



## PROGRESSIVE INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY (PICS)

**Position:** Volunteer PYAC (PICS Youth Advisory Council) Member

**Location:** Surrey, British Columbia, Canada

**Time Commitment:** a minimum 4-5 hours a month

**Term:** A minimum term of 1 year to a maximum of 3 years

**Job Summary:** As a member of the PICS Youth Advisory Council (PYAC), you will actively participate in advising and shaping Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society's (PICS) programs and initiatives targeted at youth in the lower mainland. Your role is crucial in providing input, recommendations, and perspectives to ensure that PICS youth programs are relevant, effective, and responsive to the needs and aspirations of the youth community. This is a volunteer position for youth 16-30 years old.

### **Job Duties and Responsibilities:**

- PYAC members must have a strong commitment to improving the welfare, growth, and opportunities for youth in the lower main land. Knowledge of local resources and opportunities for youth is beneficial. Ideal candidates should also have a genuine enthusiasm for contributing to youth-focused programs and initiatives is necessary.
- Members should be available to attend PYAC meetings, both in-person and virtually. PYAC members are expected to actively engage in discussions, share insights, and contribute constructively to PYAC's objectives.
- An appreciation for diversity and a willingness to engage with diverse youth perspectives and backgrounds are essential. A special focus on but not limited to Indigenous populations, LGBTQIA2S+, people of color, people with disability, and also minority groups.
- Members should possess excellent communication skills, including the ability to express ideas clearly and work effectively within a team. Familiarity with youth-related issues, trends, and challenges is advantageous. Collaborate with PICS staff, community partners, and stakeholders to strengthen youth programs and ensure alignment with community needs.
- Experience in community engagement, advocacy, or volunteer work is a plus. Foster community engagement by representing PYAC at relevant events and sharing the benefits of PICS youth programs. Ideal candidate should be able to identify funding sources and opportunities for collaborations and partnerships to expand the impact of youth programs. Collaborate with fellow PYAC members to provide advice and recommendations to PICS on youth program relevance, delivery methods, and research opportunities. Promote the impact of PICS youth programs in the community and gather feedback from fellow youth to inform program improvements.

**Qualifications:**

- Excellent communication and teamwork skills including but not limited to written and oral communication skills;
- A desire to engage with diverse youth perspectives and backgrounds.
- Previous experience in youth-related programs or initiatives is required.
- Familiarity with youth issues, trends, and challenges strong critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills;
- Experience in community engagement or advocacy is preferred.
- Knowledge of local resources and opportunities for youth.
- Willingness to actively participate in community events and outreach.
- Strong attention to detail, Strong analytical skills and an ability to organize and present information;

**How to apply:**

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their resume, a cover letter and a short one-minute video expressing their motivation and qualifications for the position, and any relevant supporting documents to [suhasini.kakkar@pics.bc.ca](mailto:suhasini.kakkar@pics.bc.ca) and [parbh.brar@pics.bc.ca](mailto:parbh.brar@pics.bc.ca). Please include "PYAC Member Application" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until **2024-01-12**