

YWCA NWT Welcomes New Executive Director

YELLOWKNIFE (September 10, 2020) YWCA NWT Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Hawa Dumbuya-Sesay as the Executive Director of the organization as of September 10, 2020.

“Hawa is passionate about helping women and children thrive and understands the structural barriers northern women and families are facing. She will continue to advocate for gender equity and we think she’ll bring a great perspective to the way we serve our communities,” said Sarah Arngna’naaq, YWCA NWT President.

Hawa came with her family to Canada at the age of 16 as a refugee fleeing civil war in Sierra Leone. She brings a diverse and skilled background to the role that includes working with women who have experienced family violence, child protection and youth programs, maternal mortality reduction programming, project and financial management, crisis intervention and more. She most recently served as Director of Child & Youth Services for YWCA NWT. Hawa has a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Yukon College and a Masters of Social Work degree with a specialization in International and Community Development from the University of Calgary.

“I’m really looking forward to this new challenge and working with the YWCA is the perfect opportunity to make a positive difference. I am thankful for the team we have here and know we’ll support each other to move this work forward,” says Dumbuya-Sesay.

Hawa will take over the position from long-time Executive Director, Lyda Fuller, who will retire in November 2020. “I’ve loved this job, the staff and this community, and our work has really had an impact. There is still so much to be done and I am retiring with confidence that YWCA NWT will continue to thrive under Hawa’s leadership,” said outgoing Executive Director, Lyda Fuller.

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