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She has worked, through an executive interchange, in the not-for-profit sector as the Director of the Public Involvement Program with the Canadian Policy Research Networks.

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