

## **Pride Toronto**

### **CAP Implementation/Policy Advisory Committee Members**

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**Alec Butler** is an award winning playwright and filmmaker, lauded as one of Toronto's Vital People by the Toronto Community Foundation in 2006, for his leadership in the trans community.

**Angela Robertson** (Committee Co-Chair) is the Director of Equity and Community Engagement at Women's College Hospital and former Executive Director at Sistering, an organization for low-income and homeless women. Angela is an activist in the Black Women's and LGBT communities. She is the current Board Chair at the Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention and a member of the Canadian Women's Foundation Board and past member of the University of Toronto's Mark Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity studies. She is also a founding member of Blockorama.

**Francisco Alvarez**, the Co-Chair of Pride Toronto, is an experienced arts and communications leader with a strong history of volunteer work in Toronto's LGBT community. One of the co-founders of Inside Out, he served as a board member for ten years. He has also co-chaired Dancers for Life, a major annual fundraiser for the AIDS Committee of Toronto and served on several other Boards. Currently, he is Managing Director of the Institute for Contemporary Culture at the Royal Ontario Museum.

**Glen Brown** is a long-time community activist who's been a member of AIDS Action Now! since 1988. For the past decade he has headed a consulting firm specializing in strategic planning, organizational development, communications and policy development for the not-for-profit sector. Prior to that he served as the senior manager at the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE)

**Kavita Joshi** was the inaugural chair of RBC Royal Bank's LGBT employee resource group and responsible for the bank's LGBT and Gen Y strategies. She was a board member of the Inside Out Film Festival, Queer Press, and Desh Pradesh. Kavita is very proud to be a mother.

**Luka Amona** (Committee Co-Chair) possesses 15 years of multi-jurisdictional experience as a business and Human Resources leader, having worked in Europe, Africa and North America. He brings along a rich, broad and diverse knowledge and skills set drawn from both the public and private sectors. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Pride Toronto.

**Maura Lawless** has over 19 years of experience working in the housing, homeless and community services sectors in senior non-profit positions, as well as in the public service

for the City of Toronto. Maura's expertise and passion is in organizational development, financial and systems management, governance and strategic planning, and ensuring that community services are accessible, responsive and create genuine opportunities that transform people's lives. Maura joined The 519 Community Centre as the Executive Director in December 2007. The Centre responds creatively and passionately to the needs of the local neighbourhood and the broader LGBTQ communities.

**Paul Daniel**, a Producer-Specialty Programs at Accessible Media Inc. (AMI), helped established a media relationship between VoicePrint (a division of AMI) and Pride Toronto in 2005 by helping to make some of its materials, like the Pride Guide and Pride Parade Map, accessible for the blind and vision-impaired.

**Scott Ferguson** has served as Executive Director of Inside Out since January 2001. Inside Out presents the annual Toronto LGBT Film and Video Festival, the largest of its kind in Canada and among the top five in the world. In addition to the annual Toronto Festival, Inside Out presents a four-day festival in Ottawa and administers the Mark S. Bonham Scholarship and the Queer Video Mentorship Project. Previous involvement in the LGBT communities includes five years with Pride Toronto, including serving as the chair of the organizing committee for the 2000 and 2001 Pride Week Festivals.

**Shannon Thomas Ryan** is the Executive Director of the Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention (Black CAP). Black CAP is a charitable organization that is focused on reducing the spread of HIV infection within Toronto's Black, African and Caribbean communities and enhancing the quality of life of Black people living with or affected by HIV or AIDS. Shannon has led Black CAP through a period of stabilization and significant growth and is highly committed to the HIV/AIDS sector and to working within marginalized and racialized communities.