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# **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 Torontonian 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.

### **Tenzin Wangmo**

Tenzin Wangmo was born in Dharamsala, India and immigrated to Toronto, Canada in 2001 with her family. Currently, Tenzin is the Executive Director of Nineteen59, a youth collective, a full-time Political science student and a Senior Equity Ambassador at Ontario Tech University and is the current Vaccine Lead for the Downtown West area with PARC on the City of Toronto's vaccine engagement initiative. Tenzin has successfully created many youth programs for her community, organizing various workshops and has also received many mutual aid and city grants to build resources to provide professional and youth development opportunities for her community. With this role, Tenzin strives to continue to bridge gaps within various communities through her roles with holistic approaches to build an inclusive city together.

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### **Daniel Wang**

Daniel is a current Grade 12 student passionate about promoting vaccine literacy who immigrated to Canada in early elementary school. Realizing the issue of misinformation related to vaccination, he has participated in numerous organizations, and now the TYVAC, to aid the distribution of information related to vaccines. Serving as the co-chair of the Communications Subcommittee, Daniel hopes to apply his communication and outreach skills on increasing vaccine awareness and helping groups that are disproportionately affected by the pandemic in Toronto.

## **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.

#### Maria Giugovaz

Maria is a second year undergraduate student at Toronto Metropolitan University, within the Faculty of Community Services. She is very passionate about advancing public health equity on both a local and international scale. She has been involved with numerous NGOs over the years, notably Plan International Canada's Speakers Bureau, Uplift Ontario's Advocacy Council, and Toronto Youth Cabinet's Urban Health Working Group. Additionally, she is currently collaborating on a Global Health Diabetes Meta-analysis at St. Michael's Hospital. In volunteering as a vaccine clinic aide with GlobalMedic's vaccine team, Maria has assisted doctors, nurses and pharmacists in administering COVID-19 vaccines to residents of Toronto Community Housing, and has witnessed the health disparities and barriers to vaccine accessibility that marginalized communities face. As Outreach Co-Chair with TYVAC, Maria hopes to eliminate these barriers and promote equitable vaccine access across the city.

### Hanson Feng

Presently a second-year undergraduate student at the University of Toronto's department of political science, Hanson brings in prior experience and expertise in stakeholder relations, policy and program development, and people leadership in the private sector and in the not-for-profit settlement sector. Presently, he oversees the development and implementation of DE&I people and culture programs at one of Canada's largest companies. In addition, he manages several teams of Research Assistants, Programmers, and Data Analysts as a Research Project Manager at the University of Toronto. His objective in joining TYVAC is to bridge the gap in vaccine access and health care literacy in Toronto through the connection and empowerment of people, minds, and resources.