

City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Community Advisory Committees

Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Accessibility Community Advisory Committee**

If applying for the Accessibility Community Advisory Committee, please select: **Yes, I am an applicant with a disability.**

If applying for the Ecological Community Advisory Committee, a professional designation, education or experience in related fields is a requirement based on the technical nature of the committee work. Please indicate your area(s) of expertise:

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Contact Information

Name: **Deana Ruston**

City: **London**

Province: **ON**

Postal Code: **N6B3P3**

Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters): **I have been an appointed member of the City of London's Accessibility Advisory Committee since June 2019. I have been involved in sub-committees as well being involved in the Accessible Trick or Treating campaign with the City of London including a table at Storyspook Village at Storybook Gardens to educate and promote accessible trick or treating.**

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **I hope to contribute my lived and living experiences as a person with disabilities in order to inform the work done by the Accessibility Advisory Committee. I hope to learn from others on the committee and hope to learn more about municipal processes.**

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **I will support the work of the Accessibility Advisory Committee by continuing to look at my interactions and experiences within the City of London from an accessibility lens to note what could be improved and what is working well. I will continue to be a representative for the accessibility and disability communities with the City of London Safe Cities for Women and Girls Initiative.**

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Community Advisory Committee Member. (max. 250 characters): **I am a member of the Thames Valley Children's Centre Youth Advisory Council where youth with disabilities from Thames Valley Children's Centre and their siblings provide input on Thames Valley Children's Centre programming and policies.**

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **Deana Ruston 2022 Resume.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am a resident of London. ; I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.; I understand that my application and**

any attachments will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity:
(optional): **Other**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Submitted on: **4/8/2022 11:31:28 AM**

Education

Social Service Worker Diploma , <i>Durham College, Ontario</i>	2022 - Present
First Responder: Trauma Prevention & Recovery Certificate , <i>Simon Fraser University, BC</i>	2016 – 2019
Bachelor of Arts: Thanatology , <i>The University of Western Ontario, London, ON</i>	2011 – 2017
Certificate in Loss, Grief, & Bereavement , <i>The University of Western Ontario, London, ON</i>	2017

Work Experience

Front Desk Clerk , <i>The Salvation Army Centre of Hope London, ON</i>	2020 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Welcome service users, and the general public to the multifaceted programs and services offered at The Centre of Hope■ Extensive knowledge and practice with the Government of Canada's Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) HMIS by Employment and Social Development Canada	
Lead , <i>CAMH: mindyourmind, London, ON</i>	2013 – 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Responsible for liaising between youth, CAMH, and mindyourmind with plans for resources■ Assisted in the creation of both a paper-based and mobile resource for mental health crises project (BeSafe)	
Front Desk Clerk , <i>The University of Western Ontario, London, ON</i>	2012 – 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Assisted residents in dealing with issues that occurred■ Followed emergency procedures set out by Housing and Western University	
Residence Tour Guide , <i>The University of Western Ontario, London, ON</i>	2011 – 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Showcased the residence building to prospective students■ Answered questions from students and parents regarding Western and residence life	

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer , <i>Regional HIV/ AIDS Connection, London, ON</i>	2018 – Present
Youth Volunteer , <i>mindyourmind, London, ON</i>	2011 – Present
Council Member , <i>Young Canadians Roundtable on Health, Canada</i>	2015 – Present
Leadership , <i>Networking & Empowering Communities Through Conversations, London, ON</i>	2016 – 2020
Community Organization Representative , <i>Urban League of London, London, ON</i>	2016 – Present
Volunteer / Trailblazer Youth Council , <i>TVCC, London, ON</i>	2018 – Present
Patient & Family Partner , <i>London Health Sciences Centre, London, ON</i>	2018 – Present
Member , <i>CAMH: National Youth Action Council, London, ON</i>	Present
Desk Exchange Community Animator , <i>Innovation Works, London, ON</i>	2015 – 2019
Executive Council Member , <i>MP Peter Fragiskatos' Youth Council, London, ON</i>	2016 – 2018
Member , <i>YMCA of Western Ontario Youth Advisory Council, London, ON</i>	2014 – 2017
Off-Campus Don , <i>King's University College, London, ON</i>	2016 – 2017
Residence Soph , <i>The University of Western Ontario, London, ON</i>	2012 – 2013
Housing and Operations Committee , <i>The University of Western Ontario, London, ON</i>	2011 – 2012
