

Neighbourhood Empowerment Team

Staff Profile



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Katie completed her Bachelor of Arts at King's University in 2012 and finished her Master of Arts at the University of Alberta in 2017. She spent five years working as a Youth Liaison as part of the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) program engaging youth in community development initiatives. As a Youth Liaison, Katie worked on a variety of issues impacting youth in Edmonton including food insecurity, poverty, LGBTQ2S+ and auto-related crimes. Katie has supervised the team of Youth Liaisons since Fall 2017 providing guidance, support, and encouragement to the frontline staff. Katie is passionate about engaging youth in the issues and situations that impact them. She believes that when youth are empowered to be part of the solution that meaningful change can and does happen in community. She also believes that in order to be less reactive to crime, social agencies, municipalities, and enforcement organizations must work together to address systemic issues and barriers. NET is uniquely positioned to work proactively and preventatively on the major issues in Edmonton today and Katie is proud to remain connected to such important and engaging work.