



Michelle Kumar

NEW MEMBER:
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Hometown:
Delta, BC

Current Community:
Surrey, BC

Inspiration

I had the opportunity to listen to members of the Young Leaders Community Council speak at an event and was amazed by the opportunities they had created, and worked on in my community. This prompted me to look into the work being done by the Council, and I was amazed by so many young individuals who, like myself, were contributing to programs that benefit youth.

Fun Fact

A couple years ago I decided to be bold and went skydiving; however I haven't had the courage to tell my mom that I went (sorry Mom)!

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

As part of the council, I hope to connect with like-minded individuals while learning about the opportunities for youth in my community. I hope to gain knowledge about the granting process, and the youth serving organizations the grants support.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

Developing a mentorship program for at-risk youth in my current role with Surrey Crime Prevention Society. This program has been beneficial for so many young people. We work hard to create a positive and inclusive environment for these kids, while also showing them that there are opportunities available to those who may need support.

Bio

Michelle Kumar graduated from Simon Fraser University with a joint major in Criminology and Psychology. She then spent two years at Kwantlen Polytechnic University where she obtained a post-baccalaureate diploma in Human Resource Management. Michelle currently works as the Manager of Operations in the Human Resources department of the Surrey Crime Prevention Society.

Through her work, Michelle has the opportunity to engage with students to develop their personal and professional portfolios. She works extensively with young people to create financial plans that help them achieve a balance between their work, school and personal lives.

Michelle has also volunteered for numerous organizations including the Bolivian- Canadian Clean Water Network, and the Kwantlen Human Resources Management Club. She currently volunteers with YES Vancouver, working to create networking opportunities for women to empower and support one another.

Michelle is dedicated to enriching the lives of youth in Surrey and Delta. Her vast experience working with youth in both a work and volunteer capacity make her the perfect addition to the Fraser Valley Young Leaders Community Council.



Michelle is a huge bookworm, and can spend hours browsing in bookstores.