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Turpel-Lafond Appointed as Trudeau Foundation Mentor

VICTORIA – The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation has named Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, B.C.'s Representative for Children and Youth, as one of this year's 10 new Trudeau Mentors.

The Trudeau Mentors, accomplished Canadians from a variety of backgrounds including journalism, government, business, advocacy, and public policy, provide a unique reality check to the research conducted by the Trudeau Scholars. They help ensure the work is actionable and applicable to the needs and concerns of Canadians today, says the Foundation.

"The quality of the Trudeau Mentors reflects the momentum of the program and the depth of Canada's expertise in all spheres of public life," said Pierre-Gerlier Forest, President of the Trudeau Foundation. "In addition to sharing their knowledge and perspective, Trudeau Mentors accelerate the careers of Trudeau Scholars by welcoming them as colleagues and introducing them to valuable professional and social networks."

Turpel-Lafond said she is honoured to participate in this distinguished program. "The Trudeau Foundation provides extraordinary scholars the means and support to make meaningful contributions to critical social issues," she said. "I look forward to helping in research and work that contributes to strong social-serving systems that support the vulnerable in our society."

The Foundation appoints up to 12 Mentors per year to interact with the Scholars and participate in meetings held by the Foundation. Trudeau Mentors are selected from the most eminent Canadian practitioners in all sectors of public life, from the creative arts to business, and from public service to social activism. (www.trudeaufoundation.ca)

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