Youth Get It Community Council

Vancouver Island





Bhupinder Du/ku

Council Chair

Term on Council: 2017 - Present

Hometown: Victoria, BC

Current Community: Victoria, BC

Inspiration

I am a community-centric individual that believes in the power of reciprocity. In the past I have been involved in economic empowerment, mental health, and poverty alleviation initiatives. The Youth Get It Community Council provides a platform for driven community leaders to facilitate and create meaningful sustainable impact in their communities.

Fun Fact

When I was studying at the University of Western Ontario, I decided to try something different and actually joined the Bhangra dance team.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I plan to use my education, experience with the non-profit sector, and passion for community impact to realize positive outcomes for youth, mental health, and economic development. I plan to be open-minded, engaged, and progressive when learning more about my community and look forward to working with like-minded young professionals.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

In January 2016, I was part of one of the three internationally selected MBA teams to present an investment strategy to the \$940 billion Norwegian Pension Fund at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland. Our strategy placed first overall and received a written accolade from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Bio

Bhupinder is currently working as Senior Strategy Officer with the OCIO at the BC Public Service. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of Western Ontario and a Master of Business Administration with a focus on Entrepreneurship from the University of Victoria.

During his time as a Senior Residence Don with University of Western Ontario Housing, Bhupinder developed an award-winning program focused on youth confidence and social development. This initiative provided students with a framework to begin building financial acumen, academic prowess, and mental health balance.

In 2008, Bhupinder became involved in youth initiatives through the United Way Youth Now Council and Queen Alexandra Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Both of these Councils were focused on youth support and achievement. He has since been continuously involved in poverty alleviation initiatives in both Victoria, BC and London, ON.

Over the past five years, Bhupinder has been involved in multiple teaching and tutoring capacities across different disciplines and



grades. He is currently supporting academic development with the St. Michaels University School Alumni Association and developing a business leadership and innovation program for high school students. Bhupinder also co-founded a data analytics startup that is now part of the Victoria VIATEC Startup Accelerator.

Bhupinder in front of the Petronas Twin Towers, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.