



Nancy Coldham, MAIIC, Hon. B.J.
Gender-Based Advocacy and Political Action

Nancy Coldham, founding partner of public affairs consulting firm The CG Group, has spent the past three decades channeling her talents for strategic communication, consensus-building and mentorship to improve the lives of women and girls. Nancy's passions revolve around breaking barriers to greater representation of women at political decision-making tables, in boardrooms and as successful entrepreneurs.

Nancy's professional and social entrepreneurship recognition includes: York Region Police Services Board Civic Leadership Award (2018); UN Global Compact Canada Gender Equity Award (2017); Ontario Leading Women Building Communities Award (2017); YWCA Woman of Distinction Award (2014), Governor General of Canada Gold Medal Award for Academic Excellence (Master's Thesis) 2013; Walk-With-Me Foundation Award of Excellence for her work raising awareness of Human Trafficking (2010); Markham Board of Trade Business Excellence Award (2006) and others.

As a past executive member of Equal Voice nationally and past co-chair of Equal Voice Toronto, Nancy brought Canada-wide attention to issues of women at the ballot box with exclusive ELLE magazine Canada media coverage and two large Toronto events that had women MPs, MPPs and Councillors from all parties attending and speaking. Nancy is past president of the Judy LaMarsh Fund that raised money nationally for women candidates to the federal Liberal party. Nancy is a former executive member of Canadian Women Voters Congress and its first Ontario representative. Nancy strives to build a critical mass of women holding political office in Canada and ran as a candidate herself in the 2015 federal election.

Nancy founded and is chief champion of two social enterprises. Domestically, she has launched a civics education program for grade 8 girls through the EVE Society and internationally, she is working on a craft brewery project to be owned and operated by Rwandan women entrepreneurs through CriticalMass Women Inc. Nancy is a Peace Through Business mentor supporting women in Afghanistan and Rwanda and is a member of the Advisory Council for the Institute for the Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW).

Nancy abhors injustice, particularly gender-based discrimination. Nancy's advocacy work, impacting women and girls, has been in the areas of anti-poverty, anti-bullying, anti-domestic violence and in ending mental illness stigma affecting women including building resilience among young women. Nancy is currently working towards a PhD focused within the topic area of women political leaders.