

## **Bahira Abdulsalam Bio**

As an Educator, a certified professional engineer in Ontario, a PhD holder, and an entrepreneur. I am passionate serving the community and defending their rights and raising the awareness about human rights freedoms and democracy and diversity in Canada and around the world.

I am a member at the student council at Valley Park Middle School. I strongly support students' mental health and safety and helping them to excel and be the pillars of our communities, my objectives are to make our school safer, attract more funding and resources to our schools. Insure better diversity in the administration level for principal's vice principals as well as the schoolteachers. Educate the parents about the huge values of their contributions.

As a structural engineer in a male dominated field, I support the involvement and encourage our girls to be involved in STEM. I am very passionate about advanced manufacturing innovation and technology. I have tracked government initiatives to support Ontario's economy, established collaborations between industry and academia, and contributed to engineering and educational institutions in North America and the Middle East for more than 25 years.

I work with engineering companies, manufacturers, researchers, academic institutions, innovation centers, and business networks. I am a proud holder of the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee for 2023 award and several other prestigious awards.

I have created powerful structural engineering solutions for challenging engineering issues and technical problems. I graduated with a PhD degree from the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec, where I was actively involved in academic and social university committees for seven years.

Throughout my career I have presented strong project proposals, identified companies to partner with, developed intellectual property and commercialization strategies, created project plans, and identified technology trends.

I worked with several innovation centers including Spark Innovation Center. Joined several programs at the Toronto Board of Trade. I created publications of a technical nature through digital marketing and participation in trade shows.

I Volunteered with Strategic planning committee and with how to change the How to Change the World Higher Education London, UK I believe in inclusive leadership which drives innovation. I am a human rights activist advocating for human rights and freedoms in Canada and around the world.