

City of Edmonton's Community Safety and Well-being Task Force

Evelyn Asiedu moved to Edmonton in 2013 to attend the University of Alberta, pursuing a PhD in Laboratory Medicine and Pathology with specialization in Analytical Environmental Toxicology. She completed an Honours Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at Western University, and while there served on the executive committee of the Black Student's Association (2010-12) and facilitated discussions about race, identity, politics, and the experience of Black people on campus.

She has also pursued roles which promote diversity in science and was an executive member of the Edmonton chapter of WiSER (Women in Science Engineering and Research) between 2016-18 and in 2018 served as the student lead on the organizing committee of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology. In 2017, Asiedu became an administrator and event planner for a new local non-profit organization called What I Wish I Knew (WIWIK) which aims at discussing real issues in the workplace and give practical advice to young female professionals. In 2018, she spearheaded an event called "Championing Diversity and Challenging Unconscious Bias" which brought WiSER and WIWIK together.

In July 2020, she published an opinion piece in Maclean's describing everyday racism as a Black Canadian academic. There, she states the absence of race-based data at universities renders the experiences or racialized students untenable and provides no incentive for change.