

Chantelle Ohrling, CFRE (she/her) is a daughter, sister, niece, cousin, and justice-oriented legacy strategist whose work bridges technical expertise, systems design, and deep relational care. In her role as Senior Officer, Legacy Giving with David Suzuki Foundation, she helps donors connect their lifelong values to meaningful action, while strengthening the systems that support thoughtful estate administration and deeper stewardship.

Chantelle is always working to advance equitable, community-rooted philanthropy. For the past decade, she has been grassroots organizing & fundraising for feminist movements. She also contributes to Hogan's Alley Society through fund development and is active in the Black Canadian Fundraisers Collective, where she helps build spaces for belonging and sector transformation.

As a speaker, Chantelle has shared her expertise with students at University of British Columbia, Association of Fundraising Professionals, and the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, offering perspectives on racial capitalism, Black philanthropy, and the path toward a more equitable and community-centered planned giving sector. Her published writing contributes to discussions across the charitable sector on the racial wealth gap, community-rooted philanthropy, and diverse approaches to legacy.

Guided by a commitment to equity, Chantelle works to create a philanthropic landscape that functions as a web of interconnected relationships, where giving and receiving are reciprocal. She believes we can alchemize oppressive systems, much like fungi decompose dead matter, into fertile ground for new societies rooted in deep care and respect for all living relations.

