

City of London - Application for Appointment to a City of London Board or Commission

Application

Please choose the Board or Commission you are interested in serving on: **London Police Services Board**

Contact Information

Name: **Wendy Charlene Goldsmith**

City: **London Ontario Canada**

Province: **ON**

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Experience and Qualifications

1. Serving on the Police Services Board requires monthly, full-day meeting attendance; each meeting requires 4-6 hours of reading in advance. Can you describe your ability to participate and contribute this minimum amount of time monthly?:

I am fully able to commit to this requirement.

2. What skills, education, community involvement and/or experience (including lived experience) do you have that will assist you in a role on this specific board?:

I hold a Master's Degree in Social Work and have been working in the field in London for the past 35 years. I am currently employed by the London Abused Women's Centre as an Advocate/Counsellor and I specialize in anti-human trafficking initiatives in coordination with our community partners. I was chair of the board at Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre for 8 years and was also vice chair of the City of London Race and Diversity Committee from 2004-2006. I am very involved in social justice in my community and overseeing policing is an important part of my role.

3. If you have experience on a Board, Commission or Committee (in London or elsewhere), please provide the details. If you have not previously served on a Board, Commission or Committee, please describe why this appointment is of interest to you.:

- **Vice Chair-London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (January 2004-November 2006)**
- **Chair and Board Member- Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre (April 1999-March 2005)**

4. We value the contributions of Londoners with diverse experiences and welcome applications from individuals who share our commitment to reconciliation, equity and inclusion. Please describe how your work, community or lived experience will enhance these efforts through Board and Committee work. (max. 3000 characters):

I am deeply committed to reconciliation, equality and inclusion. my work in the community speaks for itself and I would consider it an honour to sit on this board in order to improve the lives of all constituents in London.

Attach resume or other document here (optional).: **wendy resume revised february 2023 pdf.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; 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): **Word of mouth**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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Strengths & Skills

- Current specialization in Anti-Human Trafficking
- Skilled Counsellor, Teacher and Trainer
- Group facilitation, individual counselling and assessment
- Community development and organizing
- Writing, editing
- Advocacy and public speaking

Education

Master of Social Work- Specialization in Research and Community Development at the University of Western Ontario (2006)

Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Western Ontario (1994)

Bachelor of Arts- Psychology Major at the University of Western Ontario (1990)

Selected Professional Experience

Trainer, Ministry of Children and Community Social Services (January 2022-present)

- Deliver intensive 6-day training to diverse groups on understanding human trafficking, the impact of colonization and how to work with sexually exploited youth

Advocate/Counsellor- London Abused Women's Centre (February 2018-present)

- Coordinator of Anti-Human Trafficking initiatives for the agency
- Work collaboratively to deliver HT education and training in London and Middlesex
- Member of London Anti Human Trafficking Coalition and London HT roundtable
- Provide individual and group counselling to women who have experienced intimate partner violence, or who have been sexually exploited

Clinical Social Worker- Family Service Thames Valley and CHATT Counselling (November 2015-February 2018)

- Provide clinical social work counselling to individuals and families
- Specialize in working with 'at promise' youth

Community Organizer- Friends of Public Services (June 2015-November 2015)

- Develop community capacity and facilitate community groups to mobilize around issues related to the retention of public services

Social Worker- London District Catholic School Board (March 2009-June 2015)

- Provided group and individual counselling to students who were suspended or expelled
- Supported students' transition to their home schools, ensuring appropriate educational and community supports
- Participated in team response to traumatic events

Social Worker- Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex, Family Services (October 2006-March 2009)

- Supervised social work team for one year contract
- Provided case management for diverse caseload
- Specialized in First Nations child welfare services

Research Assistant- King's University College, School of Social Work (July 2006-July 2008)

- Assisted with literature review, data collection and program evaluation for joint program with School of Social Work and Aids Committee of London

Community Developer- Women's Issues (Masters Practicum), Cornerstone Foundation, Belize, Central America (January 2006-April 2006)

- Engaged in multidisciplinary community development initiatives with respect to woman abuse, gender awareness, HIV/AIDS awareness
- Developed funding proposal for first Women's Shelter
- Facilitated creative writing group within a secondary school
- Taught life skills to impoverished school aged children using an arts based approach

Program Manager- Families First in White Oaks (A Community Action Program for Children) (February 1999-October 2006)

- Managed multi-faceted health promotion project within a culturally diverse neighbourhood
- Trained, mentored and supervised project staff
- Responsible for administration of budget
- Established strong linkages and collaborative projects with community partners
- Developed and coordinated culturally sensitive programs to support families with children ages 0-6

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Community Researcher- Family Mentoring Project (May 2005-June 2005)

- Conducted community needs and capacity assessment for multi stakeholder project

Social Worker- Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex (September 1993-February 1999)

- Provided short and long term individual and group counselling
- Co-facilitated treatment group for adult male sex offenders

Counsellor- Community Corrections London (November 1993-August 1994)

- Provided counselling, day to day supervision and treatment planning to provincial and federal day parolees

Child and Youth Counsellor, Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex (July 1989-July 1991)

Volunteer Work and Community Organizing

- Organizer in many local, national and international human rights issues
- Founding member of People for Peace, London
- Group Facilitator- My Sisters' Place (October 2006-March 2009)
- Vice Chair-London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (January 2004-November 2006)
- Chair and Board Member- Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre (April 1999-March 2005)
- Canadian Crossroads International- Overseas and local community development (1991-1993)
- Volunteer Counsellor, Youth Enhancement Services, Belize, Central America- provided support and counseling to impoverished female youth (May 1991-July 1991)

Selected Presentations/Papers

- Engaging Hard to Reach Youth (2013)
- Participatory Research, Social Theatre and Artistic Expression as forms of Program Evaluation (2005)
- Different Ways of Knowing: Reconfiguring the Social Work Classroom (2005)
- Photo voice: Using Art to Assess the Needs with Hard to Reach Youth (2004)

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Awards and Achievements

- Canadian Arab Society of London for Gaza Solidarity (2014)
- City of London Featured Community Organization-Families First in White Oaks (2006)
- Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre- Hamilton Road Leadership Award (2005)
- King's University College, UWO, High Average Award (2004)
- Urban League, Green Umbrella Award for Community Building (2003)
- Facilitated "Living on the Edge" performance with My Sister's Place (2007)

Selected Professional Development

- Addictions Theory- Dr. Gabor Mate (2015, 2018)
- Mindfulness Techniques (2018)
- Trauma Informed Counselling (2017)
- Critical Incident Response training (2016)
- ASSIST training (2013)