

Summary

Alison Brewin is an experienced leader in non-profit management and governance, access to justice and equality rights. She serves on the [UBC Board of Governors](#), was the Executive Director of [Vantage Point](#) and [West Coast LEAF](#), and is a course designer and instructor of Non-Profit Management at [Simon Fraser University](#). Alison was trained as a gender audit facilitator at the [ILO](#). As a consultant, Alison provides strategic advise, facilitation, planning, and interim leadership to a broad range of clients across the sector.

With practical experience and proven skill in facilitation, management, governance, equity, evaluation, and change management, Alison provides meaningful outcomes in every organization she works with – outcomes that align with organizational purpose, values and goals.

Consultant Experience Highlights

Law Foundation of BC	Interim Director of Direct Legal Services
Coastal Jazz and Blues Society	Governance Transformation
WISH	Leadership and Governance Development
BC Books	Consultant and Strategic Advisor
Surrey Women's Centre	Interim Executive Director
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	Evaluation Systems Development
Simon Fraser University	Course Designer and Instructor, Approaches to Non-Profit Management in the Canadian Context
Courthouse Libraries of BC	Program Evaluation (x2)
Access Pro Bono	Interim Executive Director
Atira Women's Resource Society (x2)	Board Governance and Lessons Learned Housing
Sisterwatch	Evaluator (Participatory and Utilization Evaluation)
Vancity Community Foundation	Strategic Planning Facilitator (x2)
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre	Strategic and Operational planning
Lu'ma Native Housing	(X2) Lessons Learned - Aboriginal Mother's Centre and Policy and Procedure development
BC Civil Liberties Association	Interim Executive Director



Key Work Experience

Vantage Point

April 2018 to April 2021

Executive Director. Providing non-profit governance training, consulting, and advocacy to/for BC's Non-profit sector.

Alison Brewin Consulting

2010 to present

Providing facilitation, evaluation, research and management services to the BC Non-profit sector.

West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund

2000 to 2011 (Interim ED 2012, 2015-16)

Advancing women's equality through legal education, law reform and strategic litigation. Legal Director (2000-04) and Executive Director (2005 – 11)

It's all Fun & Games Ltd.

1994 to 2011

Retail business providing toys to East Vancouver families. Co-owner and operator.

West Coast Domestic Worker's Association

1998 to 2000

Providing free legal advice, advocacy and support to domestic workers new to Canada. Community & Resource Developer.

Education

Associate Change Management Certificate, UBC

2020/21 in progress

Creative Writing Certificate, SFU Writers Studio

2013

One year certificate program in creative fiction and non-fiction writing

Essential Skills Series 1 – 4

2012

The Canadian Evaluation Society foundational course on the fundamentals of evaluation.

Gender Audit Facilitator

2009

Certified as a Gender Audit Facilitator at the International Labour Organization.

Law Degree

1988 to 1991

Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Victoria.

References

Upon request, and please consult my client lists and reach out to anyone you know.

Publications

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[Bridging the Divide: Building Safe Shelters for Women's Safety in BC](#) with Shawn Bayes, Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver (2012).

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Rights-Based Legal Aid: Rebuilding BC's Broken System with Kasari Govender, CCPA and West Coast LEAF (2010).

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[“Public Policy and Judicial Activism”](#) SPARC BC News (Spring 2005)

[“Legal Aid Denied: Women and the Cuts to Legal Services in BC”](#) CCPA and West Coast LEAF (2004). With Lindsay Stephens.