

Committee: **Child Care Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Merrymount/Inclusive Childcare/ Crisis Licensed Child care**

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Occupation: **Executive Director Merrymount**

Work experience: **I have been involved in Early Childhood Education and Family Development for the past 40 years. Merrymount is a partner within our community serving over 7000 families going through crisis or transition**

Education: **BS in Family Studies and Early Child Development**

Skills: **I have been a past participant and Chair of this committee and found it to be one of the most productive Advisory Groups I have ever participated on....with the Ministry of Education having the lead with the Municipality being the facilitator, I know that my background and knowledge can help the committee understand the unique needs of families with Children with Special Needs and Families going through Crisis or Transition**

Interest reason: **I have served on this committee before and feel strongly that I can offer something to the future of our work with families and making London the place to live**

Contributions: **On going knowledge and experience with the Child Care Community and other Support Services. I am very invested in the CYN and feel that this combination would be helpful around the table.**

Past contributions: **I served on this committee during various terms as well as served as its Chair for a term. I understand the framework from which it works. I have served on other community boards and many advisory committees within our community.**

Interpersonal: **I have been recognized as a leader that is a good partner and told many times that not only do I believe, but I demonstrate at all times that together we can make a better contribution to the lives and health of our community families than anyone can alone**

Interview interest: **Yes**