

Youth Delegation

Women Deliver 2019



Get to Know the ICN/RCC Delegates

LEXIE OBEY



Lexie is a Plains Cree-Metis woman, youth care worker and a recent graduate of the Human Justice program at the University of Regina. Her life and work experience have cultivated a passion for understanding and working against inequality and injustices within her

community. She is a self-proclaimed lifelong learner, who hopes to pursue future studies in the environmental justice sector. Lexie is a past Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC) Student Intern, and past part time SCIC Program & Media Assistant.

ARIEL MISHKIN



Ariel is passionate about ending violence against women, fostering economic empowerment and promoting political representation for those most marginalized.

As a member of BCCIC's Board of Directors she served as a delegate to the UN's sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, and the UN Political Forum, where she advocated for inclusive political representation of Canadian Youth and Indigenous Women.

Ariel has experience supporting the development of a women-owned and grassroots initiatives in Mongolia and India. She is currently working as the Event Planner for the Communicable Disease and Population and Public Health Unit of the First Nations Health Authority. In this role, Ariel's work involves managing the implementation of conferences and workshops that cover topics of sexual and reproductive health, disease prevention and harm reduction.

FATIMA BEYDOUN



Fatima is currently pursuing a double major in Environment, Sustainability and Society and International Development Studies with a minor in French at Dalhousie University. Fatima sits on Dalhousie's Board of Governors as the student representative. She is actively

involved with environmental and racial activism in her community, and advocates for students of different intersecting marginalized backgrounds.

Fatima is president of the Dalhousie Amnesty International society, and is the only Maritimer on Amnesty's Canadian Chapter National Youth Action and Advisory Committee. Fatima recently took part in the 2019 Daughters of the Vote delegation, where she spoke in the House of Commons about Migrant justice. Fatima is keen to continue working in the field of peace and conflict resolution as well as promoting International Human Rights.

BRIANNE KLINGSPON



Brianne is passionate about medicine and improving accessible health education. From Edmonton, Alberta she is currently employed as a Primary Care Paramedic (EMT) in the Oil and Gas industry. Through her work with the Non-profit organization *One! International Poverty Relief*, Brianne is driven to raise awareness about providing the right to healthcare for everyone. Brianne is eager to share her experience as a female working in a male dominated industry. She is keen to continue to learn new ideas that will help her continue to support those working to improve health education.

FRANCES AMARA



Francess Amara is originally from Sierra Leone, West Africa and currently lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba where she studied Women's and Gender Studies and Political Studies at the University of Manitoba. She is passionate about education, immigrants integration, gender equality, and the empowerment of women and girls. Frances currently works as a Research Assistant and Website Coordinator. Her coordinator work is focused on reproductive and sexual health including early pregnancy prevention, sex ed. and the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Through initiatives such as the Sexuality Education Resource Centre Manitoba (SERC) and Teen Talk, her research involvement aims to inform sexual health educators in Winnipeg and to improve program accessibility for immigrant youth.

SYDNEY PIGGOTT



Sydney (she/her) is a dynamic, results-oriented project manager and researcher with professional experience in international development, corporate social responsibility,

gender advocacy and youth empowerment. She is the Manager of Programs and Projects at YWCA Canada where she is in charge of national initiatives with a vision to see women and girls empowered in a safe and equitable society. Sydney is also on the board of directors of Springtide Resources, a member of Gender Equality Network Canada and a contributor at B*tchcoin News – a financial literacy blog and newsletter for young women professionals in Canada.

Sydney holds a bachelor's degree in International Development Studies from McGill University, and is a recent graduate of the Master of Global Affairs program at the University of Toronto – Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy where she co-founded the Intersectional Feminist Collective, was a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee scholar and a researcher for the Reach Project – an initiative that focuses on the delivery of development interventions to the world's most vulnerable groups. She has international research experience in Ethiopia and South Africa.

MARIE-HÉLÈNE LAJOIE

Marie-Hélène Lajoie is passionate about gender equality and international solidarity. She holds a master's degree in political science and feminist studies. She is particularly interested in Women's led movements in

Latin-American. She has a variety of experience based in Latin America specifically related to gender equality, organizational capacity building and youth training. She's currently working at the NGO Carrefour de solidarité international in Sherbrooke (Qc) as an international projects and youth internships officer.



AURORA HARDY



Aurora is a citizen of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and of the Wolf Clan. Upon graduating, she began working for her nation as a Communications Officer. She has since gained experience and training around communications, social media, and professional relations.

In 2016, Aurora and Teagyn Vallevand co-founded Youth for Lateral Kindness – a youth-led facilitation business based in Whitehorse aimed at reducing lateral violence in Indigenous communities. The team of Indigenous Youth Facilitators travel throughout the Yukon facilitating youth lateral kindness workshops and Blanket Exercises, volunteer within their community regularly, and encourage reconciliation among Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people in the Yukon. Aurora is currently studying Business Administration and Indigenous Studies at the Mount Royal University in Calgary.

AUTUM SKAYDU.U JULES



Skaydu.û yu xhut duwasakh, Autum Jules dlet ka xanaxh. (My Tlingit name is Skaydu.û and my English name is Autum Jules.) Daxhlawedi I ya xhut. (I belong to the eagle clan.)

I am from the Teslin Tlingit Council First Nations in the Yukon Territory. My entire life I was lucky enough to grow up in the small community of Teslin Yukon living off the land and water, harvesting berries and medicines, subsistence hunting and fishing on my first nations traditional territory. I was taught from my elders at a very young age how important environmental protection, equality and respect is to the prosperity of all living things on this earth. The quote that helps guide me on my journey in this work is, "Who speaks for the ones who can't speak for themselves."

NEVENA VUCETIC



Nevena (she/her) is a first year graduate student at Dalhousie University, in Halifax. She is studying the gendered reality of working in development organizations in Uganda that are funded in light of Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP). She will be conducting field research in Kampala this summer. Nevena is keen to be learning from the diversity of experience women who work to deliver gender equality programs will bring to this delegation and conference. Nevena has previously worked as a Policy Analyst at Global Affairs Canada, contributing towards research and analyses related to feminist and rights-based approaches to development. She has 4 years volunteering experience with the Ottawa Branch of the United Nations Association of Canada (UNAC) where she took pride in working to educate community members on world issues and their role in that world. Nevena is passionate about gender equality and finding the root causes of global inequalities.