



ASHLEY BACH

FORMER YOUTH IN CARE & ADVOCATE

Hello! My name is Ashley Bach, and I am an Ontario representative on the National Council of Youth in Care Advocates. In my role in the National Council, I share updates and perspectives on Indigenous issues and Indigenous youth in and from care, along with their wants and needs.

Being an independent community-based Indigenous advocate with lived experience allows me to offer a unique perspective, and motivates my continued work with the National Council. I am humbled to work alongside so many incredible people who are actively making a difference in their communities, and I am inspired by seeing the changes and impacts we've accomplished together so far.

Outside of the National Council, I am the Representative Plaintiff for the Removed Child Class for the Assembly of First Nations' Class Action on discrimination in First Nations Child and Family Services programs. I'm also the former president of Youth in Care Canada, where I provided expert witness insights on Bill C-92 and helped coordinate the first gathering of First Nations Youth in Care Advisors. As part of my involvement with the Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G), I helped coordinate the second gathering of First Nations Youth in Care Advisors. I am also a former Oshkaatisak Councillor, during which I held the child welfare portfolio.



“I'm always happy to connect with fellow youth from the system to advocate together on child welfare issues. Making positive changes for youth in and from care, and ensuring the rights of youth and Indigenous peoples involved in the child welfare system are upheld, motivate me to continue this work.”

As a community-based Indigenous advocate, I support youth in and from the child welfare system, especially First Nations youth such as myself. My work with Indigenous youth through the Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G) and the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Oshkaatisak Council (All Young Peoples' Council) is driven toward ensuring youth in and from care, especially Indigenous youth, have their voices amplified and supported.

In my spare time, I enjoy going on walks and getting out in nature, attending cultural and community events with A7G, and taking care of my plants.