

2017 GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD - Youth & Innovation



JAMAL TEKLEWELD is an active member of Saskatoon's co-operative development, education and environmental justice communities. Jamal is passionate about co-operatives and co-operative education, and works to make the community better wherever he goes.

Jamal currently works for the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association, where he manages the Co-op Camp youth program and other youth education initiatives. There, he has been instrumental in creating a series of teacher resources, implementing the Youth Co-operative Entrepreneurship Program which supports youth to create their own summer job co-op, and is

currently developing a new skill-building program for Saskatchewan youth called Level Up.

In his work supporting youth innovation and co-operative community development, Jamal leads by example, as his many past and present volunteer efforts demonstrate. This includes serving on the board of directors of the Saskatoon Car Share Co-op, as well as volunteering with the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan and other ethno-cultural organizations and initiatives in Saskatchewan, Quebec, and internationally.

In 2011, Jamal's passion for innovation and community development took him to Bangkok, Thailand where he worked for the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). Within the UNCDF, Jamal was a member of the pilot project team for LoCAL (Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility), where his work focused on supporting least developed countries, both in rural and urban communities, through investments for climate change adaptation and local capital development.

Jamal is very involved as board member for local co-ops including Temperance Brewing Co-op and the Bridge City Bicycle Co-op—where he volunteers to help youth and newcomers learn bicycle repair skills. He is also involved with the Saskatoon Chapter of AIESEC, a global youth-led volunteer and work placement organization, and was recently appointed to the City of Saskatoon Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Committee.