



CCGSD has hired Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah to be its new Executive Director! Debbie will officially begin working at CCGSD on July 6, 2020. Debbie's appointment follows a collaborative panel-based hiring process and she was unanimously and enthusiastically recommended by the six Board, staff and community members. Her knowledge, professional experience, lived experiences and socially just approaches to leadership make her the ideal person to lead CCGSD into the future.

Debbie is a passionate Black feminist; an anti-racist and social justice advocate who has participated in and led community organizing through Ottawa Dyke March and Harmony House Women's Shelter. In 2017, she was a recipient of a Femmy Award for her feminist and youth leadership in the Ottawa-Gatineau region. Her approach to community-building is empathetic, diplomatic and strong.

Debbie also brings a wider perspective to her work with an M.A. in International Affairs and experience working at both Global Affairs Canada and Oxfam Canada. Her ability to apply international perspectives to queer and trans organizing in the national context is a huge asset for CCGSD in our programming and our advocacy.



Debbie is a first-generation Ghanaian-Canadian, Black cisgender queer woman. She draws heavily from Black feminist theory to pay homage to Black lesbian activists who have been trailblazers in social justice organizing. She believes that the lived experiences of the people from marginalized communities makes them the experts on their experiences and will actively fill in the gaps when it comes to adopting intersectionality framework into programming, advocacy, research and policies.

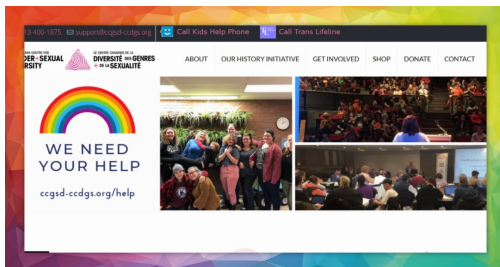
With all that she has to offer, we are certain she will be the leader that CCGSD needs and deserves. Debbie is a visionary who will incorporate an authentic

lens into various part of CCGSD's promotion of gender and sexual diversity across Canada.

Stay safe and stay healthy. In Solidarity,

The Staff and Board of CCGSD

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