

# **Jane Hilderman**

**Executive Director at Samara Canada**

Toronto, ON, CA

Jane Hilderman leads Samara Canada, a trusted nonpartisan educational charity dedicated to strengthening Canada's democracy.

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## **Biography**

Jane works to bring Samara's mission--to reconnect citizens to politics--to life. She frequently discusses Samara's work in the media and with Canadians across the country. Her previous roles at Samara include Research Director, where she shaped Samara's groundbreaking research that explores Canadians' participation in democracy, how Members of Parliament do their jobs, and citizen perceptions of politics. Jane joined Samara after working on Parliament Hill for both government and opposition MPs through the longstanding Parliamentary Internship Programme, a prestigious program for young professionals. She holds degrees from the School of Public Policy & Governance at the University of Toronto (MPP) and Queen's University (BAH). Jane is also a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, which seeks to make Canada better known to Canadians and the world. Originally from Camrose, Alberta, where she grew up on a family farm, Jane uses her marathon training to explore her new home, Toronto.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Non-Profit/Charitable, Political Organization, Public Policy, Public Relations and Communications, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Policy, Policy Analysis, Qualitative Research, Research, Public Policy, Community Outreach, Non - Profit Organization, Public Speaking

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## **Affiliations**

Board Member HIPPY Canada (<http://hippycanada.ca/wordpress/>), Fellow (elected) Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Member Banff Forum

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## **Education**

**University of Toronto**

Masters of Public Policy

**Queen's University**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Political Studies

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