



Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable

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The Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable (HEDR) is a community collaborative driven to highlight and bring awareness to issues surrounding diversity and equity in Halton. HEDR officially began in March 2013 after a series of community discussions had highlighted the need for advocacy for equity issues in Halton.

In November 2013, HEDR was awarded a Trillium Grant to increase awareness of equity in the Halton Community. Our mission is to develop the capacity of organizations, groups and businesses in Halton to be inclusive and equitable of all forms of human diversity in their practices, policies and services.

“We are very excited about this new Trillium grant – this will allow us to create the tools and campaigns needed to increase the community’s awareness and develop the case for the need for diversity competency”, says Jacki Oxley, HEDR’s Co-Chair.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce Paula Lam as the HEDR Equity and Diversity Coordinator. Paula has been involved in equity and diversity work in Halton and surrounding areas for over five years. She was Program Assistant for the Regional Diversity Roundtable of Peel in 2010-2011 and has most recently worked in Halton for the last three years as the Public Education Program Coordinator at SAVIS (the Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services) of Halton.

For over two years, Paula has been a Board Director for the Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Toronto, and has worked for various social service agencies including the Assaulted Women's Helpline, Senior Safety Line, YWCA Hamilton, Learning Disabilities Association of York Region and the York Region District School Board Career and Employment Services. Paula has a passion for social justice and creating diverse, equitable and inclusive organizations and communities.

HEDR will be having an official public launch in March 2014 to celebrate their first anniversary and to celebrate diversity in Halton.