

Committee: **London Public Library Board**

**Organization/Sector represented:** Newcomer Multicultural and invisible minority community and Employment Service

**Name:** Susan Abdula

**Occupation:** Community Worker / Employment Specialist

**Work experience:** As a community worker for more than 15 years in community settings. Specifically, I worked with youth and adults in the London community and newcomers who were faced barriers in social , education and employment fields . I work with newcomer family members to help intergrade in their new country Canada and help them to overcome all barriers that might faced

I enjoy seeing people gain a sense of hope throughout participation in multiple events and activities and be part from London community. My work is through CITCAL Canadian Iraqi Turk Cultural Association, London Muslim mosque, South London neighbourhood Resource Center, LMLIP London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership and OCASI Ontario Councils Agencies serving Immigrants are volunteer duties.

My goal is to empower the individual and the family in large to contribute positively in our London community

My daily work is an employment counsellor working with Pathways Employment Help Center Over fourteen years' experience working in the social service sector delivering services and programs for job seeker. Working within the career development industry; supporting community members, youth and adults in transition in all phases of the career development cycle including: self-assessment/career exploration, labour market information and job search in both one on one and group formats.

**Education:** I possess a postgrad in employment and career Service within Social sector Career Development Program CDP

Currently I'm pursuing a Non Profit Management Certificate through Western University

**Skills:** My education, Community experience for more than 15 years in London Ontario , working with diverse cultural and a proven leadership skills through my daily work and community involvement . In addition I have 4 years experience with the policies and strategic planning committee through London Employment Help Center as Personal committee board member

**Interest reason:** My passion and enthusiastic to be a part of our beloved city (London ) and offer my dynamic and energy to help London community members and mentor the newcomers to follow the right path and contribute to the community I believe London Library is a amazing organization needs our help, support and contribution from multi cultural and from invisible community members

**Contributions:** My leadership, communications , negotiation with stakeholders, community connection, multicultural community involvement and network would be a great asset for the board

Past contributions: 6 years board member with LMLIP

4 years policies and strategic planning committee member LEHC

One year board member with OCASI

**Interpersonal:** My daily work and volunteer experience within multiple and multicultural organizations trained me to respect others opinions, abilities and skills . In mean time working together as a team to reach the organization's goal

Interview interest: **Yes**