

**Emmanuelle Gareau, University of Montreal, Ph.D. Public Health**

Emmanuelle (she/her) is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in public health with a specialization in health promotion at the University of Montreal. Her research focuses on the sexual health of women who have experienced female genital cutting (FGC) and are currently living in Western countries. Her work specifically explores how we can better support Canadian survivors by addressing structural barriers to care and promoting inclusive, culturally adapted, and trauma-informed sexual health services and resources. Alongside her academic work, she has spent over a decade working in the women's health and rights sector—as an employee, consultant, administrator, and long-time volunteer. She is actively involved with various Quebec-based community organizations to promote the sexual health and rights of women and 2SLGBTQI+populations through research, education, and advocacy.

She intends to continue dedicating her time to community-based work, which has always been at the heart of her career. She aims to contribute to building sustainable, interdisciplinary systems of care that uplift and empower survivors while promoting long-term health equity for women and girls affected by all forms of gender-based violence, including FGC.

