



BIO – TRISH TARISAI MANDEWO

Trish is a Speaker, Facilitator, Business Owner and Author of her upcoming Book (The Art of Building a Successful Business as a New Immigrant). She is the owner and president of Gymbus Entertainment formerly known as Vancouver Tumblebus, Founder and CEO of Sensabus Society of BC and Co-founder of Women's Collaborative Leadership Hub. In less than 5 years, Trish just sold her first franchise / License – Fun Gymbus.

Trish graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University with a Pre-Med Biology Degree and from University of Central Oklahoma with a Clinical Laboratory Science degree. She further trained in Medical Microbiology and Embryology and worked in the field for 10 years. Trish considers herself a savvy serial entrepreneur as she has successfully built 4 businesses as well as a nonprofit for kids with autism.

She has won numerous awards and has been featured and highlighted in several media outlets. Some of her accomplishments includes being Panelist and advisor for Telus Small Businesses and best practices for engaging Today's savvy customers, being featured on Chek TV Reality TV show "The Hardway Show" and in Huffington Post. Panelist for Chamber of Commerce International Women's Day.

Some of her recent speaking engagements were with GROW in Edmonton, Canadian Immigrant Magazine Edmonton and Vancouver Immigrant fairs, SFU, Douglas College, YELL and many others.

She recently won RBC Top 25 Canadian Immigrant.

Trish believes in giving back to the community. She is involved in many community initiatives and she sits on several boards. Some of her current and most recent boards include:

- City of Coquitlam Multiculturalism Committee - Current
- Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Board Chair for Economic Summit – Current
- Ministry of Children – Tri-Cities Early Childhood Development Community Committee - Current
- Autism Speaks Canada - Corporate Sponsorship chair for Vancouver walk – Current
- Tri-city Transition Society Board Member – Current
- Valley Women's Network – Core Committee Website coordinator -Past
- VP of Communications for TCC Toastmasters International - Past
- Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Immigration and Trade Committee Chair - Past
- Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Ambassador (2 years) - Past
- 2016 BC Senior Games Competition Chair - Past
- Coquitlam Tennis Club President (3 years) - Past
- Tennis BC Director for Ladies Tennis Inter Club League (3 years) - Past
- North East Tennis Society - Fundraising chair (4 years) - Past

Awards

- 2017 RBC Winner - Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards
- 2016 Winner Tri-Cities Champions for Young Children Award of Excellence.
- 2016 BCIT Enactus Lion's Lair Business Program
- 2016 Honorable Mention – POCO Best Business Award
- 2015 Finalist New Immigrant Entrepreneur for Small Business BC
- 2015 Nominee British Columbia Multicultural Award
- 2014 Finalist Best Concept Award for Small Business BC,
- 2014 Finalist Tri-Cities Champions for Young Children Award of Excellence
- 2014 Semi-Finalist Best Immigrant Entrepreneur for Small Business BC

Trish is a champion for social change. She supports programs that empower women locally and in Africa. She is a motivational and a keynote speaker who incorporates her own life and business experiences in her speeches and workshops. Trish believes that power is not in the knowledge we have but in sharing with others.

"Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others." John Maxwell