



Alumni Profile

Allan Ssemugenyi

BSW '12

Current Career

Organization: St. Leonard's Community Service

Title: Justice Worker

Organization: ChildLife Network International (CNI)

Title: Co-Founder

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Career Overview

Allan's childhood was fraught with violence, illness and poverty in Uganda. He moved with his family to Canada in 2002. Inspired by his experience, Allan and his wife started a registered charity in 2007 called ChildLife Network International. CNI addresses the dire conditions facing children in Uganda, hoping to provide them with skills to increase their chances of survival and success. Allan's full-time job is as a Justice Worker at St. Leonard's Community Service which offers a variety of programs that provide counselling and support to the community.

What advice do you have for current Social Work students?

My advice to current students is to know which part of Social Work they want to be involved in. I think it's crucial to follow your passion so when you meet challenges you still have that drive because you care. Social work is a very wide field. So know where you want to go.

How did King's help you make a difference?

I started an organization and am connected to the professors and leadership at King's. King's has given me a base – a foundation – to help me settle in London as a new Canadian. Fellow students that went through the program are now working in the community and are part of my social network. In my work, I can connect with someone in my network who has had this King's experience with me and together we can help that client.