



Womxn & Girls Mentorship Initiative

## She Connects Launch Event

After two years of planning, recruiting mentors, and organizing, She Connects Mentorship is finally launching this Fall 2021. Our launch event is a free online event featuring a panel of wonderful women speakers who will be talking about their experiences with mentorship and the benefits it brought their lives and careers.

She Connects programs are inclusive to womxn/girls/gender non-conforming folks of all identities.

### Event Audience:

- General public
- Inclusive of diverse backgrounds
- Primarily the audience will be women: university students, women in business industries, and women in leadership positions from various industries
- Mentees (high-school aged women) and their families
- She Connects mentors

### Event Speakers:

- MLA Grace Lore, [Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity](#)
- Ruth Mojeed Ramirez, [Chief Equity Officer, The Inclusion Project](#)
- Jodi Huettner, [Founder, CEO Helga Wear Inc.](#)
- Leanne Walsh, [Employment Lawyer, West Coast Workplace Law](#)
- Danielle Hofer, [Outreach Officer, Women's Enterprise Centre](#)

## About She Connects

Our Vision is to build a nationwide community of female leaders who support, empower, and encourage one another to pursue their dreams by creating meaningful connections through mentorship relationships. Our program is a national initiative that provides mentorship to young women in grades 10 to 12. Mentors range from 20 - 30 years old. As a fully volunteer initiative we are reaching out to the corporate, government, and non-profit sectors to support our initiative and help ensure its success.

## The Founders

Four women all under the age of 25, Avneet Sandhu, Emily Haugen, Meghan Dunn, and Leena Parhar, met at Daughters of the Vote in 2019. The founders represented their ridings in the House of Commons; Fleetwood-Port Kells (Avneet), Langley-Aldergrove (Emily), Abbotsford (Leena), and Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge (Meghan). Using seed funding from the Rosemary Speirs Leadership Grant, the four decided to launch She Connects to fill a gap that was missing when they were in high-school: female peer mentorship. The program now has 30 mentors and is endeavouring to recruit mentees.



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