

THE VOICES OF
MOONSHOT
Making the Equality Fund



Meet our HOST



Jess Tomlin

Jess Tomlin is a social entrepreneur who has unleashed more than a \$1 billion in new funding for human rights movements across the course of her career, working with politicians, leading philanthropists, business leaders and activists across the globe.

As CEO of the Equality Fund, she has helped build a global fund that supports feminist movements at the frontlines of driving social change in over 100 countries. She has worked across Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Jess was a 2020 Women of Influence and the 2017 Stevie Awards Innovative Woman of the Year.

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Bea Gonzalez

Beatriz Gonzalez Manchon is Co-Vice President of Global Programs at the Equality Fund.

She co-leads the implementation of the Equality Fund's dynamic grantmaking strategy to advance the human rights of women, girls, and gender-diverse people.



Jess Houssian

Jess Houssian has focused her career on the intersections of gender equality, philanthropy, and social change, imagining and co-creating spaces for innovation and collaboration that shift power and resources to feminist movements around the world.

From 2019-2023, Jess served as Co-CEO of the Equality Fund, a model for sustainable investment in global feminist movements.

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Joanna Kerr

Joanna Kerr is the CEO of MakeWay Foundation.

She has spent her career advancing women's leadership, climate action, nature protection and Indigenous rights.



**The Honourable
Karina Gould**

The Honourable Karina Gould has been the Member of Parliament for Burlington since 2015 and is currently the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons. She has previously served as the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Minister of International Development, and Minister of Democratic Institutions. Throughout her career, she has been a strong advocate for social policy, women and children's issues. Gould championed policies such as Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy, Canada's National Child Care program and played an integral role with the Equality Fund. These initiatives underscore her commitment to advancing gender equality domestically and globally.

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Kat Im-Jenkins

Kat Im-Jenkins is the Managing Director at Equality Fund, an innovative fund seeking to fund feminist movements at scale.

Prior to joining Equality Fund, Kat served as the Chief Programs Officer at WUSC – a non profit supporting youth and forcibly displaced people to access education and economic opportunities.

She was also a board member of the MATCH International Women's Fund, advocating for sustainable and impactful funding for women's rights organizations globally.



Keely Tongate

Keely Tongate is the Executive Director of Solidaire Network and Solidaire Action, a community of donor organizers mobilizing critical resources to the frontlines of intersectional movements for racial, gender and climate justice.

She is a passionate advocate for participatory grassroots-led power building and a lifelong student of social movements.

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Louise Holt

While serving as Director General, Partnership for Gender Equality at Global Affairs Canada, Louise Holt led the team that secured Canada's support as the first country donor to the Equality Fund.

Before her recent retirement, she co-Chaired the inaugural Steering Committee of the Alliance for Feminist Movements, whose origins were greatly influenced by the Equality Fund collaborators.



Manisha Mehta

Manisha Mehta is the Program Director for the Women Rights Program at Wellspring Philanthropic Fund. In her role she leads a team focused on advancing reproductive equity, freedom from violence, economic justice, and strengthening the women's rights ecosystem and resourcing women's rights movements.

She has over 25 years of experience in the social justice field, especially in reproductive rights and gender-based violence.

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The Honourable
Marie-Claude Bibeau

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, elected in 2015 as MP for Compton—Stanstead, is currently serving as Minister of National Revenue, having previously held roles as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and Minister of International Development and La Francophonie.

She made history as the first woman to be appointed federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food in Canada and has been a strong advocate for the inclusion of women and youth in decision-making processes.



The Honourable
Maryam Monsef

Maryam Monsef is mother to a toddler and CEO of ONWARD, a consulting company that provides strategic supports to CEOs on communication, talent retention, government relations and more.

She was a cabinet minister for six years and recognized by Apolitical, as well as Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Michelle Obama, and Malala, as one of the “Top 20 Global Influencers on Gender Equality”

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Mebrat Beyene

An Eritrean, born in Ethiopia and raised in Montreal, Mebrat consults for nonprofit organizations, guiding them through challenges of change and growth, and advocating against scarcity models and the chronic under-resourcing of the sector.

Her vision is of a thriving nonprofit sector that empowers organizations and leaders to surpass sheer, unsustainable survival.



Monica Aleman

Monica Aleman currently serves as the International Program Director for the Gender, Racial and Ethnic Justice work at the Ford Foundation.

She plays a key role in the foundation's efforts to reduce gender-based violence, end structural inequalities, and institutionally strengthen feminist movements to advance a global agenda for gender equality.

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Nicky McIntyre

Nicky McIntyre is the Chief Executive Officer at Foundation for a Just Society (FJS), a private family foundation based in New York that aims to advance the rights of women, girls and LGBTQI people through grantmaking, accompaniment, and philanthropic advocacy.

Nicky has more than twenty-five years of experience raising awareness about, commitment to, and resources for human rights and social justice.



Peggy Antrobus

Peggy Antrobus is a prominent Caribbean feminist, economist, and social worker who has dedicated her life to advancing women's rights and development. She founded the Women and Development (WAND) Unit at the University of the West Indies and co-founded regional and global feminist networks, including CAFRA and DAWN.

With decades of experience in academia, government, and international organizations, she has contributed significantly to shaping global feminist movements and policies, earning numerous awards for her work.

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Rajasvini Bhansali

Rajasvini (Vini) Bhansali is the Executive Director of Solidaire Network and Solidaire Action, a community of donor organizers mobilizing critical resources to the frontlines of intersectional movements for racial, gender and climate justice.

She is a passionate advocate for participatory grassroots-led power building and a lifelong student of social movements.



Theo Sowa

Theo Sowa, born in Ghana, is a distinguished advocate for women's and children's rights, with extensive experience across Africa, Europe, and North America. She previously served as CEO of the African Women's Development Fund, leading the organization through significant growth and impact.

Currently, she focuses on philanthropic advocacy and serves on various boards, including as Co-Chair of the Equality Fund.