

2019 GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

JOANNE BLYTHE grew up on a mixed farm near Plunkett Saskatchewan and came to Saskatoon to attend the University of Saskatchewan. She has spent her working and volunteer life with non-profit community and international development organizations – the Saskatoon Women’s Calendar Collective, Project Ploughshares Saskatoon, the Saskatoon Women and Peace Collective, the CUSO Saskatchewan Regional Office, the Training for Health Renewal Project, and the current Mozambique Canada Maternal Health Project.

For 30 years Joanne has played a vital role in supporting overseas development programs and projects. Joanne has a firm commitment to bringing the realities of work outside of Canada back to local development here. She has skillfully and with commitment ensured that the work of these initiatives were accounted for and used due diligence in how resources were allocated. Her contributions required a sensitivity and awareness of the demands being made



on communities and the different realities that people and communities work with.

Joanne was a parent volunteer with the Saskatoon Open School for ten years. She is a volunteer and (founding) member of Permaculture Saskatchewan, a founding member of the Permablitz Guild in Saskatoon, and is also an active member of Wild about Saskatoon which organizes the annual NatureCity Festival. Joanne has 2 grown children, Mason and Emily and lives in Saskatoon with her husband Russ and their two collie dogs Paris and Norman.