

Laura Dickson

Executive Director at Women in Need Society

Calgary, AB, CA

Non-profit leader, Social Entrepreneur and Social Justice Advocate

Biography

Laura joined Women In Need Society (WINS) as the Executive Director in September, 2014. Laura brings close to 20 years of experience in the public and not for profit sectors in Alberta and Ontario. Prior to joining WINS, Laura served for two and a half years as the Chief Operating Officer of the Calgary Homeless Foundation as part of the team that launched Canada's first 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. Passionate about women's economic participation, affordable housing and social justice, Laura is committed to helping women and their families flourish. Laura holds an MBA in Executive Leadership from Royal Roads University in Victoria B.C., a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto and a Post-degree Certificate in Health Promotion from Canadore College in North Bay.

Industry Expertise

Non-Profit/Charitable, Women, Social Services, Retail, Public Policy

Areas of Expertise

Social Enterprise, Social Entrepreneurship, Women & Nonprofit, Retail - Thrift, Poverty Alleviation, Social Services

Event Appearances

Strategic Capabilities Network

Non-profit Leadership, Panel Discussion

Alberta Women Entrepreneurs

Icons of Alberta, Panelist

Education

Royal Roads University

MBA Business

Canadore College

Post Degree Certificate Health Promotion

Accomplishments

Trico Social EnterPrize Award

In 2015, Laura and the Women in Need Society accepted the national, biennial award presented by the Trico Foundation for leadership and excellence in social enterprise.

<https://tricofoundation.ca/poised-for-growth-calgary-social-enterprise-grateful-to-win-prestigious-social-enterprize/>

Business in Calgary, Leaders Award

In May, 2016 Laura was one of Calgary's top 20 Business Leaders recognized through this annual leadership award. https://issuu.com/businessincalgary/docs/bic_july2016_lo

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