni," was founded as a youth leadership and community development initiative, advocating for youth, women, and families dealing with complex issues such as court involvement, policing, education, violence and addiction.**

When did this initiative take place? (eg. Spring 2023): **Throughout 2023**

Do you know which key department(s) or committees were involved? If yes, please name: **all**

Key people involved: **Amanda Kennedy, Bronagh Morgan**

Brief description of initiative: **Yesalihuni "They Will Teach You" Social Enterprise is dedicated to empowering Indigenous youth and fostering truth and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. Our mission is to provide a transformative program that addresses mental health challenges, promotes self-empowerment, and offers a safe space for artistic expression and growth among Indigenous youth.**

How has the initiative contributed to the promotion of diversity, race relations, inclusivity and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?: **Mission: to EMPOWER youth, nurture their HOLISTIC well-being, and build bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities! By creating a safe space for youth to grow artistically, heal, and embrace their identity!**

What short or long-term impact has/will the initiative have on the promotion of diversity, race relations, inclusivity and human rights in London and promoting London as a welcoming city?: **In 2012, Amanda Kennedy founded "Yesalihuni," a youth leadership and community development initiative. Through "Yesalihuni," she advocated for youth, women, and families dealing with court, policing, education, violence, and addiction issues. Her role was pivotal in providing critical support and guidance to individuals navigating complex systems, contributing to improved outcomes for families facing legal and educational challenges.**

What is the potential for expansion and/or inspiration for replication of the initiative?: **Are further expanding their workshops and mentorship programs to help youth express their creativity through healing art work, photography and more!**

How can receiving this Award be used to further promote diversity, race relations, inclusivity and human rights in London and to further promote London as a welcoming city?: **Will challenge stereotypes and share the youths' stories, truth, and culture**

Do you wish to attach a document or photo in support of your nomination?:

Another document or photo?:

Another document or photo?:

Another document or photo?:

## **Section 3 - Nominator Information**

Your Name: **Kymerley-Ann Burke**

Your Address (please include postal code):

Your Phone #:

Submitter E-mail:

Submitted on: **10/3/2023 8:54:08 AM**