

## ASALAH YOUSSEF

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### OVERVIEW

Asalah is a photographer, environmentalist, and advocate for well-being. She approaches her work through an intersectional lens and is actively learning how to ensure her work is paired with reconciliation and understanding of traditional ecological knowledge. She passionately empowers youth to take action and engages with her local community working on various environmental related initiatives. She uses her creativity as a catalyst for change as she uses her love of imagery and storytelling to educate and inspire action. Her photo work has been exhibited in several exhibitions, and she has been featured on various press outlets including The Globe and Mail, CTV News and The National Post.

### EDUCATION

Langley Fine Arts High school (Grade 12)  
University of British Columbia - Bachelors - 2021 to Present

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 Photography Production for CASEL (Collaborative for Social & Emotional Learning) SEL Virtual Learning Exchange

### PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

2021 Finalist, Chesterfields Competition "Be Your Selves", Polygon Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2021 Solo Outdoor Gallery Exhibition of series "Screenshots of Home" at Evergreen Cultural Center  
2020 "Screenshots of Home" featured on The Polygon Gallery media channels  
2020 Interviewed for 'The Polygon Podcast', Episode "Global Warning"  
2020 Photo series "Screenshots of Home" published in the Globe & Mail  
2020 Finalist, Chesterfields Competition "Global Warning", Polygon Gallery, Vancouver, BC  
2019 Work exhibited in Fort Langley, 'This Is Kwantlen'  
2019 Finalist, Chesterfields Competition, work showcased at The Polygon Gallery, Vancouver  
2018 Photographer for *Voices of Muslim Women* Organization, Vancouver, BC  
2017 Showcased photographs at *School of Image Arts*, Ryerson University

### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

June 2020- June 2020	Common Ground Kauai Farm Volunteer & Photographer
May 2022 - June 2020	Mohala Farms Volunteer
October 2021- Present	UBC Farm Volunteer
July 2021- Present	Member on the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada Youth Advisory Board
October 2019- June 2021	Mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley
June 2020 - August 2020	Volunteer & Photographer with Wild & Immersive Summer Camp, UBC Malcolm Knapp Research Forest
January 2020 June 2021	Student leader of Langley Fine Arts Mindfulness Club
September 2019 - June 2021	Student leader of Langley Fine Arts Green Team
2019	Volunteered at a Surfrider Vancouver Beach Cleanup, Vancouver, BC
2019-2021	Member of Plan Canada Speaker's Bureau

September 2019- June 2021	Member of PA-MOJA Butterfly Effect
2019	Organizer of Sustainabilityteens Future Fest Clothing Swap, Vancouver, BC
2019	Tree Planting with Langley Environmental Partners Society
2018	Mentor at the We Are Social Entrepreneurs Conference, Winnipeg, MB
2018	Take Action Camp, Toronto, ON
2017/2019	Executive Team, Voices of Muslim Women Organization
2016-2018	Executive Committee, Real Acts of Caring Organization
2016-2018	Fundraiser, Pa-Moja, Langley Fine Arts High School
2015-2016	Peer Mediator, Maple Creek Middle School

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2021	Muslim Awards of Excellence Artist of the Year
2020	Selected for Plan Canada's Girls Belong Here seat share with The Body Shop
2020	Cool 'Hood Champs Graduate, Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning, Vancouver, BC
2018	Received seed funding from RBC for an upcoming social enterprise
2018	Completed the "We Are Social Entrepreneurs" 8-day-program, Ontario
2018	Winner of all-expenses-paid trip to "We Are Social Entrepreneurs" Program, Ontario
2018	Certificate of Recognition for 8 hours of volunteer work in Ontario for Me to We
2018	Received a proclamation at BC Legislature with Real Acts of Caring Organization
2016	Received a proclamation at BC Legislature with Real Acts of Caring Organization
2015	Selected to be a Hammers Hero (Vancouver Canucks award for local young heroes)

## PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE

2020	Guest speaker for BCNU Human Rights Conference
2020	Guest speaker for Beyond Differences Virtual Retreat
2020	Guest speaker for Visions 2020: Think Tank, BC Art Teachers Federation
2020	Moderated a panel at the 2020 Social and Emotional Learning Exchange
2020	Facilitated a meditation for Sustainabilityteens Organization
2020	Guest speaker at We Are Social Entrepreneurs Conference with WE and RBC, Victoria, BC
2019	Presented at TEDxYouth, Langley, BC
2019	Presented at WE Day Montreal, QB
2019	Mentor at the We Are Social Entrepreneurs Conference with WE and RBC, Vancouver, BC
2019	Speaker, We Are Social Entrepreneurs National Virtual Conference
2018-2019	Speaker on the WE Day cross Canada Tour
2018	Presented on WE Day Connect, (Toronto, ON)
2018	Presented at the We Are Social Entrepreneurs Conference (Winnipeg, MB)
2017	Presented at Port Coquitlam City Hall with Real Acts of Caring Organization
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2017	Presented at the Real Acts of Caring Week Proclamation, Port Coquitlam City Hall
2016	Presented at Teacher Professional Development Day, Coquitlam, BC
2015	Presented to Safe Schools Coordinators, Richmond, BC
2015	Presented to Safe Schools Coordinators, Vernon, BC
2015	Presented at "Promoting Mental Wellness in School Setting" at Kelty Mental Health, Vancouver, BC