



Beyond Ourselves

Aliya Jamal appointed "Beyond Ourselves" project coordinator



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Edmonton Multicultural Coalition has launched a two-year program to empower girls and young women from ethnocultural communities integrate fully in all aspects of life in the City of Edmonton. Dubbed “Beyond Ourselves”, the two-year project is a partnership between the government of Canada and Edmonton Multicultural Coalition. The project was launched on February 9th 2013 at the Grant MacEwan University by Hon. Laurie Hawn, MP for Edmonton Center who represented the guest of honor, Hon. Rona Ambrose, federal minister for Public

Works and Government Services. Mrs. Lynn Mandel (wife of City of Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel) and Multicultural Coalition president, Rosslyn Zulla graced the occasion.

The project coordinator is Aliya Jamal. Raised in Edmonton and Vancouver in a family of community workers and artists, Aliya has been involved through the years in social service provision, popular education, research, organizational development, as well as feminist and anti-racist activism. She has worked with organizations like Next Up Edmonton, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, ASSIST Community Services Centre, and the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers.

Most recently, Aliya has turned to using facilitation and popular education for transformative community and social change, and is constantly inspired by the wisdom, strength, and creativity of communities resisting colonialism and oppression worldwide. Other current adventures include creating new works of dance and theatre with groups of women artists and exploring the relationships between dance and politics through community education. Aliya has a BSc from the University of Alberta in Biology with a minor in Women's Studies.