

Developing the World's Youth: Innovation in Entrepreneurship and Employment



Panel: Tackling Youth
Unemployment in
Canada
February 9, 2017:
L Building: Room L1017:
1:30pm – 3:30pm

1:30pm - 1:45pm	Derek Stockley Dean, School of Social & Community Services, Humber College (Moderator)	Opening Remarks & Introduction of Panelists
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Saima Butt Youth Programs Supervisor	Presentation by LAMP Community Health Centre
2:00pm - 2:15pm	Julie Hamara Specialist, Education and Training	Presentation by the 519
2:15pm - 2:30pm	Tamara Balan Project Director	Presentation by CivicAction
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Alexandria Tadman Employment Counsellor and Workplace Coordinator	Presentation by Polycultural
2:45pm - 3:10pm	Moderator Derek Stockley	Questions to Panelists
3:10pm - 3:25pm	Q&A from Audience	
3:25pm - 3:30pm	Deb Aguillon IDW Student Committee Volunteer	Thank you and closing

Speakers Biographies



Julie Hamara
Specialist, Education and Training, The 519

Julie Hamara is currently an assistant coordinator with the Trans Youth Mentorship Program, and a specialist with the Education and Training department at The 519 where she facilitates workshops relating to LGBT inclusion, and coordinates youth programs. She is also an ESL teacher and a former peer supporter at LGBT Youth Line.



Saima Butt
Youth Programs Supervisor, LAMP Community Health Centre

Saima was born on Treaty eight territory to Scottish and Pakistani parents, and channels her passion for social change through youth engagement and empowerment. Saima recently completed a Master of Sociology in Migration Studies, with a thesis focus on narrative journeys through decolonization. She currently runs a youth space in Central Etobicoke providing programming and supports for youth ages 13-24. Saima explores her creativity through theatre, has been recognized as one of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation's Top 30 Under 30, and she once took a selfie with Angela Davis.



Tamara Balan
Project Director, CivicAction

Tamara leads CivicAction's Escalator: Jobs for Youth Facing Barriers, a province-wide initiative focused on creating economic opportunities for youth and meeting the needs of employers. A relatively new mom herself, Tamara also oversees CivicAction's work to providing babies in our region the best start in life – beginning with their first 1000 days.

Tamara has been at CivicAction since 2007, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies and Political Science from the University of Toronto. She believes in collective leadership to overcome the status quo and make the Toronto region better, and has played a significant role in developing CivicAction's Leadership programs (The Emerging Leaders Network and the DiverseCity Fellows program). Tamara is passionate about collective leadership and breaking down barriers across sectors and municipal boundaries. As a testament to her great work, she was named a Vital Person by the Toronto Community.



Alexandria Tadman

Employment Counsellor and Workplace Coordinator
Polycultural

Alexandria Tadman is an Employment Counsellor and Workplace Coordinator leading the Youth Job Connection program at Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services. Over the course of the last five years Alexandria has worked closely with newcomer, refugee and immigrant youth through her roles as a UNHCR refugee status determination eligibility officer, facilitating programming for youth being resettled from Malawi to Canada and supervising

Community Living Toronto's Youth 2 Work program supporting individuals with disabilities. Using a client centered approach she is determine to assist youth in overcoming existing barriers to access successful and suitable employment opportunities.