

## ***Intergenerational and intercultural conversations: Elders and youth***

### **Presenter biographies**

**Mary Cooper** is an Elder from the Tsartlip Nation, Saanich. Marie has dedicated her career as an educator and has been involved for decades on the Saanich Indian School Board and Indigenous advisory councils at Camosun College and UVic, advocating for Indigenous peoples' rights.

**Sadaf Pourmand** was born in Iran, but was brought up in Canada since an early age. Sadaf serves on the board of directors for antidote: Multiracial and Indigenous Girls and Women's Network, and is a member of the City of Victoria Youth Council. She is currently enrolled in her last year at Reynolds Secondary School.

**Rakiya Larkin** is 17 years old and attends Mount Douglas Secondary School in Victoria. She is proud of her First Nations and Romanian heritage and is passionate that youth be involved in leadership to make a better future for marginalized peoples.

**Michiko Midge Ayukawa** was born in Vancouver, the third of four children of immigrants from Japan. Midge has used her memory and knowledge of the pre-war Japanese communities, the social structure, the relationship and tension between the generations and with other groups, the wartime and post-war period to record the history of the Japanese in Canada.

**Leatrice Lam** was born and raised in Canada and educated in BC and Manitoba. She contributed to discussions preceding the passage of the first Multicultural Act in the world (Canada, 1988) and participated in the Manitoba Race Relations Committee and the development of multicultural activities in Winnipeg.

**Letitia Annamalai** was born and raised in Durban, South Africa and immigrated to Canada with her family when she was 16. She has been a student at the University of Victoria, majoring in political science with a minor in women's studies, and now works with immigrant and refugee programming and anti-violence programming.

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