

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

Organization/Sector represented: **1983**

Name: **Kendra Ferris**

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Occupation: **Event coordinator, London Public Library**

Work experience: **Trained teacher, with 3 years experience serving the public in a Library setting. Recently transitioned to the space rental and events department at the Central Library. I build partnerships with community groups, and help facilitate their use of Library space for special events.**

Education: **Honours Bachelor of Arts in Rhetoric and Professional Writing Bachelor of Education**

Skills: - **knowledge of library services and library spaces as community hubs - knowledge of education system - writing and presentation skills - consulting/customer service skills**

Interest reason: **Diversity is a competency, a mindset, and a framework for approaching people and situations. I bring to the committee an awareness of difference, and the importance of public service anticipating, considering, and accommodating difference in the programs and services we offer.**

Contributions: **The work I do every day revolves around making connections between groups and ideas, and looking for opportunities. I bring a community-focused perspective to the committee.**

Past contributions: **At the Faculty of Education at Western, I contributed to planning for and ran a workshop at a professional development conference for preservice teachers about diversity in education.**

Interpersonal: **At the Library, I sit on planning committees for special events and for the use of technology in the Library system. As an educator, the first thing we learn is to meet students where they are, and I bring that mindset to all interactions, personal and professional.**

Interview interest: **Yes**