

# WE ARE SURREY City of Surrey, Surrey LIP

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# INSPIRING CONCEPTS FOR POSTERS

- A. REGISTERED NURSE
- B. BIG COMEDY FAN
- C. COOKS A MEAN RISOTTO
- D. ALL OF THE ABOVE

SEE BEYOND RACE.

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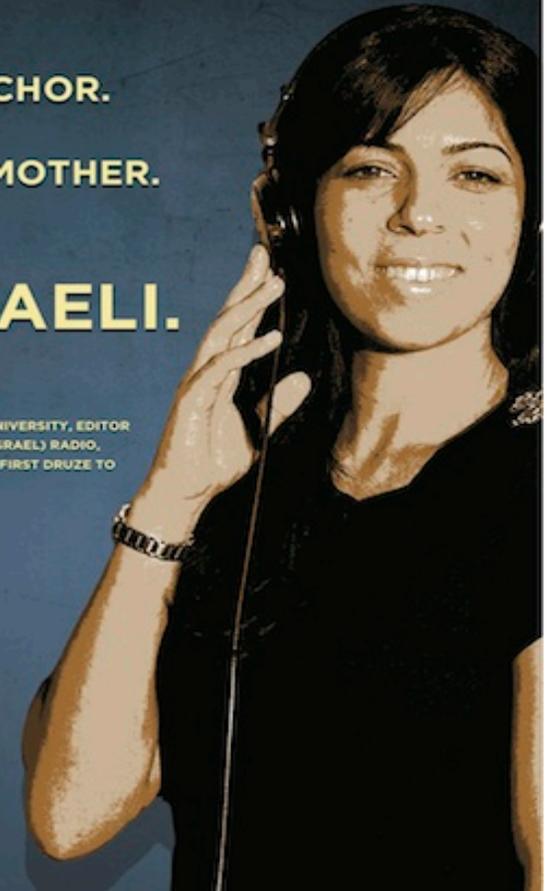
**I AM**  
A RADIO ANCHOR.  
A WIFE AND  
EXPECTING MOTHER.  
A DRUZE.  
AN ARAB.  
**AN ISRAELI.**

**RAYA AZMI, 29,**

IS A POLITICS STUDENT AT HAIFA UNIVERSITY, EDITOR  
AT ARABIC KOL ISRAEL (VOICE OF ISRAEL) RADIO,  
AND MARRIED FOR 8 YEARS TO THE FIRST DRUZE TO  
COMPLETE THE IRONMAN RACE.



DISCOVER THE  
FULL STORY



“I volunteered because I not only wanted to give back to my community, but also to create **connections** with people.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE  
AMBITIOUS**

**RANIA**  
BUSY DENTIST  
SYRIAN FROM ABU DHABI  
MARRIED WITH 2 KIDS  
LOVES HIKING  
BRYAN ADAMS' FAN

**Wafa**  
BUSINESS OWNER  
HOCKEY MOM  
OF 3 DAUGHTERS  
CAME FROM IRAQ  
4 YEARS AGO  
OUTDOORS  
ENTHUSIAST  
MEMBER OF THE  
CITY'S SOCIAL  
POLICY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

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SURREY**

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A photograph of two women smiling and posing together. The woman on the left is wearing a teal dress and a pink and black patterned headscarf. The woman on the right is wearing a white ruffled blouse. They are standing in what appears to be an indoor setting with a blurred background.

“I just love the fact that I am free to spread my unique tradition and culture while living in Canada. It feels good to be able to be ‘myself’ and not have to try to be someone else.”

An advertisement for "We Are Resilient" featuring two individuals, Ahmed and Candace, standing outdoors. Ahmed is on the left, wearing a blue patterned shirt, and Candace is on the right, wearing a red floral top. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a building.

WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE  
RESILIENT**

**AHMED**  
SOMALIAN REFUGEE  
FUN DAD  
MASTER SMOOTHIE  
MAKER  
PLAYS SOCCER  
VOLUNTEERS WITH  
SOMALI YOUTH  
ASSOCIATION OF B.C.

**CANDACE**  
REFUGEE FROM  
MYANMAR  
SCHOOL SETTLEMENT  
WORKER  
LOVES TIM HORTONS'  
ICED CAPPS  
PHOTOGRAPHY BUFF  
CHAIR OF KAREN CULTURAL  
SOCIETY OF B.C.

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“My mom told me about a program where you apply for a grant to make the **community** a better place.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE INSPIRED**

**ZHAN-ZHAN**  
BORN IN CHINA  
AWESOME 13-YEAR-OLD  
DOES COMPUTER PROGRAMMING FOR FUN  
RECEIVED A COMMUNITY GRANT  
ORGANIZED SUMMER BASKETBALL FOR COMMUNITY KIDS

**EBRAHEEM**  
PALESTINIAN-SYRIAN REFUGEE  
LEFT SYRIA ON HIS OWN AT 18  
WANTS TO GIVE BACK TO CANADA  
RECEIVED A COMMUNITY GRANT  
FORMED A PEER GROUP FOR ARABIC YOUTH IN SURREY

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A photograph of two young men, Zhan-Zhan and Ebraheem, smiling. Zhan-Zhan is on the left, wearing a green and black striped polo shirt and holding an orange basketball. Ebraheem is on the right, wearing a blue t-shirt with the Ethar Organization logo. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

“Canada was also country of **choice** for me as it enjoys one of the highest standards of living. I also wanted to educate my children in English.”



**WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?**

# WE ARE MARRIED

**JENYA**  
BORN IN RUSSIA  
AUTO TECHNICIAN  
A BIT OF A PERFECTIONIST  
LOVES MAKING AND EATING BREAD  
MET WIFE ON MEDITATION RETREAT IN INDIA

**MADHURIMA**  
MOM OF 2 TEEN BOYS  
LAWYER IN INDIA  
CAN SPEAK RUSSIAN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR  
TEACHES SAHAJA YOGA MEDITATION

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“Children are **not born** rude or racist; that is learned behavior. As proud Canadians, we don’t always live up to what it means to be Canadian ...”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE STRONG**

**TROY**  
GITXSAN FIRST NATION / GERMAN  
SKATEBOARDER  
FAMILY MAN  
GOURMET CHEF  
CONSTABLE,  
SURREY RCMP

**MONIQUE**  
OJIBWE DESCENT  
WIFE AND MOM  
FORMER TEACHER  
LOVES '80S MUSIC  
RCMP OFFICER  
IN COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT

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“I felt it was necessary to make the most of my **opportunities** in Canada and fight for the rights of the marginalized and oppressed.”

WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE PROUD**

**GARY**  
FILIPINO  
46-YEAR-OLD  
COLLEGE STUDENT  
ADORES HIS SHIH TZU  
POODLE, GUCCII  
PINOY PRIDE  
VANCOUVER CO-CHAIR  
MR. GAY SURREY 2015

**ALEX**  
BORN IN ENGLAND  
HAS 2 MASTER'S  
DEGREES  
SOCIAL WORKER  
LOVES THE MOVIE  
GLADIATOR  
FOUNDER OF LGBTQ  
SUPPORT GROUP,  
SHER VANCOUVER

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“I **understand** what newcomers go through. I was once struggling in my life too.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE NURTURING**

A photograph of two women, Silvia and Muna, smiling. Silvia is on the left, with curly grey hair, wearing a brown top and a colorful patterned scarf. Muna is on the right, wearing a black hijab and a blue jacket.

**SILVIA**  
BORN IN ARGENTINA  
PROUD OF HER 2 SONS  
CAREER AND LIFE COACH  
GROWS OWN VEGGIES  
SUSTAINABLE  
FOOD ADVOCATE

**MUNA**  
SOMALIAN-BORN,  
OTTAWA-RAISED  
SINGLE MOTHER TO 4 KIDS  
READS SHAKESPEARE  
LOVES TO COOK  
HELPS NEWCOMERS  
FIND HOMES

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“One of my **passions** has always been to support the uplifting of the community I live in.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE GIVING**

**MAINU**  
HAILS FROM SOUTH AFRICA  
HEADHUNTED TO CANADA 8 YEARS AGO  
FINANCIAL MANAGER  
SPEAKS ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS (DUTCH)  
DIRECTOR OF MUSLIM FOOD BANK COMMUNITY SERVICES

**JEFF**  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT  
GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS FROM SCOTLAND  
WORLD TRAVELLER  
FAVOURITE CITY IS BARCELONA  
CHAIR OF SURREY CARES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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“I am drawn to people and projects that create a safe space for all of us to work **collaboratively** across differences of race, culture, power and status.”



WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE?  
**WE ARE CARING**

**AMRIK**  
DOTING DAD  
OF SIKH FAITH  
WORKS HARD AT TWO JOBS  
PIZZA LOVER  
RECEIVED 2014 CARING CANADIAN VOLUNTEER AWARD

**DAVID**  
PHYSIOTHERAPIST  
HELPS CHILDREN AND SENIORS  
PLAYS GUITAR  
DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE  
CO-FOUNDED SURREY INTERFAITH COUNCIL

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A photograph of two men smiling and embracing. On the left is Amrik, a man with a long grey beard and a bright orange turban, wearing a dark suit. On the right is David, a man with grey hair, wearing a blue plaid button-down shirt. They are standing outdoors with a blurred background of trees and buildings.

# QUESTIONS

- How do we know that we are making a difference?
- How can we use our materials to create a workshop?/training
- What else can we do to continue addressing discrimination in Surrey?
- What worked in other communities and why?



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