

2023 Ecology Action Centre Board Nominations



Dan Rutabingwa is a passionate and dedicated environmentalist who hails from Rwanda. Growing up on a farmhouse, Dan's early exposure to the outdoors sparked a lifelong fascination with nature and outdoor activities. Hiking and bike riding through parks became his cherished pastimes, solidifying his commitment to protecting the environment for future generations. Dan pursued this passion further by obtaining a degree in Environmental Science from the University of Manitoba, honing his expertise in the field.

Currently, Dan serves as a climate change campaigner with Ecology Ottawa. His journey towards becoming a prominent figure in the fight against climate change and sustainability issues began as an enthusiastic volunteer, lending his time and skills to various environmental causes. He is determined to use his extensive experience, knowledge, and unwavering dedication to make a significant impact in shaping a greener and more sustainable future for all.



Andrea Argueta is located in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional, unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. She is originally from Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland) and moved to Kjiptuk (Halifax) in 2019. She recently finished her Undergrad in Wildlife Conservation and is starting her career with Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Andrea is the Indigenous Liaison Officer for the Atlantic Protected Areas unit of the Canadian Wildlife Service of ECCC. In this role she works to maintain and build relationships with all Indigenous Peoples of Wabanaki (Atlantic Canada) and ensure their voices, values, and aspirations are well represented within the CWS protected areas program.

In her spare time, you can find Andrea among her community connecting to her Mi'kmaw roots, she enjoys traditional crafting such as beading, porcupine quill art, making moccasins and sewing ribbon skirts. You can also often find her out on the land with her two dogs or at her local CrossFit Gym.

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Calla Farn retired in June, 2022 after a lengthy and varied career that included leadership roles in managing environmental and sustainability issues, including industry stewardship programs. She is now enjoying a quieter life on the shores of St. Margaret's Bay. For the last six years of her career, Calla worked for Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance (now part of Circular Materials) and prior to that, worked for nine years at McCain Foods (Canada), where she served on both the Canadian Leadership Team and the North American Crisis Management Team.

She also worked as Vice President of the Atlantic Region for the soft drink industry way back when deposits on beverage containers were introduced in Nova Scotia to help ensure bottles and cans were collected and recycled. Prior to joining the beverage industry, Calla was a journalist and worked at CBC Newsworld, Global News and The Canadian Press. Calla has an EMBA from Saint Mary's University and is a graduate of the Chartered Director program at McMaster University's Directors College. She has served on more than 10 boards of directors and brings to the EAC Board both her governance experience and long-standing passion for protecting the environment.