

Stephanie Zabonas

Executive Director

Stephanie Zabonas was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She graduated from the University of Toronto in 2015 with an Honours Bachelor Degree, in political science and history, focusing on international relations.



She has always had a passion for human rights and helping others. During her time at the University of Toronto, Stephanie volunteered and was a part of various organizations and groups dedicated to human rights, such as the Mosaic Institute, the Stolen Sisters Campaign and was a co-chair for the 90 Day Challenge Against Gender-Based Violence in Conflict. Furthermore, during her recent travels throughout South East Asia, Stephanie has been inspired to get more involved in the promotion and protection of human rights, and also in international development, as she worked with and saw first-hand individuals and communities affected by poverty and conflict.

Stephanie is also involved with Amnesty International's Network on Women's Human Rights (ANWHR), participating in events to advocate for women's rights locally and internationally and works with Collective Human Rights Defender "Laura Acosta".

As Executive Director of the Canadian Human Rights International Organization, Stephanie aims to not only help people in Canada and around the world who have experienced human rights violations, but also to promote and lobby human rights issues and projects. She is extremely happy to be a part of the CHRIO family, and looks forward to working with her fellow CHRIO staff to help the organization grow and be able to provide assistance for even more people in need.