



Toronto Youth Vaccine Advisory Committee (TYVAC) Committee Members

Nada Dali

Nada is a Master's candidate in Health Policy at the Institute of Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation, at the University of Toronto. As a graduate student at the Upstream Lab, Nada has worked on a number of projects related to implementing social interventions within health settings, and the social determinants of COVID-19 incidence and outcomes. Nada currently serves as the Director of Policy & Advocacy for the TYC and is passionate about improving health equity, sustainability, and community resilience.

Samir Janmohamed

Born and raised in Tanzania, Samir came to Canada as an international student from Tanzania to pursue a degree in Economics and International Development Studies. Samir has been an advocate for affordable and accessible public transportation in Toronto, driving him to his current role as Transit Lead for the TYC. Outside of this role, Samir serves as an Ally on the Ontario Council for International Cooperation's Youth Policy Hub. Through his full-time work, Samir has worked to build relations with numerous stakeholders and organizations across North York targeting youth and seniors. As Co-chair of TYVAC, Samir hopes to further engage with Toronto's youth, ensuring they have all the information they need to keep them safe as we collectively work through the pandemic.

Joshua Anih

Joshua is a third-year undergraduate student at McMaster University pursuing an Honours degree in Life Sciences. Joshua currently serves as an Urban Health Working Group Research Lead at the Toronto Youth Cabinet, coordinating efforts to identify the social determinants of health that burden Torontonians youth. As a TYVAC Communications Co-Chair, Joshua aims to disseminate impactful and accessible information concerning COVID-19, capable of addressing vaccine hesitancy among youth and the variety of health disparities exacerbated by the pandemic. His future aspirations lie in promoting healthcare innovation as it relates to health equity.

Shahithya Ravindran

Shahithya Ravindran is a third-year undergraduate student at the University of Toronto, pursuing a double major in Health Studies and Public Policy. She currently serves as the Urban Health Lead for TYC, undertaking equity-oriented projects and initiatives that address health challenges faced by youth in Toronto. As the Outreach Committee Co-Chair for TYVAC, she works directly with the city and community partners to identify barriers to vaccination and support the mission of vaccine uptake among vulnerable youth in Toronto. Shahithya strives to use her passion for health promotion, health equity, and policy initiatives to build an empowered and inclusive community.



Stephen Mensah

Stephen Mensah was born and raised in York South-Weston and has been an active member of the community. He is a Ryerson University student currently taking a double major in Criminology and Politics & Governance. He is on the Board of Directors at For Youth Initiative, serving as a Youth Director. Stephen also serves as the Executive Director for the TYC. Witnessing firsthand how marginalized groups experience systemic and social barriers, Stephen is committed to being an advocate for change.

Ryon Dalir

Over the past several years, Ryon has worked with many not-for-profit and charitable organizations. Key for him is supporting our communities, from addressing homelessness, youth inclusion in sports and immigration policy reform. He lives by the motto, “leave the world better behind than when you found it”. As someone who was born and raised in Toronto, he feels a great obligation to help make this city the best and most accessible as possible. He presently serves as the Equity and Employment Lead Role for the TYC, helping to bring youth voices to the decision-making table in Toronto.

Andrew Feng

Andrew is a Grade 12 student born and raised in Scarborough who is passionate about empowering youth across the province, while also studying the inner workings of our communities, starting right at home in Toronto. His ultimate goal is to be able to positively contribute to socio-economic policy from a youth perspective, especially related to the social determinants of health, with the mission of aiding marginalized people in his own community and on a broader scale as well. Andrew applies his interests as Digital Media Strategist with the TYC, and is continuing this mission through TYVAC. Throughout the first portion of his term, Andrew has been especially involved in the activities of the Communications Subcommittee, which he co-leads with Beles. Together, the team has advised on a major City of Toronto vaccination information-sharing video project and consulted a variety of external stakeholders and community ambassadors. Most recently, the group released their Youth Communications Guidelines document to be distributed to vaccination engagement teams across Toronto. Andrew is ready to continue pursuing the organizational directives of the Committee moving into 2022.