

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

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **Communications Professional and African Dance Teacher**

Work experience: **Passion for the Dance arts: -Identified as London's first African Dance Teacher. -Work with the London Arts Council as a London Artist in Residence (LAIR) at LDCSB schools. Teaching students about African dance contributing to the Ontario Arts Curriculum to appreciate culture and diversity. -Host African dance workshops throughout the City of London. Communications Professional: -Communications Manager at Emerging Leaders -Health and fitness Writer-Fanshawe College -Freelance Marketing Consultant -Board member and Public Relations Officer at ACFOLA. -Communications Officer for a political campaign**

Education: **Corporate Communications and Public Relations: September 2010 to April 2011 Fanshawe College - City of London, ON • 4.03 CGPA • Recipient of Academic Excellence Bursary 2010 • Recipient of Dean's Honor Roll 2010 • Recipient of President's Honor Roll 2011 Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communications (Honors), September 2004 to April 2008 Carleton University - City of Ottawa, ON • Minor in Applied Language Studies • Graduated with Distinction**

Skills: **I Public & Media Relations I Written Communications I Reporting I Public speaking I Decision making I Issues affecting ethnic groups in London I Presentation skills I Event planning I Social Media skills I Team oriented I Leadership I Community Relations**

Interest reason: **As a woman, I am challenging myself to get more involved in political affairs in Canada and this is a great way to start the process by sitting on a committee such as this. I am passionate about collaboration of multiculturalism and advancing London as a welcoming city. I truly believe London can be just that. This would give me the experience and motivation to aspire to other political initiatives focused on diversity and inclusion. I think London as a city needs fresh ideas from individuals that care about the way we interact with one another to foster positive relations and solutions to issues in the community. Also bring ideas that can make London more attractive to new comers and visitors to London.**

Contributions: **I can contribute perspective. Perspective from both an individual standpoint as a member of an ethnic community and Canadian citizen. My expertise with public relations knowing how to make fair decisions, providing solutions, promoting peace and love, listening to all opinions, creative ideas, collaborative strategies, ability to network and create lasting partnerships, very accountable and of course...energetic personality!**

Past contributions: **-As a Board member of ACFOLA: I have had the opportunity to increase volunteer engagement and membership recruitment. -At Emerging Leaders: Engaged International students by actively sharing ideas by creating a student club to have their voices heard beyond the school walls. -Engage with City of London to include more diverse arts in their programming to youth and adults.**

Interpersonal: **As a professional that works in environments comprised of individuals from different cultures, I am aware of the custom and traditions that people have and I am able to respect them and engage without judgement. I love learning about new cultures learning from others and sharing my experiences as well. Serving on a Board with members from different countries is a unique experience. However, as much as each person has their views on things, the beauty of collaboration refocuses our purpose of existence on that Board and enables us to serve our members as a unit rather than sections.**

Interview interest: **Yes**