

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 please**

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

As a prospective public administrator, joining a Community Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion presents an exciting opportunity to contribute and learn. I aim to offer fresh insights and proactive solutions to address diversity-related issues within the community. Through collaboration with fellow members and stakeholders, I hope to develop and implement initiatives that promote inclusivity and social justice. Participating in discussions and decision-making processes will deepen my understanding of diversity and inclusion principles and equip me with practical skills in community engagement and conflict resolution. By actively engaging with diverse community members, I aim to gain insight into their unique needs and challenges, informing my approach to policy development and program implementation in the future.

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

I will support the Community Advisory Committee by actively engaging in meetings and discussions, offering insights and expertise to address diversity and inclusion issues. Collaborating with fellow members and stakeholders, I'll help develop initiatives promoting inclusivity and social justice. Listening to diverse community members' perspectives, I'll ensure decisions reflect their needs. I'll use my communication and problem-solving skills to facilitate productive dialogue and consensus-building. Additionally, I'll stay updated on diversity and inclusion best practices to enhance the committee's effectiveness. Overall, I'm committed to contributing as an engaged, proactive, and empathetic member, working towards positive change in the community.

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):

My work, community, and lived experiences uniquely position me to enhance the efforts of the Community Advisory Committee in promoting diversity and inclusion. As a public administration student with a focus on community development, I have engaged in various initiatives aimed at addressing inequities and empowering marginalized groups. My experiences working with diverse communities, both domestically and internationally, have provided me with insights into the intersectional challenges they face.

In my role at the Ghana Export Promotion Authority, I organized workshops and outreach programs to amplify the voices of underrepresented communities, fostering dialogue and understanding. Additionally, my involvement in managing my own online business during my undergraduate studies has given me firsthand experience in navigating diverse perspectives and building inclusive environments.

Furthermore, as a bilingual individual with proficiency in English and [insert second language], I can bridge communication gaps and ensure that diverse voices are heard

and understood within the committee. My commitment to anti-oppression, anti-racism, and human rights aligns with the values of the committee, enabling me to contribute effectively to its mission of fostering inclusivity and social justice. Overall, my diverse experiences, coupled with my dedication to promoting equity and inclusion, will enrich the work of the Community Advisory Committee and help create a more welcoming and equitable community for all Londoners.

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

In addition to my academic and professional background, I have pursued specialized training programs in diversity, equity, and inclusion, including workshops on cultural competency and unconscious bias. I have also engaged with experts and practitioners in seminars and conferences, deepening my understanding of diversity-related challenges and strategies.

My community involvement includes volunteering with local organizations dedicated to social justice and community empowerment, such as mentorship programs and advocacy campaigns. These experiences have honed my interpersonal skills and reinforced my commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion.

Furthermore, my international experiences, including studying abroad and volunteering in diverse cultural contexts, have broadened my perspective and taught me the importance of cultural humility and active listening.

Overall, my additional experience, training, and community involvement have prepared me to bring a nuanced approach role.

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.**

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If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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