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Re: Nomination for Volunteer of the Year Award - Randi Papworth

Dear NCRA Community Radio Awards Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I am nominating Randi Papworth of CiTR 101.9 FM for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Randi started volunteering at CiTR, UBC's campus and community radio station in 2019, has held the role of the Intersectionality Collective Lead since 2020, and been on our student governing body as the Spoken Word Executive since 2022.

They have been running the Intersectionality Collective, formerly known as the Gender Empowerment Collective, since the pandemic and have shown up for the community in trying times. Our station was faced with a significant dip in volunteer engagement due to COVID but I saw Randi meet those challenges head on, further showing their passion for organising, for fostering community engagement, and helping like-minded individuals make radio.

In Randi's time as the Collective Lead, they have been facilitating the content creation and production of the radio show [Intersections](#) on CiTR 101.9 FM which features topics pertaining to gender, race, sexuality, and social justice, and has been pushing the envelope on how we approach and engage with identity-related issues. Randi also started a radio book club called [Dog-eared](#) last year which has helped bridge the gap between literary and podcast audiences.

Randi's commitment to equity and inclusion is evident and they know when to take a backseat to make way for others. One example is a panel that Randi and their collective coordinated in March 2021 titled ['Am I Overreacting?': Understanding and Combating Microaggressions](#) which was thought provoking and especially validating for BIPOC students to hear from racialized professionals sharing their lived experiences. Another example of this is that we had several internal meetings about rebranding the formerly known Gender Empowerment Collective by merging the People of Colour and Queer Collective to shed more light on the intersectionality framework.

Over the past three years, I've witnessed Randi's immense honorary contributions at the station and their growth as a result of that. They are graduating this Spring and moving back to Alberta, and while I'm sad to see Randi leave, I'm so excited to see them reach new heights. Nominating Randi for this award is CiTR's (and hopefully the NCRA's) way of saying, *"Thank you Randi for all that you do, for leaving CiTR better than you found it"*.

Warmly,
Hina Imam
Spoken Word Manager, CiTR 101.9 FM