



Sireen El-Nashar, BBA, Director:

Sireen works at S.U.C.C.E.S.S. as a Settlement Program Officer, helping the Arabic speaking community. She is a member of the Diversity Advisory Committee for the City of Surrey and a Director for District Parent Advisory Council. She served on the Editorial Board for ALWASAT Arabic Newspaper (First Arabic newspaper in BC). Sireen is very active in the community and has taken the roles of being chair and treasure when her children were at elementary school and currently DPAC director since 2006. She was part of many projects to advocate on behalf of refugees: *Refugee Myth Busting Campaign, Our Community Our Voice and Honouring Diverse Beliefs in our Communities: A Conversational Toolkit, through the Surrey Neighbouring Faiths Program*. She also initiated the First World Refugee Day in Surrey, in collaboration with the City of Surrey and the various Settlement agencies in Surrey, in recognition of the Refugee population in Surrey.

Sireen is a community advocate for equal funding for Surrey students and believes that all students should have equal opportunities when it comes to education, as education is a fundamental right not a privilege.