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# 2024 EQUITY-DIVERSITY-INCLUSION

*Fostering a Sense of Value, Empowerment and Potential*

## **\*\*CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKERS\*\***

**May 13 – 16, 2024 – London, Ontario**

**Devon Clunis**  
**CEO, Clunis Consulting**

***‘The Power of Knowing . . . Examining Our Lives Through an EDI Lens’***

*What comes to mind as you read the words Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)? EDI can do for society what salt does for a meal. The right amount of salt makes for a great, consumable meal. Too little or too much, the meal is unappetizing. We appear to be pouring on EDI without much consideration of the outcome we want to achieve. Do we have a shared understanding or appreciation of the purpose of EDI? Are we aligning our actions to achieve that purpose? In our session, we will strive to develop a shared understanding and appreciation of EDI and align our actions in achieving its purpose in every facet of Canadian society.*

**Amira Elghawaby**  
**Canada’s Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia**

***‘Compassionate Approaches to Emergency Responses’***

*Compassion necessitates knowledge and understanding of those we live and work with. This talk will explore the impacts of Islamophobia on the everyday lives of Muslims in Canada. Along with understanding the biases and misinformation that fuels Islamophobia, the discussion will include ways we can collectively work to combat this dangerous and harmful phenomenon in our workplaces, schools, universities, and in the broader society.*

**Gerry Almendrades**  
**National Director of Security – The Centre for Israel & Jewish Affairs**

***‘How the Outside Affects the Inside’***



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**Jacqueline Edwards – President Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.)**  
**Julie Craddock – Deputy Chief Sarnia Police Service**  
**Vicki Monto – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Staff Sgt. - Sault Ste. Marie Police**  
**Amanda Pfeffer – Staff Sergeant – Western Special Constable Service**

## ***‘Practicing Authentic Inclusion’***

*Practicing authentic inclusion is ensuring we encourage ideas that are different than ours and we’re interested in including them in what we’re doing. It means we seek out differences in opinion and we listen to other perspectives. Trust can only happen if we are unafraid to have uncomfortable conversations. Authentic inclusion is when everybody feels free to bring their voices to the table and trusts that the organization will use the ideas that have value. You know authentic inclusion is happening at your organization when broad arrays of perspectives are considered before decisions are made.*

**Chief Jim MacSween – York Regional Police Service**  
**Chief Nishan Duraiappah – Peel Regional Police Service**  
**Mr. Jason Fraser – Co-Chair – OACP Police Legal Advisors Committee**  
**Mike Munroe – Director – Campus Safety - University of Toronto**

## ***NEW ‘Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 – Regulations’***

*All delegates in attendance will benefit from the knowledge that will be shared by this experienced panel who will give insight into the regulations that will be in place when the new ‘Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019’ comes into effect.*

**Police Constable Zelda Elijah – Anishinabek Police Service**

## ***‘Let’s Begin With The Truth’***

*Canada’s History on attempts to assimilate Indigenous People before the measures taken to the extreme of Residential Schools needs to be understood. We are taught the history, so convoluted that it is just speaks to fractures of information that holds no meaning. We can’t start to reconcile Canada’s History if we aren’t going to be truthful about why this all happened. Constable Elijah’s experiences and candid discussions of those experiences will help all to feel what took place.*



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**Sam Erry – CEO, former Deputy Solicitor General**

**Matt Torigian – Chief Strategy Officer – Public Safety- Niche Technology**

**Nishan Duraiappah – Chief of Police – Peel Regional Police Services**

**Lynn Logan – Vice President Operations & Finance – Western University**

## ***‘Inclusive Leadership to Enable Transformation’***

*Through a moderated panel discussion with seasoned executive leaders from diverse sectors, this highly interactive session will explore: key inclusive leadership principles; the benefits and challenges of inclusive leadership in the workplace; and concrete examples of inclusive leadership in action. The session will identify a strong baseline for inclusive leadership and explore in depth the highly desirable qualities of inclusive leaders. Please note that the audience will also be actively engaged in this thought leadership dialogue.*

**Sergeant Robert Chevalier – Toronto Police Service**

**Co-Chair – ‘Serving With Pride’**

## ***‘Adding Colour to the Blue Line - Representing the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community.’***

*In 2017 the relationship between the 2SLGBTQ+ Community and the Toronto Police Service was at its the loose, a well-known gay cruising spot was raided by undercover officers, and a Transman; Boyd Kodak took the Toronto Police Service to task for their handling and lack of training upholding the Ontario Human Rights code. It was during this time Robert Chevalier started as a Neighbourhood Community Officer in the Church Wellesley Village (the Village is the Historic home of the 2SLGBTQ+ Community in Toronto) Robert will discuss relationship building and partnerships with those in our care, businesses, and community-based organizations to address disorder and community safety issues.*

**Inspector Jack Gurr – Toronto Police Service**

## ***‘Managing the Protests and What We Have Learned’***

*The sad and unfortunate world issues that began last Fall brought issues to our Communities and Campuses that were unprecedented. The protests and events that escalated were experienced by us all and none more so than by those in the Toronto area. Inspector Jack Gurr and his team realized that a lot was to be learned and new practices implemented to be able to control the events that they were being faced with. Inspector Gurr will share with us all what was learned and the best practices that were brought into play.*