Youth Get It Community Council

Fraser Valley





Harman Dhaliwal

New Council Member: January 2018

Hometown: Surrey, BC

Current Community: Surrey, BC

Inspiration

I'm very passionate about children and youth. I have been privileged to be involved in many programs where I've volunteered and worked with them, and I've seen the incredible impact that positive opportunities can have. When I became aware about the work of this Council, it seemed like the perfect fit.

Fun Fact

I am a huge fan of superheroes. From Superman and Batman to Iron Man and Black Panther - I am a fan of them all. I even have a handmade Superman cape hanging in my closet that was made specifically for me as a gift.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I hope to use my passion, experience, and understanding of youth in our communities to help identify projects, programs and initiatives that carry great potential for positive impact. The work this Council has done to date is incredible and I am excited to help carry its momentum forward.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

My proudest accomplishment is a work in progress. At 25, I look back at all that I've done so far with great pride and am excited to see what the next five years will bring.

Bio

Harman brings a strong background in philanthropy, fund development, and youth leadership programming to the Council. Currently a Philanthropy Associate at the BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Harman helps manage and develop strong relationships with corporate donors.

Previously, Harman worked as a Development Officer with the Surrey School District, where he worked in collaboration with groups and organizations to secure funding for child/youth programming, specifically supporting vulnerable and at-risk populations. Prior to fundraising, Harman worked as both an Outreach Worker and Facilitator with Surrey Schools where he assisted in identifying and fulfilling student needs through supportive before-and-after school programming in inner-city schools.

Passionate about youth empowerment and leadership development, Harman has an extensive history of mentoring youth in his community. Through his experience volunteering as a youth leadership advisor with the Greater Vancouver YMCA, Harman helped youth hone their leadership skills. Through several local Rotary Clubs, Harman has helped to stage and facilitate various youth leadership conferences. Most recently, he helped organize the Ridge Meadows Youth Impact Summit, which was geared at



helping youth develop their leadership skills and connect with other young leaders.

Harman holds a Bachelors of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University, where he majored in marketing.

Harman loves exploring the many trails the West Coast has to offer.