

# WE ARE SURREY

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50% of  
residents said  
that  
*discrimination  
was an issue in  
Surrey*”





# INSPIRING CONCEPTS FOR POSTERS



“I volunteered  
because I not only  
wanted to give  
back to my  
community, but  
also to create  
**connections** with  
people.”



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WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

# WE ARE AMBITIOUS

**RANIA**  
BUSY DENTIST  
SYRIAN FROM ABU DHABI  
MARRIED WITH 2 KIDS  
LOVES HIKING  
BRYAN ADAMS' FAN

**WAFA**  
BUSINESS OWNER  
HOCKEY MOM  
OF 3 DAUGHTERS  
CAME FROM IRAQ  
4 YEARS AGO  
OUTDOORS  
ENTHUSIAST  
MEMBER OF THE  
CITY'S SOCIAL  
POLICY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

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“I just love the fact that I am free to spread my unique tradition and culture while living in Canada. It feels good to be able to be ‘myself’ and not have to try to be someone else.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

# WE ARE RESILIENT

**AHMED**  
SOMALIAN REFUGEE  
FUN DAD  
MASTER SMOOTHIE MAKER  
PLAYS SOCCER  
VOLUNTEERS WITH SOMALI YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF B.C.

**CANDACE**  
REFUGEE FROM MYANMAR  
SCHOOL SETTLEMENT WORKER  
LOVES TIM HORTONS' ICED CAPPS  
PHOTOGRAPHY BUFF  
CHAIR OF KAREN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF B.C.

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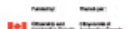


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“My mom told me about a program where you apply for a grant to make the **community** a better place.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE INSPIRED**

**ZHAN-ZHAN**  
BORN IN CHINA  
AWESOME 13-YEAR-OLD  
DOES COMPUTER PROGRAMMING FOR FUN  
RECEIVED A COMMUNITY GRANT  
ORGANIZED SUMMER BASKETBALL FOR COMMUNITY KIDS

**EBRAHEEM**  
PALESTINIAN-SYRIAN REFUGEE  
LEFT SYRIA ON HIS OWN AT 18  
WANTS TO GIVE BACK TO CANADA  
RECEIVED A COMMUNITY GRANT  
FORMED A PEER GROUP FOR ARABIC YOUTH IN SURREY

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A photograph of two young men, Zhan-Zhan and Ebraheem, standing indoors. Zhan-Zhan, on the left, is a 13-year-old boy with dark hair, wearing a green and black striped polo shirt, holding an orange basketball. Ebraheem, on the right, is a young man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt with a green logo that says "ETHAR ORGANIZATION". He has his arm around Zhan-Zhan's shoulder. The background is a blurred indoor setting with large windows.

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Diversité et Innovation



“Canada was also  
country of **choice**  
for me as it enjoys  
one of the highest  
standards of living.  
I also wanted to  
educate my  
children in  
English.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

# WE ARE MARRIED

**JENYA**  
BORN IN RUSSIA  
AUTO TECHNICIAN  
A BIT OF A PERFECTIONIST  
LOVES MAKING AND EATING BREAD  
MET WIFE ON MEDITATION RETREAT IN INDIA

**MADHURIMA**  
MOM OF 2 TEEN BOYS  
LAWYER IN INDIA  
CAN SPEAK RUSSIAN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR  
TEACHES SAHAJA YOGA MEDITATION

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“Children are **not  
born** rude or  
racist; that is  
learned behavior.  
As proud  
Canadians, we  
don’t always live  
up to what it  
means to be  
Canadian ...”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

# WE ARE STRONG

**TROY**  
GITXSAN FIRST NATION / GERMAN  
SKATEBOARDER  
FAMILY MAN  
GOURMET CHEF  
CONSTABLE,  
SURREY RCMP

**MONIQUE**  
OJIBWE DESCENT  
WIFE AND MOM  
FORMER TEACHER  
LOVES '80S MUSIC  
RCMP OFFICER  
IN COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT

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The South Coast City



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SURREY RCMP  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



“I felt it was necessary to make the most of my **opportunities** in Canada and fight for the rights of the marginalized and oppressed.”

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# WE ARE PROUD

**GARY**  
FILIPINO  
46-YEAR-OLD  
COLLEGE STUDENT  
ADORES HIS SHIH TZU  
POODLE, GUCCII  
PINOY PRIDE  
VANCOUVER CO-CHAIR  
MR. GAY SURREY 2015

**ALEX**  
BORN IN ENGLAND  
HAS 2 MASTER'S  
DEGREES  
SOCIAL WORKER  
LOVES THE MOVIE  
GLADIATOR  
FOUNDER OF LGBTQ  
SUPPORT GROUP,  
SHER VANCOUVER

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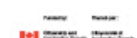


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“I **understand**  
what newcomers go  
through. I was once  
struggling in my life  
too.”



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**WE ARE  
NURTURING**

**SILVIA**

BORN IN ARGENTINA  
PROUD OF HER 2 SONS  
CAREER AND LIFE COACH  
GROWS OWN VEGGIES  
SUSTAINABLE  
FOOD ADVOCATE

**MUNA**

SOMALIAN-BORN,  
OTTAWA-RAISED  
SINGLE MOTHER TO 4 KIDS  
READS SHAKESPEARE  
LOVES TO COOK  
HELPS NEWCOMERS  
FIND HOMES

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PORT MOODY  
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“One of my  
**passions** has  
always been to  
support the  
uplifting of the  
community I live  
in.”



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# WE ARE GIVING

**MAINU**  
HAILS FROM  
SOUTH AFRICA  
HEADHUNTED TO  
CANADA 8 YEARS AGO  
FINANCIAL MANAGER  
SPEAKS ENGLISH  
AND AFRIKAANS  
(DUTCH)  
DIRECTOR OF  
MUSLIM FOOD BANK  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

**JEFF**  
CHARTERED  
PROFESSIONAL  
ACCOUNTANT  
GREAT-GREAT  
GRANDFATHER WAS  
FROM SCOTLAND  
WORLD TRAVELLER  
FAVOURITE CITY  
IS BARCELONA  
CHAIR OF SURREY  
CARES COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

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“I am drawn to people and projects that create a safe space for all of us to work **collaboratively** across differences of race, culture, power and status.”



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# WE ARE CARING

**AMRIK**  
DOTING DAD  
OF SIKH FAITH  
WORKS HARD AT TWO JOBS  
PIZZA LOVER  
RECEIVED 2014 CARING CANADIAN VOLUNTEER AWARD

**DAVID**  
PHYSIOTHERAPIST  
HELPS CHILDREN AND SENIORS  
PLAYS GUITAR  
DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE  
CO-FOUNDED SURREY INTERFAITH COUNCIL

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# QUESTIONS

- How do we know that we are making a difference?
- How can we use our materials to create a workshop?/training
- What else can we do to continue addressing discrimination in Surrey?
- What worked in other communities and why?

# THANK YOU!

For more information please visit our website:  
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