

Committee: **London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **ProgressiveBloggers.ca**

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Occupation: **writer/activist/strategic consultant**

Work experience: **Longtime customer service professional, political consultant/activist, blogger/writer/editor/communications professional. Communications strategist for the Jesse Helmer for Ward Four campaign.**

Education: **Writer/blogger/activist, specializing in critical race/intersectional theory. Member of ProgressiveBloggers.ca.**

Skills: **Writer/blogger/activist with over 20 years of experience documenting issues of race/gender relations and social justice activism/advocacy, social media power user with 4500+ influential Twitter followers. Have participated in numerous round-tables, conferences, conference calls, etc on racial/social justice issues.**

Interest reason: **As London's minority/immigrant population continues to soar, it is vital that the community take proactive steps to ensure that the Forest City embraces its new, multicultural reality and takes full advantage of the myriad opportunities this ongoing demographic shift presents.**

Contributions: **As a person of colour, as well as a 29+ year resident of London, I believe that my personal insights, as well as my background in anti-racist activism/advocacy would make me a valuable resource.**

Past contributions: **I have taken part in symposiums, conference calls, radio hits, campaign-roundtables, AgendaCamp 2010's diversity panel, etc.**

Interpersonal: **As a longtime writer and thought leader, the responsibility of engaging with the public in a transparent, honest fashion weighs heavily. I value the input of others, and look forward to robust, productive discourse.**

Interview interest: **Yes**