



BRAVE CONVERSATIONS: SHIFTING SYSTEMS TOWARDS INCLUSIVITY

We are grateful to host this event on the ancestral, traditional, unceded territories of the Skw̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh). **Chepximiya Siyam' Chief Janice George** will be present to welcome us into the space as we move into the day's conversations, which will be emceed by **Aslam Bulbulia**.

How can we engage more effectively across differences? How can we begin to shift our systems – education, labour, legal, health, and others – towards more inclusive policies and practices?

Join the North Shore Immigrant Inclusion Partnership (NSIIP) and the Centre for Diversity and Innovation (CDI) to learn and strategize tools for cultivating inclusive diversity on the North Shore and collectively working towards positive systems change. Hear from **Kamala Todd, Cicely Blain, and Natasha Aruliah**, who will lead workshops on topics of **reconciliation, unconscious bias, and barriers to systems change**.

Date: Wednesday, January 30th
Time: 1:00PM - 5:00PM (Registration opens 12:30PM)
Location: 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, V7M 2K6

Space is limited. Please register: <https://brave-conversations.eventbrite.com>

Light refreshments will be provided.

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Chepximiya Siyam' Chief Janice George

Chief Janice George attended Capilano University and the Institute of American Indian Arts, and interned at the Canadian Museum of History, and completed Artist in Residence at the Institute of American Indian Arts. She is the co-author of "Salish Blankets, Robes of Protection and Transformation, Symbols of Wealth". For the past 15 years, she has been actively involved in technical, spiritual, and generational teachings on the Salish speaking territory.



Emcee: Aslam Bulbulia

Aslam is a newcomer on Coast Salish territories from South Africa, with Indian heritage. He is currently exploring how to bridge gaps between communities and decision-makers, in order to strengthen democracy and improve social relationships. He is grateful to be leading community engagement initiatives at the SFU Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies, co-hosting the RADIUS Fellowship and working on engagements for the City of Vancouver's Creative City Strategy; alongside facilitation work with AMES and InnerActivist.



Panelist: Kamala Todd

Kamala Todd is Metis-Cree with roots in St. Paul de Métis Settlement and Whitefish Lake Alberta. She was born and raised in the homelands of the həŋqəmiŋəŋ- and Skwxwú7mesh-speaking people, also known as Vancouver. She is a community planner, filmmaker, writer and curator with a Masters degree in cultural Geography. She previously worked as the City of Vancouver's Aboriginal Social Planner, and recently returned to the City as the Indigenous Arts and Culture Planner.



Panelist: Cicely Blain

Cicely Belle Blain is a diversity and inclusion consultant, activist and writer; they are one of Vancouver's fifty most influential people of 2018, as awarded by Vancouver Magazine, an award-winning co-founder of Black Lives Matter, Vancouver and a member of the Canadian youth delegation to the United Nations. Cicely runs Cicely Blain Consulting - a social-justice informed diversity and inclusion consulting company with clients across North America, Europe and Asia.



Panelist: Natasha Aruliah

Natasha Aruliah identifies as a racialised, immigrant settler who lives on unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples. Trained as a psychologist she witnessed the impact of systems on individuals and communities. This led her to working directly with organisations as a consultant, facilitator, educator and coach specialising in equity, diversity and inclusion, social justice and transformative change. She has worked for over 25 years, with clients from all sectors, in Canada and internationally.

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