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Hello! My name is Marie Christian. As a representative on the National Council of Youth in Care Advocates, I represent the experiences of youth in and from care in Manitoba as the Director of VOICES: Manitoba's Youth in Care Network. I am driven by the Council's drive to secure the urgent moratoriums for young people poised to transition from care during the pandemic, AND the desire to see consistent, sustainable development of equitable standards for transitions from care from coast to coast to coast.

I bring a breadth of experience to my role in the National Council. Through youth-driven leadership, community awareness and advocacy, VOICES is committed to engaging, equipping, and empowering youth in and from care.

In addition to my leadership and administrative responsibilities at VOICES, I represent the organization on various committees and at speaking engagements. The best part of my role is being able to spend time with young people in and from care, from those who have only recently learned about their network, to some of our long-term leaders who come back for support and encouragement or a snack and a chat.

In my work, I am motivated by love and the determination that every young person should know that they matter, their voice matters, and they deserve every opportunity to grow and develop to their best potential.



"I am inspired by young people who have the courage to speak up and share their story, even and especially when they're afraid of what the outcome might be."

Outside of work I enjoy reading, listening and playing music, going on road trips and exploring different spaces. I really like sitting by water.

ABOUT VOICES: MANITOBA'S YOUTH IN CARE NETWORK

VOICES is an organization that serves youth (ages 12-30) in and from care through network development (building and supporting youth in care networks in schools and communities, beginning with a foundation of rights and advocacy awareness), resource sharing (connecting young people to resources, supports, and opportunities that are available in the community), and advocacy (both individual and systemic).

The organization supports the lives of young people in and from care who need a safe space to be themselves, ask questions freely, and make lifelong connections.

Learn more about VOICES [here](#).