



NORTH SHORE

YOUNG CITIZENS

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ALI FARSI

Ali Farsi immigrated to Canada from Iran when he was 15. He achieved a B.Sc. in Biochemistry/Biotechnology from University of Waterloo and a M.Sc. in Biology from Carleton University. He has spent the first half of his career, actively involved in medical research on such topics as Enzymology and has published in various journals. His passion lies in serving as Editor-in-Chief of FarsiMed Health-Medical Magazine, a free educational publication which he founded in 2013 in Toronto. Ali has been a pioneer in empowering and educating the Farsi-speaking community on medical topics in Farsi language and making medical topics written by professionals accessible to the public in Canada. He also co-founded FarsiMelk Home & Real Estate Magazine (2018) and is directing both publications to ensure a high quality of educational contents. He will be initiating a series of Educational health related symposiums in Vancouver for the Iranian community, starting February 2019.



ALI WHITE

Ali White grew up, and still lives, in North Vancouver on unceded Coast Salish territory. She began her studies in Global Stewardship at Capilano University before transitioning to International Studies at SFU with an interest in understanding why global inequities persist. She later shifted her thinking from global to local, completing a certificate in Sustainable Community Development and taking part in a Semester in Dialogue at CityStudio. Her time at CityStudio instilled in her the importance and value of young people being a part of co-creating solutions to the city's complex problems. Ali is currently the Executive Director at Embark Sustainability Society, a non-profit located at SFU that works to empower student sustainability leaders. Her work involves strategizing with students to address campus sustainability challenges in ways that are intentional and inclusive of diverse perspectives. On weekends, Ali enjoys practicing yoga and exploring the North Shore trails.



ANDREW MCMILLAN

Andrew McMillan Born at Lions Gate Hospital (June 12, 1985) Highlands Elementary (1990 - 1998) North Vancouver Minor Hockey (1992 - 2002) Handsworth Secondary (1998 - 2003) BCIT Marketing Management Diploma - Professional Sales (2003 - 2005) MPC Intelligence - Analyst, Senior Analyst, Director of Market Intelligence (2005 - 2013) MPC - Market research and consulting firm that tracked residential new home market statistics in Western Canada for development industry stakeholders including: Developers, planners, municipalities, marketing firms, banks and CMHC. UBC Properties Trust (2014 - 2017) - Development Manager Projects Included: Student Housing, Rental Housing, Athletic Facilities Darwin Properties (2017 - Present) - Development Manager Darwin presented an opportunity to work on projects in my own and back yard that could have a positive impact on the community I grew up in. Projects: 1) The Harry Jerome Neighbourhood Lands 2) North Shore Winter Club Redevelopment (Existing & New)



ANGELA PALEY

Angela Paley is a sustainability advocate, outdoor enthusiast, and proud generalist. After completing an interdisciplinary degree in International Relations at UBC, she found herself drawn to work with a more local focus. Since then, she has worked for a variety of Vancouver-based non-profits on recycling and zero waste, civic engagement, and the shift to a low-carbon economy. Currently, she is the program coordinator for Renewable Cities, a program that supports cities through the transition to 100% renewable energy and energy efficiency. Based out of SFU's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, she organizes public events, supports team communications and dialogues, and manages students and volunteers. Angela enjoys spending time on the North Shore's trails, growing food in her garden and dabbling in most outdoor activities.



ANNA BOLTENKO

Anna Boltenko in 2013 I immigrated to Canada and settled on the North Shore. And the more I lived, the more I understood how privileged I am to have an opportunity to call this new place home. I was fascinated by the natural beauty of the region and realized that the best way I could express my love is to work hard to make the place where I live better. Thus, in 2017 I received Master's degree in Environment and Management with completing a thesis research about local food systems. After graduation I joined the North Shore Neighbourhood House team as an environmental researcher, and worked together with a group of dedicated local leaders in health, food quality, food processing and distribution, and education. While I have only lived here for a few years, I deeply involve in volunteering in local organizations, especially in NS Neighbourhood House programs.



ARMAGHAN KESHMIRI

Armaghan Keshmiri was born and raised in Iran, Esfahan, one the most historical cities in Iran. She got her bachelor in Law from University of Esfahan in 2010. She has moved to the UK to continue her post secondary education in International Business. During her Masters she has done multiple researches on cultural diversity including her dissertation, which was on "How Iranians cope with cultural diversity in Canada". Armaghan has graduated from University of Salford Manchester in 2013. Once she moved to Canada in 2012, she has started working in a retail store as Canadian experience was required to get a job related to her background. She has worked hard to get into finance, starting as a teller and found her way up to senior positions. She has worked in different financial intuitions in various positions. She is currently working as a senior account manager at Vancity in Lynn Creek Community Branch. She is proud to be a small part of a great organization like Vancity which does make a difference in people's lives. Armaghan cares about her community and is a member and a volunteer in different non-profit organizations to help other people especially new immigrants. She is not that boring as she does theater acting on the side and had a few performances in the past 3 years directed by numbers of well known Iranian directors. Being a new immigrant herself and getting to know a new environment, provides her a better perspective about importance of educating her fellow Canadian citizens about her city and her community. She is looking forward to working with everyone in this team.



BRYN HAMMETT

Bryn Hammett grew up around Edgemont Village and graduated from Handsworth Secondary School in 2002. Over the course of the next 12 years, Bryn completed a BSc in Biology at UNBC and a BEd in Castlegar, taught math and physics in China for 3 years and on board Class Afloat for 2 years, lived in 4 continents and sailed across the Atlantic 7 times. Bryn moved back to the North Shore in 2014 to pursue teaching opportunities in West Vancouver and Squamish and accepted a permanent teaching position Sentinel Secondary School in 2017. In his free time, Bryn is an avid sea kayaker, trail runner, skier, and mountain biker.



CHICHI WANG

Born in Hangzhou, ChiChi has spent time between Vancouver and Hangzhou over the past 15 years. She has extensive experience working with Chinese companies, government and community organizations. ChiChi has worked for the Hangzhou Foreign Affairs Office of Hangzhou Municipality – Hangzhou International Exchange and Service Centre and several other companies to elevate branding and marketing and implement communications and business development strategies. ChiChi is a leading advocate for gender equality in China. In 2015, ChiChi led a team to initiate the first UN Women Gender Equality and Corporate Social Responsibility International Conference in China. She also founded the Hangzhou group for HeForShe, a global movement for the advancement of gender equality and empowerment of women in business and local community. In 2016, ChiChi had the opportunity to address the executive board at UN Women, which has led to ongoing collaboration with the entity and its initiatives across the globe. Her efforts have been recognized through multiple awards. ChiChi has a Bachelor of Commerce from University of British Columbia and has attended Emily Carr University with a minor in Visual Arts.



CYNTHIA LUO

Cynthia Luo resides in the District of North Vancouver. Graduating from UBC, she is a Chartered Professional in Human Resources (CPHR). In her spare time, volunteers with her local Community Association and also the District of North Vancouver's Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee (PNEAC).



ELIZABETH CHICK

Elizabeth Chick is a resident of the North Shore. A graduate of Law from the University of Cambridge and of Year Here, a post-graduate course in Social Innovation, she has worked with start-ups in the UK and Canada exploring how we live in our cities; ranging from housing; who we live with and how, to how we can better share with our neighbours and reduce our communities' waste. She is excited to gain a better understanding of the administrative side of how cities work. Elizabeth is also looking forward to working on how we can include more diverse voices in conversations around the solutions to the issues the North Shore is facing. Having worked with people with disabilities and refugees, she is particularly interested in identifying the current barriers to participation for especially marginalised groups, and together with the forum, exploring new ways of increasing meaningful civic participation.



ESMÉE COLBOURNE

Esmée Colbourne is a graduate of the University of British Columbia. She has a deep interest in Urban Studies and Media Studies, with an overlapping focus on identity practices and formation. Her other passions are music, environmental activism, journalism and cultural policy.



GEMMA BOOTHROYD

Gemma Boothroyd born and raised in West Vancouver, I've always been proud to call this place home. After completing my Bachelor of Commerce at McGill University, I worked in San Francisco, then traveled around Europe and Asia. But Vancouver was calling, and it feels great to be back. My first job was at a local coffee shop (The Dunderave Bakehouse), and 8 years later I find myself working remotely in similar local cafés. I'm the Community Manager for F Cancer, which is a Vancouver-founded grassroots non-profit with an international presence. I'm thrilled at the prospect of discussing our city's challenges with a diverse group of young citizens. I want to learn from other stakeholders in order to build solutions that satisfy all parties involved. The Forum is an invaluable opportunity to learn about how our city works, and I'm looking forward to co-creating recommendations while breaking the stigma that young people have no interest in community engagement.



GRACE DUPASQUIER

Grace Dupasquier is a political sciences student currently finishing my degree at Capilano University. Five years ago I took a gap in my studies, and began working full time in the tourism and restaurant industries in a lower management position on the North Shore. My job entails working with youth from all walks of life, and I thoroughly enjoy having the opportunity to work alongside other young people with a diverse range of experiences, passions and dreams – it has strengthened my belief that all levels of government need to be more responsible when it comes to protecting and ensuring a positive future for youth and young adults who are just starting to begin to build meaningful lives for themselves. I am committed to decreasing political apathy among younger generations, and to creating a society which allows everyone the opportunity to grow, thrive, and actively participate in building a better future.



HASSAN MERALI

Hassan Merali is a 4th-year student in the Liberal Studies Bachelor of Arts program at Capilano University. I am honoured to be serving my second term on the University's Board of Governors, and had the pleasure of serving on the Capilano Students' Union Board of Directors last year. I grew up in the Mt. Seymour-Deep Cove area of the District of North Vancouver, and now reside in the Lower Lonsdale neighbourhood in the City of North Vancouver. I am passionate about civic engagement, politics, sustainability, and social justice. I love the North Shore and want to do all I can in my role as a citizen to keep it such an amazing place to live



IMRAHN MITHA

Imrahn Mitha born and raised in Kisumu, Kenya, Imrahn moved to Vancouver at the age of 12, though he was sad to leave behind Mufasa, Simba and Rafiki, he has been a proud member of the Northshore ever since. With a passion and deep interest in change-making through a sustainable and compassionate lens. Imrahn went on to study Law, with a previous focus on English Literature and Economics from SFU. By far, his most exciting and insightful life experience has been travelling and studying ancient Sanskrit texts and the Vedas in India - learning the timeless, yet contemporary outlooks on humanity, life, and the impetus for service that exists within us all. Currently Imrahn is deciding which area of law to embark on, having worked in the start up and investment space for the past few years. He is also currently working on some awesome projects along side ultra-talented youth leaders across Kenya. Focusing on using technology, education and community building to catalyze growth in their emerging space.



KHALEED MAWJI

Khaleed Mawji is a Communications and Outreach Officer at the Canadian Bar Association, where he is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to boost the organization's membership. Prior to his work at the CBA, Khaleed worked in federal politics, serving as a House of Commons Page in 2015 and as the Assistant to North Vancouver MP Jonathan Wilkinson in 2016. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of British Columbia, where he graduated on the Dean's List. As a life-long North Vancouver resident, Khaleed enjoys hiking the North Shore trails with his two dogs, Nikki and Nala. In his free time, he volunteers with the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation and Access Pro Bono.



KIRSTEN LARSON

Kirsten Larson is passionate about political equality.



KYLE POCKETT

Kyle Pockett is an Engineering Mapping Technician with the City of Richmond's Engineering Planning division. I received a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from the University of Victoria, and an Advanced Diploma in Geographic Information Systems from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. I've lived in North Vancouver for the majority of my life. I have seen first hand the dynamic changes we have made as a community and am excited to share my ideas and innovations as we navigate our future potential.



LAUREN PEDRIKS

Lauren Pedriks is a undergraduate student at UBC in Geography and is particularly interested in city development. She has been living on the North Shore for over 15 years, both in North and West Vancouver and has had great experiences living in both communities. Lauren is eager to learn more about the different aspects of what makes a community!



LEAH COULTER

Leah Coulter grew up in West Van, and now living and working in North Van - Leah is looking forward to collaborating on ideas to see our North Shore communities flourish for many years to come. She considers herself very lucky to have spent her childhood enjoying beach days at Dunderave and Whytecliff, as well as being awestruck by beautiful vistas while skiing and hiking the local mountains. . After completing a Bsc at UBC she travelled and lived abroad for 2 years. Vietnam, Portugal and Guatemala were favourite parts of her adventures. She now works for a local Recycling and Waste Management company and is passionate about building environmental and social considerations into our economic and civic systems.



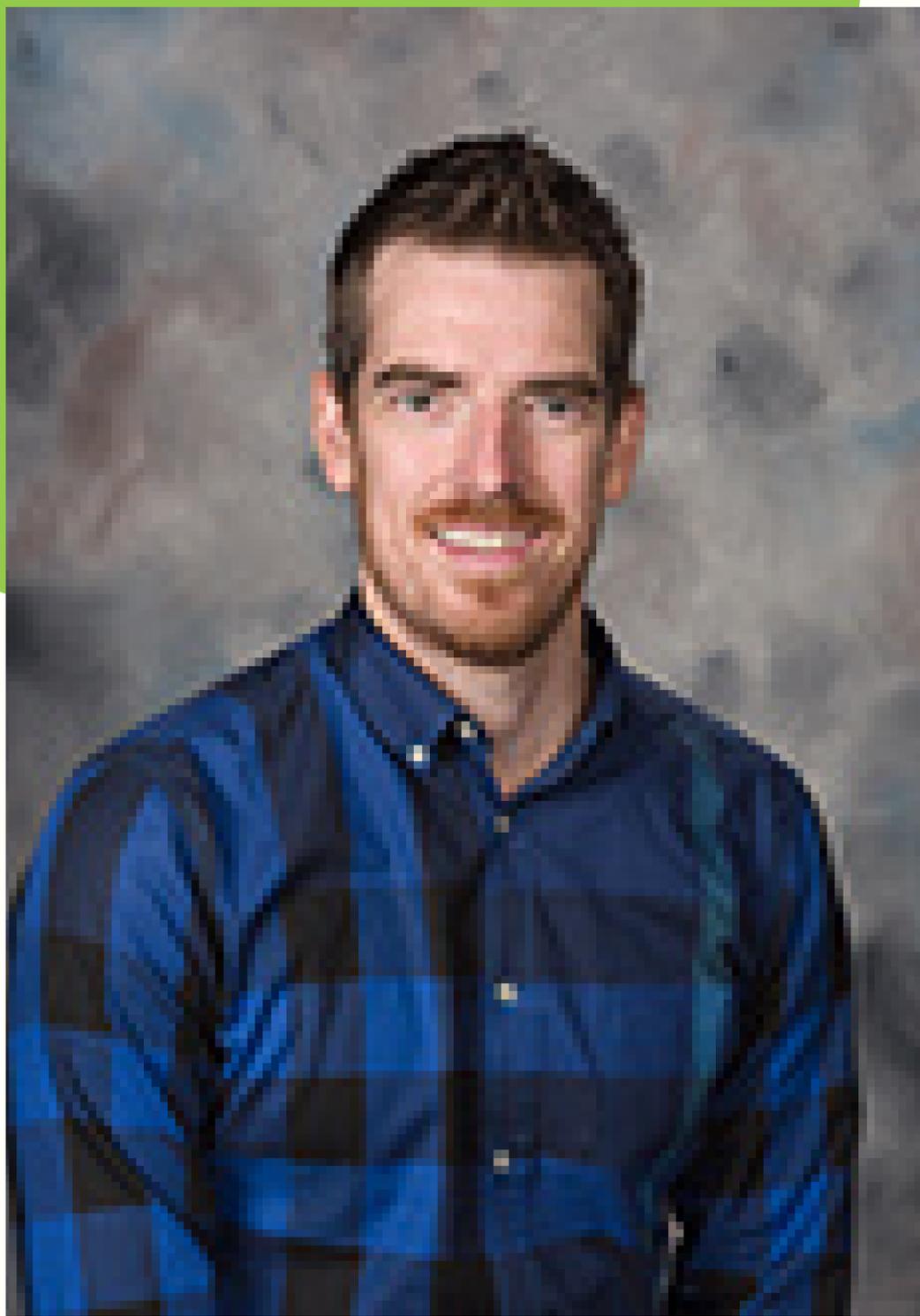
MANSOUR HAJBAGHERI

Mansour Hajbagheri is a new settler in Canada and currently lives and works in North Shore Vancouver. He holds a master's degree in Industrial Management from Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden. He brings with him several years of experience in sales management and foreign trade. As his profession has involved a great deal of negotiation and communication, he has recognized these two as essential elements for social improvement and enhanced social integrity. He believes in dialogue and communication among cultures and has been extensively travelling to different parts of the world and is amazed to see how different cultures approach same issues with different perspectives, making room for a lot of creativity. Mansour is passionate about civic engagement and social activities. He believes this young forum is a great place for making social connections and understanding how the city works. He has always cherished the energy and ideas of young people and has extensively participated in youth social initiatives. He enjoys reading poetry. Specifically, life and thoughts of Rumi, the great Persian poet, has been a life-long inspiration for him.



MARK MCCORKINDALE

Mack McCorkindale is a young professional and an outspoken advocate for housing affordability, transportation solutions, and civic engagement. As a renter and someone who grew up in North Vancouver, he is deeply concerned that people are being driven out of our community due to the high cost of living and the inability to find housing. He is passionate about addressing some of the unique challenges the North Shore faces and is excited to work towards improving the democratic process for groups who have been traditionally underrepresented. Mack studied Political Science at both Capilano University and Simon Fraser University, and has been involved in local politics at both the municipal and provincial levels. He currently works for the Member of the Legislative Assembly for North Vancouver-Lonsdale.



ROB EAKIN

Rob Eakin has worked in West Vancouver for 13 years as a middle and high school math and design teacher. After years of commuting from Vancouver, he moved to the Lower Lonsdale area a little over two years ago. He and his wife are expecting their first child in May. He is also an avid triathlete and plays hockey.



SARAH MANSHRECK

Sarah Manshreck currently lives in North Vancouver in the Blueridge area, and attended Windsor Secondary. She is graduating from the law program at UBC this May, and will article in downtown Vancouver in 2019. During her undergraduate degree, Sarah worked for the Government of Canada and the US State Department through co-operative education. In law school, Sarah participated in the UBC International Justice and Human Rights Clinic, and acted as a research assistant for a member of the UN Human Rights Committee. She hopes her participation in the Youth Citizens Program will explore new ways to engage youth voters on the North Shore. She hopes to bring forward ideas to the North Vancouver District and City Councils on how to attract young people to the community and make it a more affordable place to live.



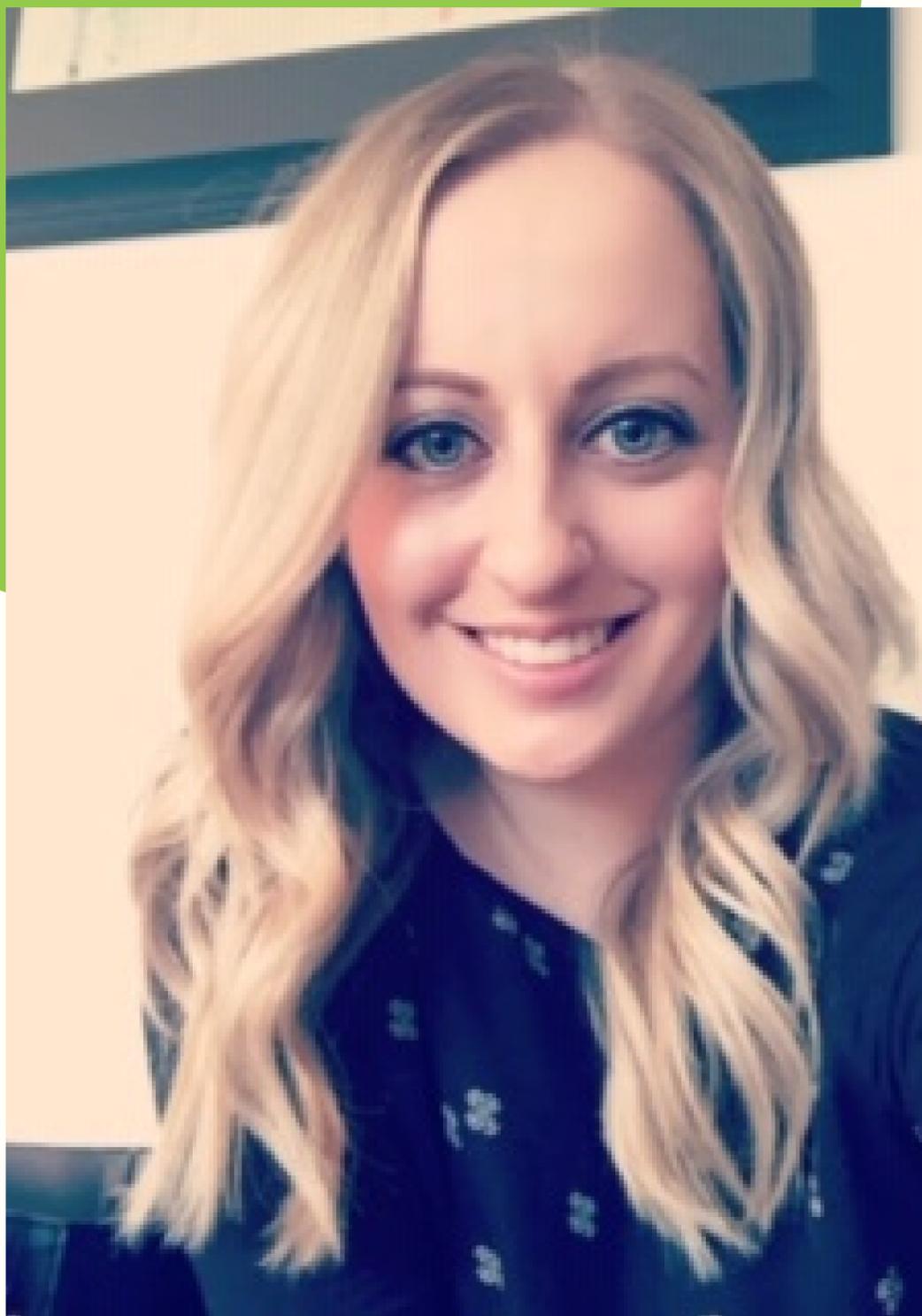
SERA BAO

Sera Bao is a fourth-year student at the University of British Columbia, studying physiology, social inequality, and health. She was born and raised in the District of North Vancouver, and feels a strong connection to the area and its community. She has been involved in several community initiatives both on and off the North Shore, including the a north Shore Harvest Project, Hua Foundation, and Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice. She is passionate about sustainability, cultural continuity, and food security, and tries to integrate these aspects in her community work. She has seen first-hand the outstanding work done by passionate youth around her, but she also sees young people as a tremendous opportunity to influence groundbreaking change. She is honoured to partake in the North Shore Youth Forum and is eager to connect with inspired and impactful young individuals.



STEVE TORNES

Steve Tornes is studying Urban Studies at Simon Fraser University and is writing his thesis on the Vancouver Bike Share Program. He has been chairing the Social Planning Advisory Committee for the City of North Vancouver for two years and is looking forward to further contributing to his community in the future. Steve has also worked or volunteered on five political campaigns since 2011.



WENDY SUTHERLAND

Wendy Sutherland relocated to the North Shore in July 2017 from Edmonton, where she was born and raised. Wendy holds a Bachelor of Science, Specialization in Psychology degree from the University of Alberta. While attending the U of A, Wendy participated in the Industrial Internship program, a work experience program which introduced her to opportunities with the provincial government. Currently, Wendy is employed by the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General as a Senior Program Analyst. Prior to moving to British Columbia, Wendy held various roles in Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, including positions in front-line operations as well as policy and program development. On the weekends, Wendy enjoys being active and spending time on the North shore; hiking, cycling, or snowboarding on Cypress. Or, if it's raining too hard, you'll find her at Orangetheory in North Van.