



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Child Welfare League of Canada

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Cheyenne Ratnam [She/Her] is passionate about equity and developing inclusive and accessible spaces and processes. She has dedicated much of her time/expertise in child welfare and homelessness. She is the Co-founder/Executive Lead of the Ontario Children's Advancement Coalition (OCAC). She serves on the Board of the Children's Aid Society of Toronto as Vice-Chair of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, the board of Scarborough West Community Legal Clinic, the Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario's Race-Equity Working Group, a BYFY Advisor at The Housing Outreach Project - Collaborative, and Engagement Specialist Consultant with a Making The Shift project. She is also an advocate re: Childhood Sexual Abuse and GBV/IPV - a survivor of both. She is the provincial representative on the National Council of Youth in Care Advocates, and serves on the Steering Committee of the Canadian Lived Experience Leadership Network. She is the Outreach and Events Coordinator for NextGen at the Mosaic Institute and previously was a Program facilitator with the Next Generation program developing education materials for high school students and educators on peace, conflict and relevant subject matters to nurture future leaders.



Cheyenne is an advisor to both ISEE Initiative (gender based violence organization) and Kudai Centre (development of transitional home for young Tamil girls – ethno-specific), serves on the Children in Limbo Taskforce, is an independent consultant, engagement specialist, personal development coach, capacity builder, media commentator, public speaker, ambassador of the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada, and partakes in various communities through volunteerism.

She is passionate about youth homelessness, child welfare, SODH, childhood sexual abuse, youth development, mobilization and ethical engagement, DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion), and human rights issues.

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