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solutions to issues impacting
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1. Billie Mikhaila T. Baluyot



I am Billie Baluyot. My pronouns are he/him. I was born in the Philippines and migrated to Canada in November of 2012, then became a citizen in 2017. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Alberta, with certificates in Applied Social Science Research, Civil-Military Leadership, Globalization and Governance, Global Citizenship, and Peace and Post-Conflict Studies. While it may seem as though my specializations fall within the realm of international relations, I believe that sustainable global actions have to start in a micro level. I am especially interested in the way in which police organizations interact with their communities

and how a relationship built on trust and respect is important in order to facilitate services that respect the dignity of all persons without necessarily inhibiting officers from carrying out their duties.

2. Harman Kahlon



My name is Harman Kahlon and I'm a recent graduate from the School of Public Health at U of A. My academic and professional goal is to improve continuity in Alberta's systems, with a focus on improving quality and access to health care. I have advocated and negotiated to achieve ethical standards for patient care, conducted research to identify gaps in the system for persons living with disabilities, and most recently, influenced decision-making in the government through research and data. I hope to drive change and improvement in the community through my values of empathy, equity, and justice and my public health

expertise. Outside of work and my extracurricular, you'll find me in the mountains hiking or snowboarding (until we can travel again, then the world is our oyster!).

3. Kashmir Gill



Born in India, raised in the UK, and a proud Albertan for more than forty years, Kashmir feels blessed to serve as a volunteer and community-builder. He has brought his extensive public and private sector professional business experience in innovation to support and strengthen many local and international non-profit organizations, and the communities they serve.

After “retiring” his full-time Regional Director role with the National Research of Council’s Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP), Kashmir has continued

his passion for service by volunteering as a trusted mentor, advisor, and coach to organizations and entrepreneurs around the world.

Kashmir is excited to join the EPS Chief’s Community Council (CCC) because he believes in the purpose of this body. He is motivated to engage with other members to focus on the pressing social, health and justice issues identified through EPS Community Engagement Activities to make meaningful contributions to the work of the committee.

4. Kameran Akrawi



Kameran Akrawi arrived in Canada in 2007 as an international student. He finished university and received his B.A. at UofA, started work and eventually stayed as a citizen here in Edmonton. Kameran has a Medical Diploma from Iraq as well as years of work experience.

Kameran started working and volunteering at community organizations that helped resettle and build community and family capacities and skills in Edmonton. He carries years of community service experience and a passion for teamwork. He is certain that together we can improve

communities’ livelihood.

5. Lloyd Cardinal



Lloyd Cardinal is Nehiyawak/Cree from Wolf Lake, Alberta of both Treaty and Metis ancestry and his family is Eagle Clan. He is a proud Edmontonian, Father of three and who has worked in both addictions and homelessness for the past ten years serving our cities most vulnerable population. Lloyd is a MMEIP (Missing Murdered & Exploited Indigenous Peoples) advocate, family member and survivor. Lloyd's goals are to strengthen allyship, develop legislative reform in pursuit of justice, healing, and reconciliation for all Canadians.

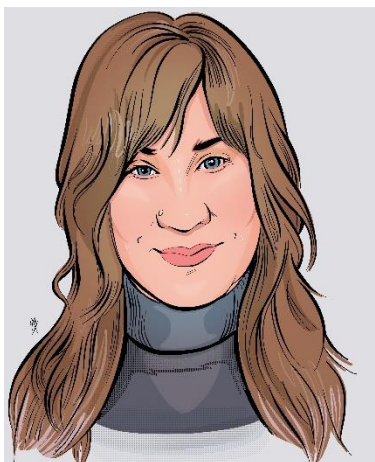
6. Dr. Marci Gordeyko (she/her)



Dr. Marci Gordeyko (she/her) received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Toronto. This was preceded by a Master of Applied Psychology from the University of Waterloo, and an Honors Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary. She is a registered psychologist with the College of Alberta Psychologists. Her clinical experience has included work in a variety of specialty areas including child abuse and trauma, sexualized behaviours, mood, anxiety and psychosis, neuroscience, and oncology. Her current work focuses on trauma and resiliency, and healthy sexuality. She has a particular interest how mental health interacts with the legal system, especially for marginalized populations. Dr. Gordeyko has a keen interest in research and teaching and has co-authored several publications and book chapters. In addition, she has presented many conference papers and presentations.

Dr. Gordeyko is currently working in a private practice setting and is a sessional instructor at Concordia University of Edmonton.

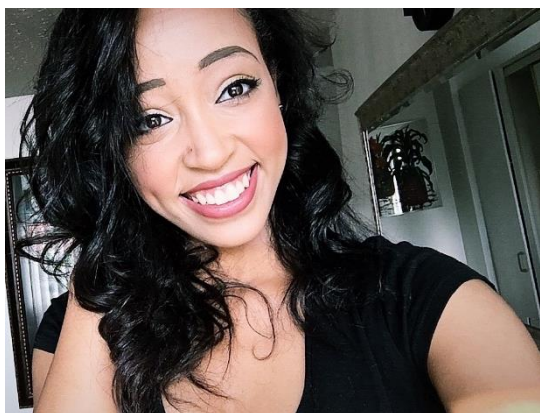
7. Margo Schulte Long



Margo is the President and CEO of Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) in Edmonton. YESS provides immediate and low-barrier 24/7 shelter, temporary supportive housing, cohort independent living, safe isolation, and quarantine space, as well as individualized wrap-around support for youth aged 15-24 experiencing crisis and housing instability. Trained first in Anthropology and then Business and Marketing Strategy, Margo was a Senior Partner and Principle with Incite Marketing for 10 years before coming to the non-profit world in 2017, taking the helm one of her beloved community agencies. In 2017, YESS re-envisioned their focus to intentionally address the childhood trauma that affects the young people who come to YESS and which

perpetuates the issues that can entrench them in homelessness. Margo was born and raised in Edmonton and lives with her husband and a blended family of five teenage and adult children. She is an avid river lover and paints to help her mental health.

8. Msgana (Megan) Asefaw



Hello! My name is Megan. But some people call me Msgana. Which means to give continual thanks to God in Tigrinya. I am an elementary school teacher and published author in the area of mental health. In my spare time, I love to volunteer and give back. Some of the initiatives I support include, the Alberta Teachers Association, Africa Centre, Eritrean Community Association of Edmonton, Kickstand, and many more. My hobbies include bike riding, dancing, cooking and spending time with my family. I love

life and desire to influence positive change. I am both honoured and excited to be a part of CCC to fulfil its mandate."

9. Mike Lanteigne



Mike Lanteigne is an engaging, results-driven community leader, construction materials expert, businessman, and educational advocate. Mike has a long track record of building strong communities through inspired personal connection, shared vision, and progressive achievement through working in collaborative teams. A disciplined civic leader and martial artist, he is well known in Edmonton's corporate, educational, and non-profit communities. Skilled in Public Speaking, Business Development, Corporate Leadership, and Community Growth, he is one of Edmonton's most authentic ambassadors actively promoting our remarkable, vibrant city."

- a. President, Twin Brooks Community League 2013-2020
- b. Community Cultural Director, work with First Nations, Edmonton Jewish Federation, Edmonton Chinese Benevolent Association, Afro-Caribbean Society.
- c. Cabinet Member, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues 2017-2021.
- d. Chairman, ESS School Council, Alberta School Council's Association 2011-2021 (10 years).
- e. Edmonton Police Service Community Crime & Safety Group, Ipiihkoohkanipiaohtsi and Pihesiwin, Presidential representative.
- f. Global Alliance Canada's Anti-racism Committee Member.
- g. President, Northern Lights Toastmasters
- h. Advisory Council Member, Tim Cartmell - City of Edmonton Councilor/Pihesiwin.

10. Dr. Peter Obiefuna



Dr. Peter Obiefuna is a lawyer and managing counsel at Arizen Law, Edmonton. Peter has experience sitting on the Municipal Government Board, the Edmonton Police Service Chief's Advisory Council Committee as well as other community based committees.

Peter has university experience in medical and nursing education; in biomedical research; and industry experience in computer science.

Peter holds a PhD in Physiology (Lagos); an MS in computer science (East Carolina, USA);

and an LLB (Hons; London England)

11. Randa Alhijawi



Randa Alhijawi has been living in Edmonton since April 2007 and holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature with a minor in Political Science. Randa is a Privacy Senior Advisor at the Government of Alberta and the Director of Operations at Alhijawi Driver Education. She has been an active member of the community for more than 14 years as a human rights activist who is deeply passionate about creating leadership opportunities for women by promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Randa assists immigrant women with access to community resources by coordinating with community agencies and advocacy groups. In 2019, Randa was the Chair of CPCA Performance Team at the largest multicultural event of its kind in the world, "Edmonton Heritage Festival," where she takes pride in seeing her team win first place in the

"Performance Category"; It was the first time in the festival's history a new pavilion wins first place.

12. Shazia N. Amiri



Born and raised in Edmonton, I am a Registered Social Worker with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. I am also a first generation Muslim Canadian. My father and mother are from Burma and Tanzania respectively. I have worked in various non-profits agencies, such as E4C, Boyle McCauley Health Centre, and Boyle Street Community Services as well as with the Edmonton Police Service working collaboratively with members on the Heavy Users of Service (HUoS) project. I have also worked for the Government of Alberta within the AISH program, Disability Services and currently, for Children's Services. Through my personal journey and professional practice, I have knowledge in several areas such as racism, gender equity, poverty, homelessness, marginalization, addictions, mental health, trauma, and working with vulnerable populations, including Indigenous and refugee communities. I am looking forward to bringing an objective voice to the table that encompasses my personal and professional experiences.

13. Shivani Naidu-Barrett



Shivani's family emigrated from South Africa to Edmonton when she was a young child. She has lived in the city for over 40 years and is proud to call herself an Edmontonian.

With a strong commitment to public service, she has served over 20 years as a Crown Prosecutor. Her work has allowed her to see countless files that involve police interactions with the community and she has provided advice to police in dealing the public, specifically as they deal with individual Charter rights.

When not working, Shivani enjoys being involved in the volunteering for local organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for the Edmonton Fringe Theatre organization, volunteering for the Edmonton Folkfest and serving as a Track and Field official for local track

meets.

14. Solomon Rolinger



Sol, born in Montreal, graduated with a Petroleum Engineering degree and then a law degree in Colorado and is now retired as Counsel with Duncan Craig, LLP where he founded the Laurel Awards. He has chaired the River Valley Alliance, Phoenix Multi-Faith Society, St. John Ambulance Alberta, Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, Edmonton Police Foundation, City of Edmonton Salute to Excellence and Beth Shalom Synagogue amongst other organizations. Sol sat on the Board of Governors and Senate of the University of Alberta, Capital Health Authority

and numerous councils and committees of the Canadian and American Bar Associations. He currently chairs: the Governors of the Telus World of Science Edmonton and the Citadel Theatre, The Lieutenant Governor's Circle on Mental Health and Addictions; and the Inuit Art Enthusiasts

Sol received the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, Alberta Centennial Medal and Lieutenant Governor Community Leadership Award, inducted into the City of Edmonton Community Service Hall of Fame, the SAGE Award for Community Building, Alberta Law Society/Canadian Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Community Service Award and Knighted in the Order of St. John. He received the Emerald Community Group Award on behalf of the River Valley Alliance. He was inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence, received the Governor General's Sovereign Award for Volunteers.

15. Souleka Mustafa



I am the Director of Programs and Services at the Somali Canadian Women and Children Association. As part of the Senior Leadership team, I endeavor to grow the organization through managing quality programs and services. This role has allowed me to create positive change, making decisions based on information, establishing measurable and repeatable performance to maximize effective use of resources and assist in meeting program and service requirements in a sustainable manner.

I hold a bachelor's degree in political science, with a minor in history. I also speak two other languages: French and Somali.

16. Zaki Hirabe



Zaki attended University of Alberta, where he got his bachelor's degree in Psychology and is currently working towards a master's degree in psychology counselling. Zaki has undertaken philanthropic endeavors with a desire to progress human wellbeing. While pursuing his undergraduate degree, Zaki volunteered at the Glenrose Hospital and worked with victims affected by stroke where he helped them regain their motor skills. Additionally, he volunteered at the Pro Basketball Skills Academy which is a youth sports program committed to enhancing athletic ability while simultaneously aiding their academic success.

Currently, Zaki works at the Centre for Resilience Social Development (The RAJO Project), a Somali Youth Empowerment project that integrates high-risk youth into schools, meaningful recreation, cultural activities, and employment programs; while promoting a healthy environment, both at home and school. Zaki has been a Youth Outreach Worker at RAJO for the past 4 years. Zaki is an advocate, mentor, and youth supporter to encourage social inclusion and reduce unhealthy behavior.