

# Parnian ● Anaa

Designer, Community Advocate, and Collaborator

Hoping to use my skills in art, design, and fashion in serving my communities, as well as further growing within this creative journey...

## EXPERIENCE

### Emily Carr Library – Accessibility Research Assistant

Sept 2024 - Present

- In collaboration with the library, I am leading an accessibility research to enhance the library's resources and services for students.
- Using different design research methods such as survey development, I have engaged with students to collect feedback, and have created a short and long term plan for accessibility improvement.
- Hosting sensory friendly study nights
- Writing creative access descriptions for the print collection

### Emily Carr Health and Design Lab – Research Assistant for Dementia-Friendly Community Project

January - June 2024

- Researched and co-designed five virtual workshops in collaboration with researchers from University of Victoria, to create a dementia friendly community action plan for people with dementia who live independently across BC.
- The project involved kit making, hosting, data analysis, and writing a final report.
- The results are being used to apply for further funding to develop further projects with the growing number of people with dementia who live independently (alone).

### Group Fitness Instructor— Steve Nash Fitness World, North Vancouver Recreational Centers

April 2019 - Present

- Developing and teaching a variety of class plans for a wide range of audience. Class types include: Yoga/Stretch/ Resistance Training/ HITT
- I also specialize in youth and accessibility focused training

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### Emily Carr Board of Governance – Student Board Representative

August 2023 - Present

- Advocating for affordable education
- Engaging in annual matters of the board such as budget approval
- Served on Presidential Review Committee and Presidential Search Committee

### Emily Carr's Students' Union – Grounded Engagement, Internal Affairs, and Racialized Community Coordinator

July 2020 - Present

- Researching through design as a way to advocate for student needs.

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## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

BA Industrial Design, Minor of Social Practices and Community Engagement, Emily Carr University (Graduating May 2025, GPA 3.961)

Research Ethics, TCPS 2: Core (2023)

Mueller Pattern Making/ Fashion Design Certificate, City & Guilds (2022)

Certified Personal Training, NASM (since 2021)

Non-violent Communication (2020)

200 Hour Teacher Training, Yoga Alliance | Trauma Informed Yoga, Yoga Outreach (since 2019)

## AWARDS

INDD Micro Grant, 2023/ 2024

Design For Complex Societies, 2024

Simon Chang Award, 2024

DESIS Scholarship, 2024

EDI Summit Winner, 2023

## LANGUAGES

English, Persian

## SKILLS

Research  
Community Engagement/ events  
Collaboration & Co-design  
Critical Problem Solving  
Policy and Advocacy Work  
Creative and Academic Writing  
Effective communication  
Manufacturing Processes  
Pattern Making/ Sewing Skill  
Book Making  
Adobe suits  
Microsoft Suite

Examples are collective active exhibitions, design for belonging, enhancing student voices and collecting feedback through Crafting Utopias workshop series, and events

- Emily Carr University Anti-racist work (EDI)
- Modeling best practices on consultation and engagement
- Training and onboarding new board members

## EXHIBITIONS AND CURATORIAL PRACTICE

“Missingspaces” – The MOEC Gallery at Emily Carr University

March 2024 – Co-curator

“tender. tend. Tending.” – The Library at Emily Carr University

Dec 2023 – Co-curator

“A Sense Making Archive of Imagining Utopias, Remembering Dystopias, and Crafting Zebras ” – The MOEC Gallery at Emily Carr University

November 2023 – Curator

Lab Here// Too// For – Fashion Fictions at Vancouver Art Gallery

May-July 2023 – Researcher

“Peace & Chaos: of Woman, Life, Freedom” – The MOEC Gallery at Emily Carr University

June 2023 – Curator