

# **Laura Dickson**

**Executive Director at Women in Need Society**

Calgary, AB, CA

Non-profit leader, Social Entrepreneur and Social Justice

Advocate

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## **Biography**

Laura joined Women In Need Society (WINS) as the Executive Director in September, 2014. Laura brings close to 20 years of experience in the public and not for profit sectors in Alberta and Ontario. Prior to joining WINS, Laura served for two and a half years as the Chief Operating Officer of the Calgary Homeless Foundation as part of the team that launched Canada's first 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. Passionate about women's economic participation, affordable housing and social justice, Laura is committed to helping women and their families flourish. Laura holds an MBA in Executive Leadership from Royal Roads University in Victoria B.C., a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto and a Post-degree Certificate in Health Promotion from Canadore College in North Bay.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Non-Profit/Charitable, Women, Social Services, Retail, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Social Enterprise, Social Entrepreneurship, Women & Nonprofit, Retail - Thrift, Poverty Alleviation, Social Services

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## **Event Appearances**

**Strategic Capabilities Network**

Non-profit Leadership, Panel Discussion

**Alberta Women Entrepreneurs**

Icons of Alberta, Panelist

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## **Education**

**Royal Roads University**

MBA Business

**Canadore College**

Post Degree Certificate Health Promotion

## Accomplishments

### Trico Social EnterPrize Award

In 2015, Laura and the Women in Need Society accepted the national, biennial award presented by the Trico Foundation for leadership and excellence in social enterprise. <https://tricofoundation.ca/poised-for-growth-calgary-social-enterprise-grateful-to-win-prestigious-social-enterprize/>

### Business in Calgary, Leaders Award

In May, 2016 Laura was one of Calgary's top 20 Business Leaders recognized through this annual leadership award.

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