

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

Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Environmental Stewardship and Action 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 was a member of EEPAC (former) from 2015-2021 (approximately). I found the work through EEPAC was much less community-based, which is where I'd like to refocus my efforts now.

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

By joining ESACAC, my goal is to contribute to meaningful change in the environmental and sustainability streams in London. Much of this work can be done at a small scale to see a large difference. I will be able to bring past experiences with EEPAC as well as my academic and professional expertise in this field.

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

Supporting the work of a Community Advisory Committee would involve actively contributing my time and expertise in ecology and environmental science to benefit the community. My support will be demonstrated by regular presence and active participation in monthly meetings, sharing my knowledge and expertise in ecology and environmental science during discussions and decision-making processes, contribute to generation of ideas for proposed projects including planning sessions and decision-making processes, and continued advocacy for environmental stewardship and change.

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 believe my background, experiences, and commitment to environmental stewardship align closely with the values and goals of ESACAC. With a Ph.D. in Ecology with specialization in Environment & Sustainability, I bring a deep understanding of ecological principles, environmental challenges, and sustainable solutions to the table. My previous involvement in advisory committees within the City has provided me with valuable insights into collaborative decision-making processes, community engagement strategies, and the importance of diverse perspectives. I have firsthand experience working alongside stakeholders from various backgrounds to address complex issues and drive positive change, and also an understanding of what is required to address environmental change at the municipal level. The major projects I was involved with on EEPAC (bird-friendly standards, light pollution standards, You, Your Dog and Nature brochure, etc.) more closely align with the agenda items reflected in this newer advisory committee.

Moreover, my role as an educator reflects my dedication to raising awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility towards our environment. I believe that education plays a pivotal role in empowering individuals and communities to make informed decisions and take meaningful actions. I recently redeveloped a course called Environmental Sustainability, which similarly aligns with the objectives in ESACAC's terms of reference.

By serving on ESACAC, I aim to leverage my expertise and experiences to advocate for evidence-based policies and initiatives that promote environmental sustainability and resilience, engage with diverse community members to ensure their voices are heard and considered in decision-making processes. I also hope to facilitate educational outreach programs and workshops to increase awareness and promote active participation in environmental stewardship efforts.

Overall, I am committed to contributing my skills, knowledge, and passion for environmental advocacy to enhance the efforts of the Community Advisory Committee and create a more sustainable and vibrant 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):

I previously mentioned my academic and professional background and involvement with EEPAC. For two years, I also acted as the London Public Library's Environmentalist in Residence, which was also an initiative coordinated through the City of London.

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.**

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

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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