

## **Join us to hear these wonderful women speak at the 48<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention for BPW Canada!**

**Saturday Morning** - Tina Stevens - President, Co-op Housing Federation of Canada

**Saturday Luncheon** - Siobhán Vipond - Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress

**Saturday Gala Panel:**

Aditi Basdeo – Managing Director, Champions of Change

Kathy Cheng - Founder and President, Redwood Classics Apparel

Stacey Ann Berry - Founder and President of Bstellar Group Inc.

(Moderator) Denise Hampden - Regional Education Officer, Public Service Alliance of Canada

**Tina Stevens**

*President*

*Co-op Housing Federation of Canada*



Tina Stevens's journey with co-operative housing began when her mother became one of the first members of Native Inter-Tribal Housing Co-op in London, Ontario. Tina lived in the co-op for five years as a child and returned later to raise her own three sons. Within six months of joining Native Inter-Tribal, she was on the board, and in 1995 became the first Aboriginal Director on the board of Co-op Housing Federation of Canada. Now as President of CHF Canada, Tina's goal is to engage with the federal government on the National Housing Strategy and promote co-op housing as the best model for affordable housing in Canada. Tina is a member of the Loon clan and of the Kitigan Zibi First Nation She works as a Court and Client Representative with the Ministry of the Attorney General in London, Ontario.

**Siobhán Vipond**  
***Executive Vice-President***  
***Canadian Labour Congress***



Siobhán Vipond is the Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) since being elected at the 29th Constitutional Convention in 2021. Siobhán is a committed trade unionist and an intersectional feminist committed to a fair and equitable world. She is an advocate for workers' rights, pensions, gender and racial equity, and the importance of workers' voices at all levels of government and industry. Prior to her election to the CLC, Siobhán served four elected terms as Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta Federation of Labour. She is a proud member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE).

**Aditi Basdeo**  
*Managing Director*  
*Champions of Change*



Aditi Basdeo is an advocate, inventor, and passion-driven changemaker. In 2018 she founded Champions of Change Canada: an organization that amplifies youth voices as key leaders on the journey to empower gender equality. She is studying both engineering and business at Western University, while also working as the Youth Engagement Program Lead at Pillar Nonprofit Network.

**Kathy Cheng**  
***Founder & President***  
***Redwood Classics Apparel***



Kathy Cheng is President of Canadian apparel manufacturer WS & Co. and Founder of Redwood Classics, WS's premium apparel line handcrafted in North America. Kathy was named to Inc. Magazine's 100 Female Founders List and Women's Executive Network's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada. Her family came to Canada from Hong Kong in the 1970s and her father co-founded the business that she would eventually run. When the recession hit in 2008, Kathy became her father's business partner to keep the factory in business, focusing on building the Redwood Classics brand with a concentration on making ethical clothing and paying a living wage. Kathy believes being a business owner allows her to be an advocate, making an impact and challenging the status-quo in the traditional manufacturing industry.

**Stacey Ann Berry**  
**Founder and President**  
**Bstellar Group Inc.**



Stacey Ann Berry is President of Bstellar Group Inc. ([www.bstellargroup.com](http://www.bstellargroup.com)), a government relations and professional development firm based in Toronto. Stacey is passionate about community engagement and youth development and currently serves as the Chapter President for Blacks in Technology Foundation. She has a master's degree in Public Policy Administration and Law as well as an Honours BA in History and Law and Society, a diploma in Court and Tribunal Administration, and a certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution. Stacey has been recognized as one of the 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women as well as Canada's 100 Black Women to Watch by the Canadian International Black Women Excellence.

**Denise Hampden**  
**Regional Education Officer Public Service Alliance of Canada**



Denise works educating members of the labour movement. Her lived experiences and advocacy are uncompromisingly inclusive. I learn from her and take that knowledge forward with me. Her perspective helps me know how things were, how we have made things better, and how we can yet change the world for the better.