

Improving Access to Information for Nova Scotians:

a Panel Discussion on International Right to Know Day (September 28th)



Moderated by Michael Gorman

Michael Gorman is a reporter with CBC Nova Scotia in Halifax. Before that he worked at The Chronicle Herald in Halifax and Truro, and The Yarmouth Vanguard. A large part of his work focuses on issues of accountability, work that often includes the use of government records and the FOIPOP Act.



Arilea Sill

Arilea Sill is the Chief Information Access and Privacy Officer with the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services. In this role, Arilea leads the team of Information Access and Privacy (IAP) professionals who are responsible for operationalizing the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act on behalf of the Provincial government. Arilea has over 20 years' experience in records, information access and privacy services.



Tricia Ralph

Tricia Ralph was appointed the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia in March 2020. As Commissioner, she works with a team of access and privacy experts. Together, they are responsible for resolving freedom of information and privacy complaints brought forward by individual members of the public, either by informal resolution or by a formal review process. The Commissioner also provides advice and comments on access and privacy matters that affect Nova Scotians. Tricia holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Masters of Health Administration from Dalhousie University.



Raphael Vagliano

Raphael Vagliano is a legal officer at the Centre for Law and Democracy, where he focuses on advocacy for freedom of expression and the right to information. He holds dual degrees in common and civil law from McGill University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University. After completing his law studies, he worked for a year as a Law Foundation of Ontario Public Interest Articling Fellow at Amnesty International Canada before practicing as a refugee lawyer in Toronto for four and a half years.

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Halifax Public Library, Central Library: BMO Community Room

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