

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

Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression 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

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters): **I have experience as member of the Newcomer Strategic Advisory group and have been part of the London Middlesex Local Immigration partnership for 10 years under the education subcouncil. I have organized workshops and talks through this committee in order to raise awareness on diversity and inclusion of newcomers helping to create a more welcoming community. I am also part of Pillar Community of Practice group in equity diversity, and inclusion to continue raising awareness and implementing programs and practices in our programs and work places. I am part of an advisory committee with Western and have recently joined the Truth and Reconciliation committee with the city of London to continue walking towards steps in reconciliation and organize supportive community events that will help people unlearn. I am currently also a co-lead to the Kings/Brescia Anti-Racism working group where I have been involved with research and given training both at a community level and academia.**

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **I hope to contribute my love for equity, my passion for people and energy for social change into this committee. I really believe that changes can occur when we move forward in community. Without community, there is chaos. I hope to contribute the loyalty and energy to this cause in this committee. I love learning from others and love to help amplify voices. You learn something in every voice and story you hear. I am also looking forward to hearing more about how our city policies are structured and where anti-oppressive practices occur. I know quite a bit already from the 10 years of community development I have been blessed to have experienced, but so many things have changed during these last few years and so many traumatic experiences have occurred. It would be great to be part of a committee and movement that works towards real rooted structural change. I am currently working in rooted structural change at the university level, and hope to see changes in the city I live in.**

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **I have started a special program in EDID at Brescia where I am having students model their values and believes in social justice through practice. I am encouraging youth to become more engaged with their community and continue the learning and unlearning. If I am selected as a member of this advisory committee, I will commit to making sure projects, programs and awareness reach the broader community by recommending youth and advice to sub-groups and of course giving my support. I will also make sure to**

bring in the student passion and support to the city initiatives. I can also help support research and seminars helping to amplify diverse voices in the city. Because of my experience with research and training, I try my best to keep up to date with evolving themes in our community. I feel confident I could be of great support bringing my experience and background immigration, anti-racism, and anti-oppressive lenses. I have been taught to lead with love and have a collaborative mindset.

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 worked in Settlement with newcomers from all statuses to Canada and am experienced in community development for over ten years. I have presented and organized lectures, seminars, workshops and specialized training sessions. I love research and make sure to stay up to date with various themes in equity diversity inclusion and decolonization. I received a training in research when I was asked to be co-lead of the Kings/Brescia Anti-Racism working group. I love leading holistically in community, this is one of the reasons I often sign up to be part of community committee groups. Learning from others inspire me to move forward and make change. I feel I can contribute to this important community work. I am also passionate about building engagement and community welcoming individuals in creating safe spaces for dialogue.**

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

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): **Professional or community organization**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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