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"I'm incredibly thankful to have been a part of this pilot program. The conversations I had with my mentors were impactful. I am so grateful to ISSAMBA for putting together such a powerful program"
- A BUILD participant

MEET THE BUILD MENTORS

In October, we concluded all components of THE BUILD. The BUILD - Black Women Mentorship & Skills Advancement Program was designed to create avenues for Black women to build intergenerational networks through mentorships from accomplished women of African descent in BC, as well as develop in-demand skills through workshops.

WILMA CLARKE

Wilma Clark is the Assistant Director, Social Policy and Projects at City of Vancouver. She has served in the public service for over 30 years in various capacities from social worker to Manager of programs to



Executive director. She holds a master's in Education from Simon Fraser University. She received the Rosemary Brown award for her contributions to advancing children's rights. Wilma's experience was invaluable to the BUILD mentees passionate about public service.

AGNES NKUNDABAGENZI



AGNES is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA) with more than 20 years of experience. She has worked with companies in a variety of industries with diverse cultures and beliefs system in positions from Director to Chief Financial Officer.

Agnes is passionate about entrepreneurship and helping small businesses understand what numbers "really drive" profit so they can achieve their objectives, anticipate issues, and develop a plan to resolve them. She has a BA in Accountancy and the CPA and CMA certifications. In 2008, Agnes founded Controller4Hire which provides part-time financial services to small businesses. In the BUILD program, her mentees were on accountancy career path or running small business.

DR. DZIFA DORDUNOO



Dr. Dzifa is an Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria. With a PhD from the University of Maryland and a master's in clinical research management from Duke University, her career in Health spans over 15 years,

from teaching in John Hopkins University, serving as a Registered Nurse to an Assistant professor in Baltimore. Dr. Dzifa is passionate about dismantling inequities in health care and advancing social justice in undergraduate nursing education. She mentored various participants interested in health care careers.

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The BUILD - Black Women Mentorship & Skills Advancement Program Mentor Profile

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ANNIE DJIOTSA

Annie Djiotsa was born in Cameroon and immigrated to Canada in the early 90's. She is a Canadian Armed Forces veteran where she served for two decades and retired in 2019. Annie has a masters degree in public administration from Montreal and a Masters in conflict and fragility management from Geneva. Annie spends her time giving back to her community and is a member of the Cordova Bay Community Association and

serves on the Saanich Parks, Recreation and Community Services Advisory Committee. Alongside raising her two young adult children, Annie is passionate about advocating for fair and equal treatment and representation of Black Canadians and to that end, works with Black-led organizations to further this cause. She brought this passion and wealth of experience to her role as mentor in The BUILD program.

EDITH KAMBERE

Edith Kambere is resilience personified. After fleeing her birth country, Uganda in 1987 to escape war and political instability, she arrived in Canada and attained a Masters degree in Social Work. She worked at Riverview Hospital, specializing in mental health and went on to expand her knowledge and experience supporting people with mental health issues at the Surrey Memorial Hospital. She currently works as a social worker with the Fraser Health Authority.



Edith documents her experiences with political terror, war horrors and the uncertainties and sometimes life threatening experiences immigrant women face in her book, The story of resilience. She has authored several books and has been instrumental in developing services for immigrants through Umoja Operation Compassion. She is a very effective community advocate for mental health services for immigrants in the Metro Vancouver area - Canada. In the BUILD program, she mentored a number of aspiring health professionals and provided insight from her lived experiences that were invaluable.

November 27, 2022

Vancouver Black Independent Film Virtual Festival
 organized by **Fadetoblack Lab, Vancouver**
www.filmfreeway.com

Weekly

SHAYO SATURDAYS

Vancouver Curated Afrobeats, Amapiano, Dancehall and hip hop music organized by Shifting Culture
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