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National Institute on Ageing Names New Executive Director

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TORONTO, Aug. 8, 2022 — The National Institute on Ageing is pleased to welcome Alyssa Brierley as its new Executive Director.

Brierley is a lawyer and public policy professional with more than a decade of experience in organizational and operational leadership, public policy, research, governance and law.

Since 2018, Brierley has served as the Executive Director and General Counsel at the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA), Canada's leading non-profit organization focused on advancing the right to housing. During this time she led the organization through a period of significant strategy development, growth and transition including a national expansion, organizational rebranding, and expansion of its research, policy advocacy, strategic litigation and services work.

"The NIA does ground-breaking work on a crucial policy issue that touches all Canadians' lives, and I am excited to be part of it," Brierley said. "I look forward to helping advance the NIA's research and leadership on ageing in Canada."

Prior to joining CERA, Brierley served as the health, social, justice and labour policy advisor to the President of the Treasury Board of Ontario and as the Director of Policy to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure. She has also worked as a legal research and communications advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, a lawyer and policy analyst at the Ontario College of Teachers, and a lecturer at Toronto Metropolitan University. Brierley holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Waterloo, a Master's degree in Political Science from York University, a Juris Doctor from Osgoode Hall Law School, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University.

"Alyssa brings a wealth of experience in public policy and organizational leadership," said NIA Board Chair Mitch Frazer. "We are thrilled to welcome her to the team and confident that the NIA is in excellent hands."

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The [National Institute on Ageing](#) is a think tank at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University) focused on the realities of Canada's ageing population. Follow us on Twitter [@NIAgeing](#) and support our call for a National Seniors Strategy [@NSS Now](#).

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