

VOICES FROM THE FIELD:

BLACK CANADIANS IN SOCIAL WORK

Thursday, November 25 | 12:00 - 1:30 pm (EST)

Moderated by Ella Bustamante Bawagan

PANELISTS:

SADIA ABDULLAHI is a proud Black, Somali, Muslim, Canadian woman. She brings many years of experience as a social worker in Ottawa. She has worked with many community agencies across Ottawa including Ottawa's Youth Outreach Worker Initiative and Children's Aid Society. She is currently an identity-specific School Social Worker for Black Students and Families.

JAMILA AHMED is a mother, social worker, social justice advocate, counsellor and EDI/anti-Black Racism consultant and coach. She believes that humans thrive when they support each other, therefore she favours a community empowerment approach. Jamila utilizes an Africentric paradigm, trauma-informed lens and a healing-centered approach while working with individuals and groups for an equitable outcome.

LORI-ANN MCDONALD is an RSW and graduate of Carleton University living in Ottawa. Lori-Ann works in the Violence against Women/Gender-Based Violence sector. She also believes it is important that as an immigrant, she works to support and advocate Indigenous Peoples throughout Canada. Lori-Ann sits on the Board of Directors at Immigrant Women Services Ottawa (IWSO).

NOAH INNISS-PARCHMENT received his bachelor's in Social Work from Carleton University in 2014. Since then, he has worked with various Black and 2SLGBTQ+ organizations in Ontario including Jaku Konbit, Kindspace, the Centretown Community Health Centre, the LGBT Youthline, Rexdale Pride, and Family Services Ottawa around the rainbow program. He is currently the Program Manager with The Enchanté Network, where he gets to use his vast experience to support 2SLGBTQ+ organizations and groups across the country

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