

THCVS Annual General Meeting 2018 Supporting Statements

Name: Yara Marion

Organisation: Not Applicable

Membership Type: Individual

Yara lives in Tower Hamlets since 2014 and has been involved with THCVS for about 18 months. She started as a volunteer and moved to become a trustee on the board last September. She demonstrated active commitment by joining both the Finance and the HR committees.

Yara brings a versatile set of skills to the team as she has experience in the public sector as well as the private sector, working for diverse institutions including micro-credits, Ministry of Finance, management consulting. Furthermore, Yara has a post-graduate degree in Development Economics, holds an MBA, has worked and lived in six countries across three continents, and speaks four languages fluently.

In addition to her academic and professional achievements in social and economic development, Yara has a track record of involvement in the third sector ranging from volunteering with the Scott Mission in their hot meals, bag lunches, food bank, meals-on-wheels, and clothing programs; to volunteering as a sailing companion for the Disabled Sailing Association of Ontario, and being a founding member of the Lebanese Aids Society.

Therefore, Yara believes that serving on the Board of THCVS has been a smooth continuation of her natural inclination to contribute to the social development of the community she lives in and looks forward to the opportunity to carry on.

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Name: Jama Omar

Organisation: Somali Senior Citizens Club

Membership Type: Organisational Member

I have been resident of Tower Hamlet for the past 26 years and actively involved in community issues. I am currently a chairman of Somali Citizens Club (SSCC) an organisation which supports elderly residents in Tower Hamlets, particularly from the Somali Community. Being a leader at the SSCC has taught me to take on challenges and make a positive contribution to change people's life, such as volunteering to represent a community organisation such as THCVS.

Recently, I have been a co-opted member of the THCVS Board, during which time I gained the experience needed to fulfil the necessary requirements to be a well-equipped Trustee. I hope that I have made some small contribution to the work of THCVS in the past year. In my time at SSCC and THCVS I have acquired the skills needed to contribute to the resolution of organisational issues such as staffing, project planning and other voluntary organisation issues.

As a member of THCVS Human Resources Committee, I believe I played a significant role in taking the organisation forward this year, preparing us for the future and producing positive outcomes for members. I regularly attend THCVS Forums such as the Premises Forum and always play an active constructive role in meetings and workshops organised by THCVS.

As a community activist, I believe that THCVS is and should be an umbrella to support and represent all sectors of the community and as a result would welcome the chance to be a part of that going forwards.

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Name: Mustafa Ibrahim

Organisation: Tower Hamlets Somali Organisations Network

Membership Type: Individual

Experience:

- I have extensive experience of being a trustee and currently service as trustee with THCVS and Black Women's Health and Family Services, over the past two years. AT Tower Hamlets Somali Organisations Network (THSON) I regularly chair meetings involving large a large number of members with differing needs and priorities. I have experience of setting agendas; facilitating discussion; managing conflict; prioritising issues; clarifying agreements and actions to be taken. Within my role as co-ordinator representing the needs of member organisations and developing terms of reference for the forum and its subgroups; proposing reporting structures; role descriptions for representatives and support workers; and guidance on development of action plans for the subgroups.
- I have 15 years experience working at a senior, strategic level within the voluntary sector. For 6 years I worked as a coordinator at THSON, a community centre providing a range of services, which promote the rights, independence, choice and inclusion for disabled people, including services for children.
- I am well experienced through my current role, as well as being chair of various forums and Trustee at THCVS, at developing long term strategic plans and shorter term targets and action plans with clear and specific priorities and realistic timeframes in order to balance conflicting needs and constraints. Through these roles I have gained a strong sense of teamwork, which is important when working in specialised teams. These experiences in working with others in a team involved planning, organising, co-ordinating and commitment. I have a strong personality; however, these working experiences have taught me to be open to new ideas and to respect difference.
- From my current position as CEO of THSON, as well as a Tower Hamlets Fairness Commissioner, Trustee at THCVS and chair of various forum, I have gained excellent written communication skills with extensive experience of report writing; development of policy and strategy documents, I can also communicate orally with a wide range of audiences, having worked extensively with colleagues at all professional levels and across sectors, with service users and the public.

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Name: Mohammad Rahman
Organisation: London Boi Mela
Membership Type: Organisational

I am a passionate individual with multidisciplinary and multicultural experience. I have sound academic and professional background in *Social Work, Finance, Business Management, Teaching, and Language studies*. I have gained a Masters in Finance and an MBA and Gained a Social Work qualification.

I strongly believe, with my experience and professional background, I can contribute to THCVS by actively taking part in the committee in carrying out various duties. I will follow all the rules, regulations and ethics to become a member of the committee to perform any duty with utmost sincerity and commitment. I feel this is my opportunity to show my commitment to become actively involved with the community to contribute even more than a citizen and extend my voluntary work that I have always been carrying out.

I have been working for last 15 plus years in the UK in the Social Work and Social Care sector in the Local Government and Third Sector. I have gained invaluable experience of working with multidisciplinary professionals and clients from different background. I have good and in-depth understanding of the Social Work processes and I am sure it can be transferred to other areas. I have worked as a professional in various Government and Third Sectors organizations in the UK and Bangladesh and I strongly believe that my knowledge and experience will add value to any organization.

I have the energy, enthusiasm and commitment to high standards of professional work to perform in line with organizational goals and objectives. Throughout my previous work practices, I have worked with commitment and integrity. I am self-motivated, dedicated and committed to maintain that in my duties with THCVS. I feel that the experience will be beneficial to me and enhance my learning which will help me to achieve professional and personal development .I am committed to the organization policy for equality and diversity. Thus I have confidently worked with people from all background and gained multicultural experience. I am committed to continue my work towards building a better society for all.