



Call for Applications for Director at Large

Gillian's Place

Gillian's Place is a Canadian charitable organization whose mission is to empower and support people experiencing gender-based violence by providing safety, support, and a range of services and to raise awareness about root causes to end the cycle of violence and abuse. Gillian's Place offers safe shelter, transitional housing, and community-based support to people who are experiencing gender-based violence. Whether they are living in our shelters or in the community, clients receive counselling, legal information and advice, community referrals and individualized support.

Description of Position

The Board of Directors provides strategic leadership to the organization by committing to excellence in governance and supporting organizational health for optimum achievement of its goals and mandate. This volunteer board is comprised of a team of business and community leaders with combined experiences and skillsets necessary for effective governance.

Who We Are Looking For

Gillian's Place is critically examining how racism, oppression, violence, and power structures have caused barriers to equity, access, and participation within our organization. As part of our ongoing work to acknowledge our own role and proactively challenge these systems, we recognize our pressing responsibility to recruit BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) folks, Queer and Trans* individuals, people of all abilities, and members of other underrepresented communities.

An understanding of board governance and ties to the Niagara community are considered an asset. All members support and embrace the intersectional feminist, harm reduction, and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression frameworks within which we operate and have a personal passion for volunteering and making a difference in the lives of those touched by gender-based violence.

Responsibilities

Directors meet once monthly on Thursday evenings from September through June; the Annual General Meeting is held each September. A general break is provided for any board member who requires it (e.g., for prayer time, physical or mental breaks, to check on dependants, etc.). Due to COVID, meetings are currently being held virtually. Board members are also required to participate on one or more of the following standing committees: Finance, Governance, Strategic Planning and Fund Development. Committee meetings are typically held quarterly. Please browse our website to learn more about Gillian's Place, the important work that we do, and how you can make a difference. Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and recent resume to the attention of the Board Selection Committee, care of tanja@gilliansplace.com.

Board elections will take place in September; please apply by July 6, 2021 as interviews will be set for July and August.