

Pillar Nonprofit Network Public Policy Priorities 2019-2020

Preamble: The following represents Pillar Nonprofit Network's current focus in terms of proactive policy advocacy.

Our Board and Executive Director set public policy direction and priority areas. Our key policy priorities are sector-focused, rather than issues-focused. We recognize other sector-focused priorities may emerge in this timeframe.

LOCAL

Pillar Nonprofit Network (Pillar) provides a leadership role in sector-focused municipal public policy.

Diversity & Inclusion

Area of Focus: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Our Director of Diversity & Governance, Dharshi Lacey, sits on the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership - Inclusion and Civic Engagement Sub-Council.

Our Director of Diversity & Governance, Dharshi Lacey, sits on the following committees:

- Respect and Social Inclusion Task Force - Age Friendly London
- Planning Committee - Life as a Refugee Conference
- Steering Committee - Network for an Inclusive Community
- Application submitted to join Implementation Body - London Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy
- Diversity Equity Inclusion Community of Practice - Federation Canadian Municipalities

Economic Development and Inclusive Innovation

Areas of Focus: Social Enterprise & Social Finance and Cross-Sector Collaboration

Our Executive Director, Michelle Baldwin, sat on the Economic Road Map Action Group #1.

Our Social Enterprise Manager, Julie Forrester, participates in Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Coffee Meetings and the #LondonCan committee.

Social Enterprise Procurement

Area of Focus: Social Enterprise & Social Finance

Our Director of Social Innovation, Andre Vashist, is monitoring opportunities for community benefits agreements and social procurement with the City of London.

Municipal City Council

Areas of Focus: Nonprofits and Cross-Sector Collaboration

Our Executive Director, Michelle Baldwin, and Interim Executive Director, Lore Wainwright, along with Pillar Board members, meet with City Councillors and the Mayor to discuss the nonprofit sector and social enterprises as both economic and social drivers.

The City of London 2019-2023 Strategic Plan consultation was hosted at Innovation Works for feedback from Innovation Works co-tenants, Pillar members, and community members.

London and Area Association for Volunteer Administration

Area of Focus: Volunteerism

Pillar is a member of London and Area Association of Volunteer Administration (LAVA). Our Network & Support Services Coordinator, Mitra Cameron, is a member of LAVA and serves as Secretary. LAVA has a mandate to influence public policy related to volunteerism.

For more information, visit: <https://londonava.wordpress.com>

PROVINCIAL

Ontario Nonprofit Network

Area of Focus: Nonprofits and Social Enterprise & Social Finance

Pillar is a member of Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN) and contributes to its public policy advocacy. Pillar's Executive Director, Michelle Baldwin, is ONN's Vice-Chair and incoming Chair. Pillar's Youth Engagement Coordinator, Kayley MacGregor serves on the Decent Work for Women Advisory Committee.

To review ONN's public policy priorities for 2018-2019, visit:

<http://theonnc.ca/our-work/our-policy-priorities/>

Ontario Social Economy Roundtable

Area of Focus: Social Enterprise & Social Finance

Pillar has contributed to public policy advocacy through Ontario Social Economy Roundtable (OSER), with a focus on advocating on behalf of social enterprises. Our Director of Social Innovation, Andre Vashist, has sat on the OSER Committee.

To review the framework and charter for OSER, visit:

<http://seontario.org/home/about-social-enterprise-ontario/strengthening-the-social-economy-in-ontario/>

Social Enterprise Impact Measurement – Ontario Government

Area of Focus: Social Enterprise & Social Finance

Pillar was represented by our Director of Social Innovation, Andre Vashist, sat on the Common Approach to Impact Measurement project:

<https://carleton.ca/commonapproach/about-us/>

Our Director of Social Innovation, Andre Vashist, sat on the Ontario Social Enterprise Impact Measurement Task Force.

For more information, visit:

<https://carleton.ca/3ci/projects-and-initiatives/ontario-social-enterprise-impact/>

Ontario Social Enterprise Network

Area of Focus: Social Enterprise

Our Director of Social Innovation, Andre Vashist, represents Pillar on behalf of Southwestern Ontario in a province-wide collaborative of regional hubs that includes: Centre for Social Innovation (Central), Impact Hub Ottawa (Eastern), and Nordik Institute (Northern). This collaborative supports the development of social enterprise knowledge, support services, and networks.

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Imagine Canada

Area of Focus: Nonprofits

Pillar is a member of Imagine Canada, which is engaged in federal and pan-Canadian public policy. Pillar's Executive Director, Michelle Baldwin, participates in key initiatives, such as Hill Day, and is Pillar's liaison with Imagine Canada.

To learn more about public policy at Imagine Canada, visit:

<http://www.imaginecanada.ca/our-programs/public-policy>.

Canadian Federation of Voluntary Sector Networks

Areas of Focus: Nonprofits

Pillar is a member of the Canadian Federation of Voluntary Sector Networks (CFVSN), strengthening cross-sector networks and facilitating pan-Canadian public policy dialogue. Our Executive Director, Michelle Baldwin, participates in monthly teleconference calls.

To learn more about CFVSN, visit: <http://thefederation.cloverpad.org/>

National Impact Investment Practitioners Table (NIIPt)

Area of Focus: Social Enterprise & Social Finance

Pillar and VERGE Capital are represented by VERGE SVX Chair, Lina Bowden, at the National Impact Investment Practitioners Table (NIIPt), a social finance fund community of practice. The mission of this network is to: share best practices; identify shared policy, legislative, and regulatory priorities; and speak as a single, influential voice working to shape a strong, enabling environment for social finance in Canada.

Scaling Impact

Area of Focus: Social Enterprise & Social Finance

Convened by Social Venture Connexion (SVX), Pillar is represented in a community of practice made up of place-based social finance intermediaries. VERGE SVX Chair, Lina Bowden, represents Pillar and VERGE Capital in this collaborative that aims to ensure our place-based social finance ecosystem can start and scale funds and develops strong intermediary models.

Pillar generates awareness of individuals, organizations and enterprises invested in positive community impact through...

- [Member Moments](#)
- [Innovation Works Co-Tenant Tuesday Blogs](#)
- [Pillar Community Innovation Awards](#)
- [Video Storytelling](#)
- [Social Enterprise Southwest](#)