

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 do not have experience on a London Advisory Committee.

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

As a part of a Community Advisory Committee, I hope to learn how diversity, inclusion, and anti-oppression has an important role in the London Community and why it is necessary to have discussions and engage the London Community so that there can be positive long term solutions. I hope to contribute my experience in social justice and peace studies and apply the lessons that I have learned to a practical sense to aid in program planning initiatives that align with long term organizational goals while capitalizing on extensive research skills to write in-depth reports and maintain accurate documentation.

I can contribute my ability to collaborate with team members and management to deliver exceptional service to a diverse range of clients while respecting cultural, religious and social backgrounds. I can confidently assist in the planning, development, and implementation of programs to meet client needs while adhering to best practices and high standards.

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

I will support the work of a Community Advisory Committee by applying my knowledge and experience to plan and coordinate daily tasks, evaluate and improve processes, and assist and support clients, diplomatically resolve conflicts through mediation, and cultivate positive relationships.

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 am currently attending a King's University College for a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Justice and Peace Studies. Some of the courses that I have completed include Fundamentals of Geography, Revolutions in World History, Introductory Philosophy, People, Power and the State, Intro Sociology, Intro to Social Justice and Peace Studies, Approaches to SJPS, Interdisciplinary Qualitative Research, Research Methods in Sociology, Sociology of the Environment I, Special Topics in Social Justice and Peace Studies, Contemporary First Nations, Social Activism, Building Peace, Humanitarianism & Global Justice, Social Networks of Power and Privilege, Topical Issues in Thanatology, Freedom, Order & Control, Islam, Justice & Peace, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Exile and Forced Migration, Living a Just Life, Ecological Justice, Advance Alternative Dispute

Resolution, Globalization Justice & Spirit, and Justice & Alternative Economic Systems. Throughout my experience as a Social Justice and Peace Studies student at King's University College and in the courses that I have completed, I learned why diversity, inclusion, and anti-oppression is important in discussions about how to engage the community and why and how it impacts everyone regardless if they know it or not as well as what can be done to cultivate positive outcomes for the future.

This past summer, I was able to apply my experience at King's to a real-world situation and gain valuable community and lived experience that will enhance the efforts of Community Advisory Committee Work as a Community Development Worker with Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre. I assisted in the development and implementation of a Business Improvement Association (BIA) for the Glen Cairn and Pond Mills Community. I advised and commented on how a proposed development fits into the area, and possible changes to make it more compatible and beneficial for the Glen Cairn and Pond Mills neighbourhoods and surrounding areas. At Glen Cairn, I had the chance to collaborate with staff members to grow a community garden and provide resources to Londoners in need through the London Good Food Box initiative and Centre Market. I effectively diffused conflicts at the centre by collaborating with others to find the best possible outcome for all. I wrote and published a weekly newsletter titled The Glen Cairn Globe through Microsoft Publisher and Canva to keep members of the Glen Cairn and Pond Mills community informed. Finally, I had the chance to collaborate with others to implement and plan Glen Cairn's first Drag and Art Showcase, highlighting the talents of the youth community members and affirming a safe space for members of London's LGBTQQIP2SA community.

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

My additional experience, training, or community involvement that I will help me in my role as a Community Advisory Committee member includes participating in a community impact showcase for a course I completed at King's called Community-Based Learning. In my research I explored how gender applies to the modern city and why community-based learning helps Londoners engage with the issues that matter most to them as well as how creating connections in the city through local community organizations, policy, politics, and lived experiences works to create change. I argued that Londoners should have the right to urban space that is suitable for people to live in, work in, characterize, and engage in space in the modern city. I looked at thinking of London as though it is an art piece that provides a creative framework. This was explained through citizenship in gathering duties and responsibilities that help to create artwork in the everyday lives of people.

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): **City Website**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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