



# REMARKABLE WOMEN

## 2014: YEAR OF RECONCILIATION

Honouring women who build understanding & empathy between people



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# WINNIE CHEUNG

Winnie Cheung is dedicated to creating a truly inclusive and multicultural society. Born in Hong Kong, she was surrounded by both Chinese and Western cultures and learned several versions of Chinese, as well as English. She decided to become an intercultural bridge builder and came to Canada in this capacity.

She worked as Head of Financial Aid at the King Edward Campus of Vancouver Community College, removing linguistic and cultural barriers by having materials translated, training staff, and modifying policies. From there, she went on to become the first visible minority to be appointed as a Director within the Student Portfolio at the University of British Columbia. Here, Winnie created opportunities for international students, local students, government officials and hosting families to meet and get to know each other better.

Winnie volunteers on numerous committees to promote diversity. The boards she's served on include the Laurier Institution, the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, Women Transforming Cities International, Canadian Bureau for International Education, but there are many more. She has co-sponsored conferences and workshops to promote anti-racism, human rights, and global citizenship. As someone who consistently brings First Nations history and perspectives into her work, she helped launch and shape the Vancouver Dialogues Project and was a volunteer for Reconciliation Canada. Winnie is also co-founder of the newly incorporated Pacific Canada Heritage Centre – Museum of Migration Society, which will capture the stories of those who came to Canada through the Western Portal.

Winnie's work as a cultural educator and builder of platforms and spaces for intercultural dialogues has made her a truly Remarkable Woman of Vancouver.