

Committee: **London Council for Adult Education**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Melanie Molnar**

Occupation: **Program Coordinator**

Work experience: **I have worked at Western University for the past 11 years in various positions. For the past several years, I have been a program coordinator in the Faculty of Education. I support graduate level professional programming by providing administrative oversight to various programs. I am responsible for the management, sustainability and growth of the programs. I work closely with faculty members and administration to identify common learning needs and in the development of appropriate workshops and resources to address those needs. I also teach on a part time basis at both Fanshawe College and Western University.**

Education: **I have recently earned by Doctor of Education degree in the field of Educational Leadership. I hold a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Adult Education. EdD, Educational Leadership August 2018, Western University Master of Education, Leadership and Policy Studies October 2014, Western University Human Resources Certificate August 2009, Fanshawe College Bachelor of Education, Adult Education October 2004, Brock University Bachelor of Arts, Political Science June 1997, The University of Western Ontario**

Skills: **Being an learner for the majority of my adult life, teaching for the past several years, and working in post-secondary for the past 11 years will be a benefit to me if I am successful in being appointed to this board. I have experienced education from several perspectives or lenses and find that I can easily understand the challenges that our education system is currently facing, either from a student perspective, an educator perspective, and/or a administrator perspective.**

Interest reason: **I have a passion for adult education and this is a great way to give back to the community while at the same time, embracing my own experience and educational pursuits.**

Contributions: **My own experiences and perspectives as a learner, educator and administrator of adult education will provide me with a unique opportunity to contribute to this board.**

Past contributions: **For the past 8 years, I have been an active volunteer within the Western University community, most recently serving as the president of the Professional and Managerial Staff Association which represents over 1200 employees on campus. More recently, I have become a Board member for TAP (The Arts Project). I enjoy the opportunity to network, give back to your community, and learn more about what others have to offer and what their insights are.**

Interpersonal: **I have a great deal of experience in sharing my views and engaging with others in order to understand and appreciate their varying opinions and points of views. I think this is an essential skill and allows us as individuals to continuously self develop. In my past work, education, and volunteer experiences, I have had the opportunity to work collaboratively with others and feel that I gain a great deal from these experiences. Being open to others' ideas and perspectives is one of the best opportunities that we have to continue our own growth and development.**

Interview interest: **Yes**