Dara Parker

Vice-President, Grants & Community Initiatives at Vancouver Foundation

Vancouver, BC, CA

A nonprofit executive who is helping shift the sector from charity to justice.

Biography

Dara is a nonprofit executive with over 20 years? experience working in social-profits and local government. Dara began her career working in international development and has travelled to over 50 countries, spanning five continents. Dara is a skilled public speaker who is regularly asked to speak on diversity and inclusion. A regular commentator on current issues, she has been featured on Global BC, CTV, CBC, CKNW, The Globe and Mail, The National Post, The Vancouver Sun, The Georgia Straight, and The Vancouver Courier. Dara?s notable achievements include: working for SVP Vancouver, QMUNITY, Kids Help Phone, the United Nations Association in Canada, the City of Burnaby, and Cuso International. For three years Dara consulted with UN-Habitat on their inaugural Youth Advisory Board, helping mainstream youth participation throughout the organization.

Industry Expertise

Non-Profit/Charitable, Philanthropy, Women, Social Services

Areas of Expertise

Nonprofit Leadership, Nonprofit Management, Gender, Lgbtq Issues, Diversity and Inclusion, Community Development, nonprofit governance, Women, Queer Issues, Sexuality, Philanthropy, NGO's, Nonprofits

Affiliations

Co-Founder - Lezervations, Pivot Legal Society Board Member, Roundhouse Radio Board Advisor, Vancouver Foundation Health and Social Development Advisory Committee

Event Appearances

Keynote Speaker
Reconciling Injustices in a Pluralistic Canada

Speaker
Diversity Panel, National Philanthropy Day

Keynote Speaker
Women Transforming Cities Cafe

Speaker
Scaling Up: Social Venture Partners Annual Conference

Panelist
SFU: There Goes the Gayborhood?

Education

University of British Columbia
Masters of Planning Urban Planning

Queen's University
Bachelor of Arts, Honours Politics

Duke University
Executive Certificate Nonprofit Management

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