

Thank You!

The Ontario Community Changemakers program would not be what it is without the Advisory Committee, an incredible group of subject matter experts and OCC alumni who volunteer their time to support the program. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for showing up and bringing your individual perspective. On behalf of the entire 880 Cities team and all the Ontario Changemakers, past, present and future – THANK YOU!

SELINA YOUNG

Selina is Michif/Métis from the Prairies and is now a citizen of the Metis Nation of Ontario. Selina is guided and grounded by a deep connection to the more than human world. You can find her paddling local waters, speaking to trees, hiking and running along the Great Lakes, local rivers, through urban parks and trails. She has undergraduate and graduate degrees in aquatic toxicology and environmental studies.

Selina is committed to city-building and change-making with and for communities as an active volunteer with many organizations including the Toronto Public Library, Park People, Women4ClimateTO, the Urban Land Institute and 880 Cities (!!!). Selina also has decades of experience in trying to influence change within the public sector, having worked for governments in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Scotland. She has spent over half of her career in the water sector and is currently a Manager with Toronto Water at the City of Toronto.



DAVID SHEFFIELD

David Sheffield is an interdisciplinary artist based in Northumberland County, an hour east of Toronto. As a founding member of the not-for-profit, Green Wood Coalition, his practice is rooted within a creative community that includes people whose lives have been shaped by poverty and systemic injustice. These relationships inform his approach to storytelling as a shared process that meets the lives of ordinary humans with curiosity and respect.

Through oral history recording, text, and collaboration, his work invites audiences to consider how telling and hearing one another's stories can deepen our connection to one another and to the landscapes they call home. The in-between spaces of David's life are filled with supporting live music events like Cultivate Festival, making Short Order Poetry, intentional coffee meetups, and a rich and lively family life.



MABE KYLE

Mabe Kyle is a mental health practitioner passionate about supporting the health and wellbeing of their community. They are a 2SLGBTQ+ Health Hub Fellow for the 2026/2027 cohort. Mabe is experienced in building relationships, working in community-centered spaces, and taking creative approaches. They use art to engage, educate, and explore their identity as a rural disabled queer and transgender person.

Mabe co-founded the Rural Ontario Community of Queer Youth and Brant Pride. Some highlights from Mabe's art making and community building include editing *Queer Country Crossroads*, an anthology of 50 writers' work published by Caitlin Press and organizing a queer community quilt project and zine involving 30 2SLGBTQIA+ artists that was on exhibit at the Blyth Festival Gallery, Cross and Crows Bookstore in Vancouver, and the Queer Joy Conference at MacEwan University in Edmonton. They are an Ontario Community Changemaker alumni from the 2023/2024 cohort and are happy to be continuing their involvement with the program being on the OCC advisory committee since summer 2024.



SUE LANTZ

Sue Lantz, BA, MPA is the Founder and Managing Director, Collaborative Aging. In 2020, Sue authored a user-friendly guidebook called "[Options Open: The Guide for Mapping Your Best Aging Journey](#)" ©. Sue's workbook style guide and accompanying workshops helps older adults and future caregivers to "think forward" with a positive lens and proactively plan future life stages with trusted, evidence-based information and confidence.

Sue is a trusted strategist on innovative models of service and the practical solutions for healthy and inclusive aging within the community. Sue works with a range of professionals such as, financial and legal advisors, healthcare clinicians, realtors, architects and home builders. With Collaborative Aging, she partners with community and citizen groups, retiree organizations, and academic institutions (e.g. Humber Polytechnic, U of Toronto, U of Waterloo). More recently Sue has led intergenerational classrooms and conversations about changing how we design and prepare for the rapidly growing aging population in Canada.

On a volunteer basis, Sue has previously served as a Board Member for 880 Cities, and an inaugural advisory board member of the National Institute on Ageing at Toronto Metropolitan University. (TMU).



NIKO CASUNCAD

Niko Casuncad is a second-generation Filipino Canadian from Calgary, Alberta (Treaty 7), and is based in Toronto, Ontario (Treaty 13). He is a Planner at O2 Planning and Design's Toronto office, with experience in policy research, community planning, development approvals, and public engagement. Through people-centred planning approaches, Niko strives to foster complete, inclusive, and vibrant neighbourhoods and public spaces.

Niko has a strong understanding of land use policy frameworks and applies strategic and sustainable perspectives to develop land use and public space strategies across a range of scales. He brings extensive public engagement experience, including facilitating creative and inclusive workshops, open houses, pop-ups, and asynchronous engagement activities with diverse communities.

He holds a Master of Planning in Urban Development from Toronto Metropolitan University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and a Certificate in Sustainability Studies from the University of Calgary.



DOKUN NOCHIRIONYE

Dokun Nochirionye (Mrs. Noch) is a family systems innovator, certified parent educator, and social impact leader dedicated to strengthening families, advancing equity, and building inclusive communities. She is Founder and Executive Director of Thriving African Families, leading culturally responsive, prevention-focused initiatives that support African heritage families and promote long-term wellbeing.

With nearly two decades of experience across community development, education, coaching, governance, and leadership, she bridges lived experience and systems change. Her work spans family and child wellbeing, youth development, newcomer inclusion, education, and community development, translating community needs into practical programs, partnerships, and strategies.

Drawing on lived experience of migration, culture, and identity, she advocates for meaningful inclusion of racialized, newcomer, and underrepresented voices in policy, program design, governance, and decision-making. She serves on multiple boards in child protection, education, mental health, and family support, is a United Way Young Leader on Board, and has received multiple awards recognizing her leadership and community impact. Recognized as an Ontario Community Changemaker in 2004, she established early leadership in community innovation and systems-level impact.

