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Vanessa Desa

Vanessa Desa is widely recognized and respected for her leadership in the areas of anti-racism, multiculturalism and inclusion in Edmonton. A gentle but relentless advocate for immigrant and refugee families, Vanessa has been involved with initiatives including the Edmonton Immigrant and Refugee Scholarship Committee, the Edmonton Refugee Transportation Loan Committee and the Social Services Advisory Committee. Vanessa has been instrumental in bringing together hundreds of leaders in our community to help understand the issues and challenges faced by immigrant and refugee families. Recently, Vanessa developed the Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children & Youth, mobilizing the community to organize a symposium that highlighted the successes and challenges facing Immigrant families in our city.

