

Garrison Duke, COO – DIVERSEcity



Garrison Duke is a visionary leader in community development, boasting over 2 decades of dedicated service in creating and leading transformative programs. As the current Chief Operating Officer at DIVERSEcity, Garrison harnesses his deep expertise to drive the organization's mission forward, ensuring the delivery of comprehensive programs and services aimed at empowering marginalized communities. Since joining DIVERSEcity in 2018 as the Director of Employment, Language, and Enterprise Development, he has spearheaded initiatives that foster team growth, cultivate an environment of shared learning, and open new pathways for those he serves.

With an MBA from Simon Fraser University, Garrison combines his academic insights with a practical approach to address complex social issues. His leadership in DIVERSEcity's Immigrant Entrepreneur Program, recipient of the prestigious national CANIE Award, and his role as host of DIVERSEtalks: Conversations for Change, underscore his commitment to sparking significant social impact. Garrison's efforts have not gone unnoticed, earning him the Surrey-Now Leader's Community Leader Honourable Mention Award in the Above & Beyond category.

Beyond his executive responsibilities, Garrison is an ardent advocate for inclusive community services, frequently representing DIVERSEcity in media to highlight critical social issues and solutions. His appearances span a range of news outlets including CBC Radio, The Georgia Straight, Novus Entertainment, and Breakfast TV, demonstrating his influence and dedication to advocacy.

Garrison's belief in the power of collaboration, a positive outlook, and empowering interventions as catalysts for individual and community wellbeing, is the cornerstone of his work. His commitment extends beyond his professional role; he actively participates in several boards and committees such as AMSSA (Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC)

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