



EASTSIDE FAMILY PLACE SOCIETY

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ESFP Board of Director Bios

Kyleen Ennis (Board Chair) is an East Van mom to two toddlers who make good use of ESFP programs. Originally from Winnipeg, she has a Bachelor of Social Work degree and Masters of Public Administration. After 10 years in direct service and director roles in the health sector, she joined the provincial civil service and later the federal government, working in policy and planning for Health Canada and most recently Fisheries and Oceans.

Graeme Brown (Board Treasurer) joined the ESFP board in December 2019. He is a resident of the Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood and as a new father has been a frequent visitor to the East Side Family Place. Graeme was raised on Vancouver Island and has lived in Vancouver for the last 20 years. Graeme has a Masters of Urban and Rural Planning, and currently works as a Transportation Planner for regional government.

Kate Buium (Board Secretary) joined the Eastside Family Place board in January 2020 and is the current board secretary. Kate has lived in the Commercial Drive neighbourhood for 16 years and has two school-aged children that attend Laura Secord Elementary. Originally from Toronto, she has a Masters of Social Work and has worked in a broad range of positions in the field over the past two decades. Currently, she works with a child development research institute with a focus on the early years.

Renee Aeyelts is a mother of two living in East Van and a new member of the ESFP board. Trained as a social worker she has worked in the field of chronic mental health and substance abuse for the past 15 years in both the public and not for profit sector. Most recently she is at home with her two young children and a frequent ESFP attendee.

Angela Henning worked as a teacher and then elementary school principal for the Burnaby School District for 25 years until she retired in 2015. She worked with many diverse communities and enjoyed helping children and families develop bonds of belonging to their school. In her retirement she keeps fit by swimming, walking and cycling. She also volunteers in the community and enjoys spending time with her family. She especially loves playing with her two young granddaughters!

Adom Jeffers is a parent who's enjoyed many morning drop-in sessions at Eastside Family Place with his young child. He has a degree in education and works with the International African Inventors Museum to deliver inclusive content to youth in schools. He also loves playing soccer whenever he can.

Jenny Ma has spent most of her life in East Vancouver where she grew up just off Commercial Drive with her 2 siblings and immigrant parents. Jenny and her partner have been grateful members of the Eastside Family Place since their daughter was born. She is the Founder of Vancouver Honeybees, a community beekeeping initiative aimed towards supporting bee populations while fostering community connections. Her insight and new ideas are things she hopes to bring with her to this role.

INCOMING BOARD MEMBER

Anatta A. Watts is Eastern Cherokee of mixed Indigenous and European ancestry. She and her husband, Alex, a Nisga'a man from the Wolf Clan in the village of Gingolx, are raising their young son, Sequoyah, in the Commercial Drive community. Anatta brings a strong academic background in policy and comparative Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal systems, and a professional background focused on health system transformation and Indigenous health program development. She is devoted to the work of nurturing a beautiful world for her son, and for all children, and to ending colonial violence to Indigenous people. Anatta feels humbled and honoured to serve on the Board of Directors, ESFP, and is excited to help lead this inspired organization in their path of reconciliation-in-action.