Laura Booi's work prior to joining GBHI, has focused on three key areas: her work as a founding member of the World Young Leaders in Dementia; her work in pushing forward dementia inclusive initiatives across Canada, including participating in the development of Canada's first national dementia strategy; and her continual involvement with progressive academic and industry led research in improving institutional long-term care for people living with dementia.

“Canada is working toward becoming a dementia inclusive nation, and through the development and implementation of their first national dementia strategy we hope to make a commitment to securing and supporting the human rights of those living with dementia.”

“As a society we will be able to achieve the mission of GBHI when all nations develop and implement national dementia strategies that address the individualized needs of their unique populations. This includes issues of dementia related stigma, ensuring human rights for those living with dementia and engaging those with the lived experience in discussions and the search for sustainable global and locally led solutions. To address these needs, over the last decade I have become an engaged participant in national and international dementia-led discussions, doing my part to ensure that the voices of those living with dementia are recognized as the true experts in these discussions. During my fellowship at GBHI I hope to continue to grow and engage the members of the World Young Leaders in Dementia (WYLD) to help the voice of the next generation of dementia researchers and advocates support the international movement of dementia inclusivity.”

**Bio:** Laura Booi completed her doctorate in Gerontology at Simon Fraser University in 2018. Since 2015, Laura has served as a founding member and steering group member of the World Young Leaders in Dementia. From 2016-2018 she has served as the principal investigator of a dementia inclusive initiative for a provincial body that oversees 610 retirement communities (housing 49’000 residents and staffing 55’000 individuals) in Ontario, Canada.

**Links:** [www.WYLDementia.org](http://www.WYLDementia.org)