

Committee: **Accessibility Council**

Organization/Sector represented: **Mental Health/Architecture**

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Occupation: **proposal/editing consultant/web design consultant**

Work experience: **In the past 4 years, I have been working as a proposal/editing consultant for an engineering consulting company. During the past 8 months, I have also been working as a web design consultant, for a department of Adult Mental Health at LHSC. Previous to that, I worked in the field of architecture for 5 years.**

Education: **I completed my Bachelor of Architecture in 2002 and my Bachelor in Environmental Studies in 1997. Furthermore, I have taken several courses at Fanshawe College in architectural technology and web design and development.**

Skills: **I am familiar with FADS (Facility Accessibility Design Standard) and I have personal experience of mental illness.**

Interest reason: **I would like to help improve the financial and living conditions of people with a mental health disability, as well as to eradicate stigma and to help these people reintegrate as active contributing members in the community.**

Contributions: **I can bring my personal experience with people with disabilities as well as my education in architecture and other related work activities.**

Past contributions: **At present, I am a member of the Ontario Working Group Committee, which improves services for people who have experienced first episode psychosis. I am also a part of a unit council at London Health Sciences Center (LHSC) which meets monthly to assess and provide recommendations on improving the conditions of psychiatric patients in hospital. Furthermore, I am leading a web committee group at PEPP -Department of Adult Mental Health- LHSC for the development of a website. I am also a part of the Big Night Committee which is presently planning a fundraising gala in the Fall of 2013.**

Interpersonal: **As a part of being a member of the committees described above as well as through my education and work, I have gained experience in exchanging views, working as a team member and appreciating the skills and knowledge of others.**

Interview interest: **Yes**