

Sekani Dakelth

Sekani is from the Dakelth Nation, Lusilyoo (Frog Clan).

She is a two-spirit, trans woman, that has been working in and around the DTES of Vancouver. Her experience ranges from someone with lived experience with many margins of society which include someone who uses substances, survival sex work to sex works, homelessness.

From these experiences she has learned many skills and later was able to apply those skill while working/training to do street outreach, drop-in peer worker, peer mentorship, then got the privilege to be trained as a facilitator. Her job as a facilitator is to hold space for some very important but difficult conversations around connecting people with living/lived experience around substance use and houslessnes with service providers, businesses and the public to address any stigma, miss understandings, concerns both parties have when coexisting in community together.

She also has much experience around policy development, better practices when working with vulnerable demographics, program development and much more.

Outside of all her wealth of knowledge she is a full time caretaker for a little one her nieces, she is very involved with her extended family whom she spends most of her free time with, she plans to open a business so that when she is gone the next generations do not have to struggle so much.