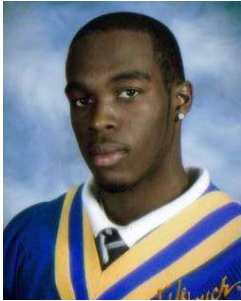


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Haminat Kehinde lives in Perth Avenue co-op. She is 19 years old. She hopes to make a great impact in the world. She has just completed college in the Assaulted Women and Children Counsellor Advocate Program at George Brown College and has applied for Human Rights and Equity Studies at York University. She was born in Lagos, Nigeria and immigrated to Canada at a young age. She feels very lucky to be living in Canada and is proud of her heritage. She feels fortunate to be a part of the Kenyan Exchange because she returning to her African homeland, which she hopes will help her find greater purpose to her life and make a difference in others' lives.



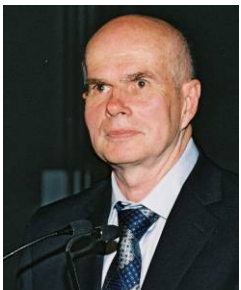
Owen Pollonais lives in Campden Green co-op. He is 19 years old and sees himself as outgoing, funny, easy to talk to and easy going. Owen loves playing sports of any type except for the ones that have to do with him going on ice. His favorite sport is basketball and he also enjoys track and field. He likes watching meaningful movies and the discovery channel. He is interested in sciences because "there is always something new that is going on in the world of science that we do not know about". He enjoys talking, getting to know new people, seeing how they view things differently and what they have to say. He looks forward to coming to Kenya and meeting great new people.



Yan Yen Loo lives in Atkinson Co-op. She is 19 years old. She is an Environment and Health student at the University of Toronto. She loves being active, particularly playing softball, field hockey, beach volleyball, biking, and dancing. She has a strong desire to try and do everything at least once. She believes that without a community, people don't have a sense of belonging and hence do not feel obligated to their greater society." She hopes that the Kenya exchange will help her learn and discover what can be done to engage and establish strong local, national, and global communities.



Cyessa Forde lives in the David B. Archer co-op. She is 22 years old. She recently completed her final year in the Business Management program at Ryerson University. In her four years at university, she was vice president of events for the West Indian Student Association, Events Coordinator for the Urban Hip Hop Union, member of the Ryerson Anti-Racism Taskforce, and Board member for the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto. She believes all of these volunteer opportunities have enhanced her formal studies, and provided her with a firm foundation with which to begin her career.

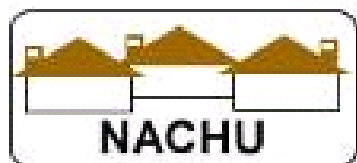


Tom Clement is the Executive Director of the Co-operative Housing Federation (CHFT). He has worked at CHFT since 1981. Tom was the first president of the Co-operative Housing Association of Ontario. Tom has a keen interest in developing new leadership and has played a significant role in the CHFT Diversity Scholarship Program. He also volunteers with young people as a coach with the Toronto Triple Threat Basketball Club.



Esther Forde is a Manager of a downtown Toronto Housing Co-operative and also works with the Co-operative Housing Federation (CHFT) as a Community Development Co-ordinator. Esther has spent over 25 years working with youth in various capacities. She continues to be passionate about working for and with young people to develop sustainable leadership opportunities.

PARTNER INFORMATION



The National Cooperative Housing Union (NACHU) is the umbrella organization for all housing cooperatives in Kenya. It was established and registered as a housing union in 1979 and began its operations in 1987. NACHU is a member-based organization with about 230 affiliate primary housing cooperatives that have an estimated membership of approximately 200,000 people in Kenya. NACHU provides technical services to its members, and the majority of the target comprises women and children. HIV/AIDS was declared a disaster in Kenya and therefore mainstreamed in NACHU activities. NACHU has been working with youth on issues of leadership development, enhancing employment opportunities through vocational skills and access to credit, HIV AIDS and in general increase youth participation within the cooperative movement.

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Rooftops Canada is the international development program of co-operative and social housing organizations in Canada. Rooftops Canada works with partner organizations to improve housing conditions, build sustainable communities and develop a shared vision of equitable global development. Rooftops Canada is facilitating this exchange between CHFT and NACHU. Youth in housing co-ops in Kenya and Toronto will work together in a skills training exchange as the first step in a longer term capacity building partnership. The overall objective of the youth exchange is both to provide youth leaders with a significant self-development and growth opportunity; and, to help NACHU and Rooftops Canada learn more about supporting and working with housing co-op youth.

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