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## Communications Specialists for Donor Newsletters Issue



### **GILLIA BAKIE**

**FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL, FLICKER CONSULTING**  
**SENIOR DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR, WA CHARTERS**

Gillia Bakie is an expert on Washington's charter funding landscape and former development director at WA Charters. She is a seasoned grant writer that specializes in corporate and institutional giving strategies.

Gillia has led and supported effective and impactful strategic planning and new program development for state-level organizations over the course of her career.



### **RINI KAMALAKKANNAN**

**DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, WA CHARTERS**

With a background in architecture and design, Rini Kamalakkannan is intentional about creatively telling authentic stories in partnership with communities.

She believes in the power of youth voice, advocacy and innovative solutions. Creating and distributing ethical and inclusive content with a social justice lens is at the forefront of her work to shift and disrupt inequitable narratives. Rini envisions designing an anti-racist, community-led future with WA Charters.



### **ROWENA YOW**

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, IMPACT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Rowena Yow has over 15 years' experience in communications and editorial. Her passion is for storytelling for mission-driven organizations. Currently, she serves as the Director of Communications at Impact Public Schools in Seattle and Tacoma where she oversees internal and external communications for the four schools.

Her previous experience included communications roles for Junior Achievement of Washington and Seattle Repertory Theatre. Prior to Seattle, she worked in New York and LA in editorial jobs including DC Comics and Random House.



### **SHAUNA EDWARDS**

**FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LUMEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Shauna Edwards is the founder and executive director of Lumen High School in Spokane. She spends her days working behind the scenes with the most amazing students and staff members to keep the organization aligned to the mission.

Shauna has spent the past 17 years of my life seeking to hear the stories of parenting teenagers and their families in Spokane and using the privileged parts of her journey to create opportunities for parenting teenagers to be known, heard, and empowered.