

ABOUT US

ASE Community is a nationwide federally incorporated not-for-profit volunteer organization, intending to become a registered charity as per the Income Tax Act (TAIBU Community Health Centre is our current trustee). ASE Community is governed by a voluntary working board, with a mandate to comprise of Black identified people with 2/3rds also being Black persons with disabilities.

We aspire to build on the foundations of resilience, endurance, and the overwhelming strength embodied by Black Canadians living with disabilities by connecting our community with culturally relevant resources and working with organizations to dismantle institutional anti-Black racism and ableism, we aim to drive a critical shift in culture that embraces the boundless talents and qualifications of people with disabilities.

ASE Community Foundation is grounded in the frameworks of disability justice and Black feminist practice as we recognize that while there is distinct research, policies, and resources available for Black Canadians, as well as all Canadians with disabilities, there exists a gap in understanding the intersectional experiences of Black Canadians with disabilities.

The Foundation's name and logo were carefully chosen:

ASE (pronounced Ah-Shay) means "power and authority" in Nigeria (Yoruba). It is "the ability to bring one's will into manifestation" or "so it will be".

The concept of "Aya" or the hardy plant "fern" inspires our logo, which is a Ghanaian Adinkra symbol that represents endurance and resourcefulness.

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POSITION SUMMARY

The Director, Partnerships is responsible for providing strategic direction and oversight of ASE Community's key partnerships, fundraising and stewardship strategies. This role is voluntary and requires commitment to the working board model, including chairing the Partnership committee.

Board terms are 3-years and renewable. The board aims to move to a governance model in the next couple of years.

This position is remote until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that board members are volunteers and do not receive a salary or monetary compensation for their services. However, we do offer monthly honorariums for Black board members with disabilities, based on a criteria.

Key Responsibilities

- Identify areas of growth for ASE Community's sustainability and partnerships
- Chair the Partnership committee and establish the meeting schedule for this committee
- Assist in the implementation of partnership strategy to develop new and maintain existing partnerships, to ensure awareness of the resources available within the community
- Seek and develop opportunities for ASE Community to demonstrate leadership in relevant disability support sectors in Canada
- Identify new and/or enhance existing activities to improve partner engagement strategies and meet the team's and organization's objectives
- Provide guidance and direction for the fundraising strategy and plans
- Attendance at monthly Board meetings and the Annual General Meeting
- Attendance at meetings of assigned committees
- Maintain current knowledge of programs/activities and projects
- Maintain the confidentiality of any information given to the Board of Directors
- Serve as an advocate of ASE Community
- Represent and promote ASE Community

Required Time Commitment

(Each meeting usually occurs on weekday evenings and lasts 1-2 hours.)

- Dedicate up to 10 hours a month on partnership development and chair the committee
- Monthly board meeting
- Annual General Meeting

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Qualifications and Experience

- Post-secondary degree and/or equivalent work or lived experience/education
- Experience advising and/or leading community projects, committees, and strategic goals
- Strong professional network and communication skills
- Experience with community development
- Experience working in organizations, groups, and high-functioning teams
- Working and/or lived experience within the Black community and/or persons with disabilities

Assets

- Experience on a board
- Experience with not-for-profits and understanding of charitable sector governance policies and procedures
- Passion for advocacy and mentoring

Additional Requirements

- Successful completion of the following training, education, and frameworks is a prerequisite; disability Justice and accessibility training, ie. AODA; gender-based Violence within Black diaspora; Anti-Black Racism and critical race theory; and anti-oppression
- Must be a Member of ASE Community Foundation

To nominate someone, please submit a nomination form at https://tinyurl.com/ASEboardnomination. If you are interested in applying for this position yourself, you can request anyone to submit a nomination for you. The deadline for nominations is January 25, 2021 at 11:59 PM (EST). If you have questions, please email chair@asecommunityfoundation.com and also let us know what you may need during the application and interview process.

ASE Community works within an advanced anti-oppression, disability justice, critical race theory, and Black feminist framework; that actively challenges and works to dismantle systems of oppression; disrupting anti-Black racism, ableism, gender, and LGBTQ2S violence, and intersectional identities within the Black diaspora.

ASE Community focuses on Black folk with disabilities; we strongly encourage and prioritize candidates with lived experience within the Black Community in Canada to apply!

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for further consideration will be contacted. Please check out our website and become a member of our community.

More information or to become a volunteer, visit us at https://asecommunityfoundation.com/

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