



**COUNCIL OF AGENCIES SERVING SOUTH ASIANS**

*The Council of Agencies Serving South Asians'*

# **July 2021 Newsletter**

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# Canada Day

Rather than traditional Canada Day celebrations that come on July 1, we encourage reflection over commemoration. The tragic discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves and events depicting the existence of systemic racism prompt Canadians to take this day to **remember, reflect and take responsibility**. This year, we stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities and are reminded of the work that left to be done in combatting systemic racism.

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## COVID-19 Helpline for South Asians

This COVID-19 Helpline is funded by the Government of Canada, United Way and Indus Community Services and managed by the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) in partnership with the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario, Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action, Bangladeshi Canadian Community Services, South Asian Women's Rights Organization, and Punjabi Community Health Services.

The COVID-19 Helpline provides information about health & safety during COVID-19, details on the reopening process, government benefits, and support services available to communities in **English, Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Bengali and Punjabi**. Recorded information is available on the Helpline 24/7 and live Intake Specialists are available 7 days a week. Call **647-846-2233** or **1-866-300-3454** (For Out of GTA callers) to access the Helpline.

The Helpline went **LIVE** in early September and is accessible at: [647-846-2233](tel:647-846-2233).

We highly encourage and appreciate if members could share the helpline with their networks and on their social media.

Funded by: Canada, United Way Greater Toronto, Indus Community Services

**COVID-19 HELPLINE FOR SOUTH ASIANS IN THE GTA**

**647-846-2233**

TOLL FREE # FOR OUT OF GTA CALLERS: 1-866-300-3454

INFORMATION ON COVID-19: HEALTH & SAFETY, GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, SUPPORT SERVICES, RE-OPENING PROTOCOLS, AND FOOD SECURITY

RECORDED INFORMATION & LIVE INTAKE SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE IN: ENGLISH, URDU, HINDI, TAMIL, PUNJABI, AND BANGLA

SAICO, BCS, TAMIL CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CIVIC ACTION, pchs, South Asian Women's Rights Organization

مالی تعاون: Canada, United Way Greater Toronto, Indus Community Services

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**647-846-2233**

جی ٹی اے سے باہر رہنے والے کالرز کے لئے ٹول - فری نمبر: 1-866-300-3454

کووڈ 19 پر معلومات: صحت اور حفاظت، حکومتی فوائد اور خدمات، دوبارہ کھولنے کے عمل سے متعلق فوائد، اور کھانے کی حفاظت

ریکارڈ شدہ معلومات اور براہ راست دستیاب ماہرین: انگریزی، اردو، ہندی، تامل، پنجابی، اور: بنگلہ

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The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education is working on passing motions regarding racial equity issues at Ontario school boards.

Our next training weekend for volunteers is [July 10 & 11](#).

The next CASSA Community meeting will be held in the first two weeks of June, and volunteers will receive emails regarding specific details.

Volunteers and community members interested in the project can access the training materials from our last training weekend using these links:

**Parent Meeting Folder**, click [here](#).

**Students Meeting Folder**, click [here](#).

We will begin recruiting the 2nd volunteer cohort in July, so if you are interested in participating in the project, please fill out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/210544427161246>

**CREE ANTI-HATE COMMUNITY FORUM**

**JUNE 30, 2021 AT 6PM**

**\$20 AMAZON GIFT CARD FOR ATTENDEES**

The forum will include an overview of hate crimes & statistics in Canada, information on how to accurately document & report online hate, and how to set privacy settings.

Register here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom-link>

Please fill out this short survey:  
<https://linktr.ee/cassasurvey>

Available in:

- English
- Arabic
- Bengali
- Chinese
- French
- Hindi
- Urdu

Have you experienced hate online? We want to hear from you!

@#%!  
 ❤️

### **CREE Ant-Hate Community Forum**

This forum provides an overview of hate-crimes in Canada and demonstrates how to document and report online hate. Attendees get a **\$20 Amazon gift card**.

Register here:

### **South Asian Vaccine Engagement Collaborative - Wardah Malik, Vaccine Engagement Coordinator**

CASSA's Vaccine Engagement Team, as part of the South Asian Vaccine Engagement Collaborative, is starting work on a new information hub that will streamline the information sharing process and alert community members to available vaccines. The hub will also focus on displaying new educational content relevant to all of Toronto, including videos on vaccine myth-busting, youth outreach, and overcoming second dose hesitancy.

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get vaccinated so make sure to watch the CASSA website and reach out with relevant notices by contacting [wardah@cassa.on.ca](mailto:wardah@cassa.on.ca).

**ANTI-HATE CONVERSATION SERIES**

**SEASON 2: COLLABORATIVE TO COMBAT ONLINE HATE**

**PART 26: ONLINE ACTIVISM**

EPISODES WILL BE RELEASED BIWEEKLY ON TUESDAYS AT 4 PM EST

NOW AVAILABLE ON SPOTIFY AND GOOGLE PODCASTS  
[spoti.fi/2QG4HDr](https://spoti.fi/2QG4HDr)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
CANADIAN ARAB INSTITUTE;  
RESEARCHER AT TOGETHER PROJECT

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PUT A NAME TO THE STATISTIC.

**Call for Stories**

While statistics on racism provide vital information, it is personal stories and experiences that drive the message home.

If you're a visible minority who has experienced online hate in a way that has impacted you, we want to hear your story. Shared experiences might be used as part of our project on combatting online hate. Please submit your story through this google form: <https://bit.ly/3eNcyaB>

Thank you for opening up about your experience!

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## [Collaborative to Combat Online Hate - Maryam Faisal, Anti-Hate Project Coordinator](#)

[New podcast episode is now live!](#)

Check out CASSA's Podcast channel here:

Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/2QG4HDr>

[Call for Submissions:](#) Put A Name to the Statistic: Call for Stories.

While statistics on racism provide vital information, it is personal stories and experiences that drive the message home. If you're a visible minority who has experienced online hate in a way that has impacted you, we want to hear your story. Shared experiences might be used as part of our project and social media campaign on combatting online hate. Please submit your story through this google form: <https://bit.ly/3eNcyaB> We thank you for opening up to us and helping us combat online hate.

**Note:** You will be contacted beforehand if we decide to use your experience as part of our campaign! Please email [maryam@cassa.on.ca](mailto:maryam@cassa.on.ca) if you have any other questions or concerns.

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## [Hate Crime Reporting -](#)

[Lakhdeep Dhaliwal, Hate Crime Reporting Project Coordinator](#)

The Hate Crime Reporting Project has struck an advisory committee that will meet to review project scope and outcomes on **June 30th, 2021**.

This advisory group of cross sectoral professionals will help guide the project and specifically the community survey that will go live this year. This survey will invite all members from the community to participate in the survey and to centre the truth with regards to the experience of hate in our communities. The following year, community forums will ultimately lead to police service recommendations and cultural competency capacity building sessions for officers.

Currently, a review of resources and service providers is underway to determine gaps in reporting hate crimes, the next steps will lead to concrete experiences, shaped by facts and stats surrounding hate in our communities (York, Peel, Toronto, Ottawa).

We look forward to action herein!

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**WORKSHOP #2**

**Addressing Systemic Discrimination in Housing**

**WORKSHOP SERIES:**  
Claiming the Right to Housing in the GTA

July 6, 2020 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. EST

**CERA** **Right to Housing in Toronto**

## [Systemic Discrimination in Housing -](#)

[Khalood Kibria, Social and Racial Equity Planning Coordinator](#)

### **JULY 6 WORKSHOP: ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN THE GTA**

The second workshop in the series “Claiming the right to housing in the GTA” hosted by the Right to Housing Toronto (R2HTO) and the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA) will

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Although legal protections against discrimination in housing exist, marginalized communities in the GTA continue to face discrimination in accessing housing. This workshop will provide an overview of systemic discrimination in housing and the legal frameworks that protect people from discrimination. Participants will hear first-hand accounts from lived experts who have experienced discrimination in housing. **Register [here](#).**

### **Health Equity Summit 2021 -**

**Mahdiba Chowdhury, Health Equity Coordinator**

#### **2021 Health Equity Summit - COVID-19 Response: Road to Recovery**

CASSA will be hosting our **10th Annual Health Equity Summit** virtually. The Health Equity Summit is a recognizable event that addresses health-related disparities, particularly those affecting South Asians and other racialized communities. This year's Summit plans to address the concerns with *reopening society after months of social isolation*. The Summit will provide an opportunity for public health professionals, community leaders, researchers, academics, social-service providers, and decision-makers alike to demonstrate our collective capacity to improve health equity in ongoing and future public health crises. Specifically, we will be looking at topics related to access to critical health services, mental health and addiction concerns, reducing stigma and discrimination, and building resilience. Following the plenary session, we will provide an opportunity for attendees to voice their questions and concerns during the breakout session.

The Summit will be held using **Zoom** on **Wednesday, September 22nd** and **Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 10am – 2pm.**

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## **Statement on attack on Muslim Family in London**



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Statement on the attack on the Muslim family in London, Ontario

June 7, 2021

It is with profound grief, shock, and sadness that we write this statement to absolutely condemn the horrifying terrorist attack on a Muslim family in London, Ontario today, which left 3 adults and 1 teenager dead and orphaned an eight-year-old boy.

The Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) along with the Anti-hate Community Leaders' Group has been working to bring attention to hate-motivated crimes and create policies and programs to combat all forms of hate crimes and hate speech since 2019. Following the Quebec Mosque massacre of 2018, we resolved to do whatever we can to ensure such a terrorist act is not repeated in Canada. After today's attack, we know much more is to be done before we can rid ourselves of hate in this country.

Today's incident hits too close to home for CASSA, as the deceased family was related to one of our staff members. Our thoughts, prayers, and support go out to the survivors of the family, especially the eight-year-old boy who has lost his entire family because of blind hate and Islamophobia. Today, tens of thousands of Muslims families across Canada are alarmed, scared, and fear for their safety.

We, as members of the Anti-hate Community Leaders' Group and other social justice organizations, demand the harshest punishment for the terrorist who committed this crime to bring swift justice to the deceased family.

We also extend our support to organizations such as the National Council of Canadian Muslims as they navigate this crisis and work with law enforcement and policy makers to ensure justice is served.

In solidarity,

Across Boundaries  
Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (ASAAP)  
Bangladeshi Canadian Community Services  
Canadian Anti-Hate Network  
Canadian Arab Federation  
Canadian Arab Institute

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## Statement of Solidarity with Indigenous Communities



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June 3, 2021

The Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) would like to offer its deepest condolences to the families, relatives, and communities of the 215 children whose bodies were found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.

We are deeply grieved by this news, but we are not shocked. The Canadian Residential School System was an instrument of genocide, with the last residential school closing as recently as 1996. These schools were sites of emotional, physical, intellectual, and sexual abuse that were used by the Canadian state to advance the project of settler colonialism by uprooting Indigenous children from their communities, permanently separating them from their families, and stripping them of their culture and language. Indigenous people around the country continue to remind us that this is not an isolated incident. Over the course of the residential school system, over 150,000 Indigenous children were taken away from their families, and at least 6000 were killed, and not returned to their families - Indigenous communities have always known that such mass graves existed all around the country.

The lowering of flags is not enough. The stories that continue to come out of residential schools are not simply a "dark chapter" in Canadian history, but an ongoing reality reflecting the violence that settler colonialism inflicts on Indigenous people. In so many ways, settler colonial violence continues to be part of the modern Canadian landscape - a lack of access to clean water, ongoing violence against Indigenous women, land theft, disproportionate spread of disease, coercion of Indigenous children into the Child Welfare system - the Canadian government, and all settler Canadians have a responsibility to address these inequalities.

Although we may not have been among the initial colonizers of this land, the South Asian immigrant community must not forget that we live, work, and play on Indigenous lands. It is our responsibility to stand with Indigenous nations as they demand accountability and justice for the violence done to them and their children. We must recognize our responsibility to educate ourselves, listen to the initial caretakers of this land, and take action to show solidarity with Indigenous people.

For those needing support, please call: National Indian Residential School Crisis Line, 1-866-925-4419

As we mark National Indigenous History Month this June, let us commit to greater education and calls to action. Some resources to begin your learning and unlearning:

- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission: [http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)
- The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: <https://www.mmiw.ca/final-report/>
- Native Women's Association of Canada's Action Plan to End the Attack Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse People: <https://www.nwac.ca/>

Contact:  
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## Messages from Members

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**South Asian Cardiovascular  
Risk Assessment Clinic**

Live and virtual visits available



### **South Asian Risk Assessment Clinic - SANSAR**

The South Asian Cardiovascular Risk Assessment Clinic went on hiatus at the beginning of the pandemic. SANSAR is pleased to announce that the clinic has been completely overhauled to be offered as a virtual or live clinic, based on patient preference. The new clinic will open to patients as of September this year, and patients from across Ontario are now eligible for virtual consultations upon referral by a physician.

Learn more [here](#).

Characterisation of immune  
“hot” hormone receptor  
positive breast cancer

**Melanie Spears, PhD**  
Principal Research Scientist  
Associate Director of Diagnostic Development,  
Ontario Institute for Cancer Research

ONCOxchange  
In partnership with the Breast Cancer Society of Canada  
and the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research

BREAST CANCER SOCIETY  
of Canada  
LA SOCIÉTÉ DU CANCER DU SEIN  
du Canada

OICR  
Ontario Institute  
for Cancer Research

### **Funding for new project - Breast Cancer Society of Canada**

Thanks to the support of our donors, today we are proud to announce our funding of a critical new research project, in collaboration with the **Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, (OICR)**.

Dr. Melanie Spears, Principal Research Scientist and Associate Director of Diagnostic Development at OICR provides an overview of the project:

“Previous breast cancer research has focused on the DNA of tumour. Our research will investigate the immune cells and the response of the immune cells to the tumour. Understanding the tumour biology and the immune micro-environment will allow for the development of diagnostic tests and

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## Digital Anti-Racism Education Project 2

**Anti-Islamophobia 101 with:**

**AMIRA ELGHAWABY**

Amira Elghawaby is a journalist and human rights advocate. She currently works in Canada's labour movement. Along with appearances on Canadian and international news networks, Amira has written and produced stories and commentary for CBC Radio, the Ottawa Citizen, Maclean's, the Walrus, the Literary Review of Canada, and the Globe and Mail. She is currently a contributing columnist for the Toronto Star.

**Countering Cyberhate 101 with:**

**DR. BARBARA PERRY**

Dr. Barbara Perry is the Director of the Centre on Hate, Bias, and Extremism. She has written extensively in the area of hate crime and right-wing extremism. Dr. Perry has also written on policing diverse communities, including work on social control in Native American communities. She has made substantial contributions to the limited scholarship on hate crime in Canada.

Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW)  
Le conseil canadien des femmes musulmanes (CCFM)

Funded by the Government of Canada



## Digital Anti-Racism Education Project 2 - CCMW

From recent events, we know that the dialogue against hate, racism, Islamophobia and all forms of discrimination must never stop! CCMW's **Digital Anti Racism Education 2 Workshops** are an excellent way to engage in this important conversation. The workshops are in **English & French** and on the following topics:

- How Islamophobia further marginalizes Black Muslims, Indigenous Muslims, 2SLGBTQI+ Muslims and Muslims with disabilities.
- Understanding cyberhate and online extremism to effectively counter online hate speech and narratives effectively.

## Register Today!

**May 2021 - July 2021**

Registration required

[bit.ly/dare2workshops](https://bit.ly/dare2workshops) 🔍

For more information visit  
[www.daretobeaware.ca](http://www.daretobeaware.ca)



Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW)  
Le conseil canadien des femmes musulmanes (CCFM)

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**Anti-Islamophobia 101:** The 3.5-hour virtual workshop addresses realities of Islamophobia and the way it operates in Canadian society. Hosted by Amira Elghawaby, renowned journalist and human rights advocate. **July 17 (English) and July 18 (French).**

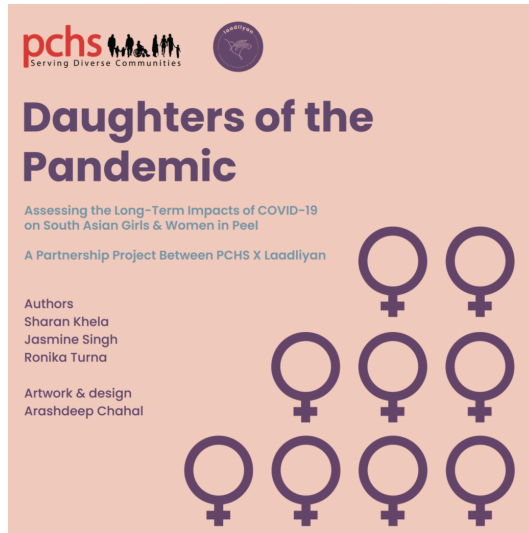
**Countering Cyberhate 101 Virtual Workshop:** The 3-hour virtual workshop helps people better understand online hate speech and extremism, with interactive tools alongside engaging breakout sessions. Led by Dr. Barbara Perry, Professor, Director, Centre of Hate, Bias & Extremism. **July 24 (English) and July 25 (French).**

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Cyberhate 101 Workshop in order to receive a certificate in Digital Anti-Racism Education.**

It is recommended that participants take the broader Anti-Racism 101 training before participating in the first workshop. The Anti-Racism 101 e-learning module can be found on: [www.daretobeaware.ca](http://www.daretobeaware.ca)

For workshop schedule, [CLICK HERE](#)

To register for upcoming workshops, [CLICK HERE](#)

**Daughters of the Pandemic -****Laadliyan, PCHS**

Laadliyah conducted community based research to learn more about the challenges South Asian daughters within the Peel Region have been facing as a result of COVID-19. Through candid community conversations with daughters of all ages living and/or working in Peel Region, they collected community narratives to inform their research. [Read the full report here.](#)

## Opportunities



**Job Posting: Financial Administrator**  
**- Times Change Women's Employment**  
**Service**

**Position description:** The Financial Administrator is responsible for financial accounting and reporting, budget preparation, project management, and strategic planning. The Financial Administrator provides strategic vision and direction to the financial success of the organization.

**Salary:** \$30.34 per hour + extended health benefits

**Hours of Work:** 35 hours/week (full-time)

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### **[Job Postings: Senior Project Manager Transformation: - City of Toronto](#)**

**Position description:** To provide strategic advice and leadership to a multi-year transformational review of the City's public engagement programs, services and strategies, incorporating best practices, interrelated processes, operational practices and procedures to enhance the overall delivery and continuous improvement of public engagement, particularly with Black, Indigenous and equity-seeking Torontonians.

**Job Type & Duration:** Full-time, Temporary, 18 months

**Salary:** \$103,303.20 - \$121,375.80, TM2548, WG7.5

**Hours of Work:** 35 hours/week (full-time)

**Application Deadline:** July 7, 2021

Apply [here](#).

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### **[Job Postings: Stakeholder Engagement Lead: - City of Toronto](#)**

**Position description:** To actively create an environment of equity, innovation, collaboration, transparency, accountability and trust through the development and delivery of in-person and online engagement plans and activities that are purposeful and inclusive, and inform recommendations for enhancing the City's public engagement programs going forward.

**Job Type & Duration:** Full-time, Temporary, 18 months

**Salary:** \$88,979.80 - \$104,540.80, TM2318, WG6.5 **Shift Information:** Mon-Fri, 35hrs/wk

**Application Deadline:** July 7, 2021

Apply [here](#).

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### **[Job Postings: Senior Corporate Management Policy Consultant: - City of Toronto](#)**

**Position description:** To actively create an environment of equity, innovation, collaboration, transparency, accountability and trust through the development and delivery of in-person and online engagement plans and activities that are purposeful and inclusive, and inform recommendations for enhancing the City's public engagement programs going forward.

**Job Type & Duration:** Full-time, Temporary Vacancy, 18 months **Salary:**

\$110,965.40-\$130,366.60, TM1158, WG8.0 Shift

**Application Deadline:** July 7, 2021

Apply [here](#).

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# Join the Board of Directors



## Opportunity: Board of Director - SANSAR

SANSAR is seeking dynamic and enthusiastic volunteers to join the Board of Directors. As a growing organization, we need new ideas and talent to further SANSAR's objectives. If you are interested in learning more, please contact us at [admin@sansar.org](mailto:admin@sansar.org).



Word



Excel



PowerPoint

## JUNE 2021 ONLINE COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

### **Intro to Word**

Monday, June 7 from 10am-11:30am

### **Intro to Word 2**

Thursday, June 10 from 10am-11:30am

### **Intro to Excel 1**

Monday, June 14 from 10am-11:30am

### **Intro to Excel 2**

Thursday, June 17 from 10am-11:30am

### **Using Zoom for Virtual Interviews**

Monday, June 21 from 10am-11:30am

### **Navigating Linked In Basics**

Friday, June 25 from 10am-11:30am

### **Sage 50 Training/Certification:**

#### **Do you have a background in accounting or bookkeeping?**

Complete online training and earn your certificate in Sage 50.

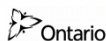
**To register** for any of these computer services, email [booking.timeschange@gmail.com](mailto:booking.timeschange@gmail.com) and type computer workshops in the subject line.

## Computer Training -

## Times Change Women's Employment Service

*Times Change Women's Employment Service* is hosting current software workshops through sessions led by their computer expert. This includes workshops for **MS Word, Excel, Virtual Interviews, LinkedIn and even Sage 50 Training.**

To register for any of these computer services, email [booking.timeschange@gmail.com](mailto:booking.timeschange@gmail.com) and type 'computer workshops' in the subject line.



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## Free art therapy program for seniors



### BENEFITS:

- Great for emotional well-being
- Supports cognitive functions
- Helps to cope with change and find calm during chaos
- **Led by registered art therapists**



### REGISTER NOW!

Free sessions run throughout the year, with multiple workshops in June and July. Spots are limited!

### UPCOMING SESSIONS

**June:** 21st, 23rd, 30th,

**July:** 7th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 21st, 28th

[bit.ly/mac-art-therapy](https://bit.ly/mac-art-therapy)  
for info and to register



## Markham Arts Council

The Markham Arts Council is hosting **FREE** group art therapy sessions for seniors.

Led by Registered Art

Therapists, seniors will

express and explore their

emotions through various art

mediums. There will be **six**

**sessions in July.**

Workshop by Janice LeBlanc:

[https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/14](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/147627691399)

[7627691399](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/147627691399)

Workshop by Carah Elisheva:

[https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/15](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/158603213481)

[8603213481](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/158603213481)

## Volunteers Needed - Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario)

Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) is looking for volunteers to help improve their new cervical cancer messages.

Do an interview and get a **\$30 gift card** as a thank you!

Find out more [here](#).

# Volunteers Needed

The **Ontario Cervical Screening Program** is doing interviews to find out how to make new cervical cancer messages better.

### You may be able to do an interview if you

- Are 25 to 75 years old
- Are a woman, trans man or non-binary person
- Speak English

### About the interview

The interview will take 1 hour and 15 minutes. You can choose to be interviewed by phone or by videoconference. Do an interview and get a \$30 President's Choice gift card as a thank you.

### If you are interested

- Call us at **1-866-662-9233** toll free
- Email us at [cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:cancerinfo@ontariohealth.ca). Do not send us any information about your health or your health card (OHIP) number



Visit [cancerareontario.ca/cervicalinterviews](https://cancerareontario.ca/cervicalinterviews) to learn more



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# FREE Online Workshop BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Monday and Wednesday: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**July 5 - August 11, 2021**

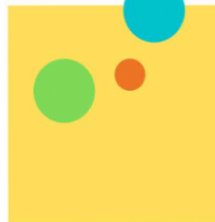
Frontier College Scarborough

## FOR Adults 19+

- with little to no computer skills
- who want more confidence using a computer at work and at home
- to develop computer skills for employment, further education, or independence

## LEARN

- mouse and keyboard use
- internet browsing and safety
- working with files



**REGISTER HERE** → 

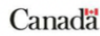
or **CONTACT:**  
lwong@frontiercollege.ca  
647-258-8976

## NEED

- strong English speaking, listening skills (CLB 5-6)
- access to a computer, internet, webcam

*Frontier College Scarborough is glad to offer FREE Basic Computer Skills classes beginning on **Monday, July 5th!***

[Please click here for more information.](#)



This Employment Ontario program is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario and through the Canada Ontario Job Fund Agreement.



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FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

### For Internationally Educated Immigrant Women!

#### Research Participants Needed

Your participation in this study can help us better understand the labour market experiences of internationally educated immigrant women, whose academic and professional qualifications are from their countries of origin.

You will receive a \$25 gift card for your participation.

#### To be eligible for this study you must:

- Have immigrated to Canada between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2017
- Have a university degree or a professional designation that was earned outside of Canada
- Worked full-time in a professional occupation in your country of origin for at least 2 years before coming to Canada
- Worked in Canada (full-time or part-time) for a minimum of 2 years
- Are at least 25 years of age or older
- Must be fluent in English

If you answered YES to all the above, please contact the researcher at:

[l.chinchamie@utoronto.ca](mailto:l.chinchamie@utoronto.ca)

One-on-one online interviews (on a secure platform) lasting for about 1-2 hours will take place between you and the researcher at a time that is convenient to you. Your participation in this research will be entirely voluntary. All the information you provide will be kept confidential.

## Educated Immigrant Women - University of Toronto

This study is examining the labour market experiences of internationally educated immigrant women, whose academic and professional qualifications are from their countries of origin. The findings will be used to advocate for changes that disadvantage internationally educated immigrant professionals. Interviews will be online and will last for about **1-2 hours**. Participants will receive a **\$25 gift card** for their participation. Email [l.chinchamie@utoronto.ca](mailto:l.chinchamie@utoronto.ca) if interested.

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## Women in Future Careers

### Non-Traditional Careers for Women

Join our new 9-week online career-planning program for women interested in a career in STEM or the Skilled Trades

#### What to expect

- Comprehensive 9-week career-planning workshop
- Gain knowledge of career paths in STEM and Trades
- Exposure to higher-paying, in-demand careers
- Discover education programs for women
- Attend Guest Speaker events
- Connect with mentors in a related field
- 3-hour sessions, for 9-weeks, on Fridays

**REGISTER HERE**  
for this innovative program  
at [Times Change!](#)

**START DATE**  
Tuesdays  
July 13 - Sept 7  
1:30-4:30 PM

Ontario  

## [Times Change Women's Employment Services](#)

Do you know of women interested in considering a career in STEM or Skilled Trades? This career planning for women is open for all women who need to change careers, and emphasis is on non-traditional careers for women.

**Slots available:** 12

**Date/Time:** Tuesdays July 13-Sept 7, 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

**Register here:**

<https://www.timeschange.org/cpw-application.html>



Epilepsy Toronto offers interactive online workshops that dispel myths and misconceptions about epilepsy.

**Public Education Online Workshops**

Covering topics such as:

- Epilepsy 101
- Seizure First Aid
- Epilepsy Toronto Services

Hear client stories of their lived experience with epilepsy.

For further information, please e-mail [leah@epilepsytoronto.org](mailto:leah@epilepsytoronto.org)

## [Combating Epilepsy Misconceptions - Epilepsy Toronto](#)

Here is a new COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin, developed by doctors in partnership with settlement organizations, in 8 languages. It's the first in a series, addressing questions about the vaccine.

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### **Study on representation of Racialized groups, LGBTQ2+ and Persons with Disabilities in film, TV and media - *Black Screen Office***

**Do you feel seen?** Are there authentic portrayals of your community in Canadian media, or are there gaps in the way you are represented? The Black Screen Office is conducting a Canada-wide study about the representation of Black, People of Colour, LGBTQ2+ and Persons with Disabilities in film, TV and interactive media, including a special report on Children's Media. "Being Seen" aims to create directives for the media industry to be more inclusive and authentic in its representation of underrepresented communities.

We invite you to participate in an **hour-long focus group**. Sign up [here](#). All who participate in a focus group will be paid an **honorarium of \$50** each provided that they are not participating in the capacity of their employment.

**Summer 2021**

**LEADERS IN TRAINING PROGRAM (LIT)**

**OUR SCHEDULE INCLUDES:**

**DAY 1: LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**

**DAY 2: GIRLS/BOYS GROUPS**

**DAY 3: RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

**MINIMUM 8 WEEK COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED**

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!**

**Age group: 13 - 16 years old**

**July 5 - August 27**

**3 days per week (1 PM - 4 PM)**

**RECEIVE VOLUNTEER HOURS AND CERTIFICATES FOR ATTENDING!**

**RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:**

- BLUETOOTH SPEAKERS
- SPORTS EQUIPMENT
- TABLETS
- GIFT CARDS
- MANY MORE!

Join us for 8 weeks of workshops, outings, sports, raffle and & more

**To register please contact:**  
Judah at [yjs@wsncc.org](mailto:yjs@wsncc.org)  
OR Ruben at [west@wsncc.org](mailto:west@wsncc.org)

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### **Leaders in Training Program - West Scarborough Community Centre**

The Leaders in Training (LIT) program is designed to serve youth (ages 13-16) and assist them in developing leadership skills and qualities. This program (**July 5 - August 27**) provides a safe space for youth and gives them the opportunity to explore their own talents, aspirations and goals. LIT strives to motivate individuals to reflect on their capabilities and empowers them to reach their full potential. **Volunteer hours & certificates for attending!**

Register: contact [yjs@wsncc.org](mailto:yjs@wsncc.org).

## When can you get your 2nd COVID-19 dose?

Several Canadian provinces will be administering second doses of COVID-19 vaccine earlier than expected, due to the high number of people who have received their first dose so far, and a big supply of vaccine. **Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses like COVID-19.** Ontario has now opened up vaccinations for all those: 18+ and living in hotspot areas. You can check to see if you are eligible by entering your postal code and eligibility group: [Book your vaccine here.](#)

## Ontario's new roadmap to re-opening: the 3-phased plan

**Step 1:** An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower, and permitting retail with restrictions

**Step 2:** Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people and with face coverings being worn.

**Step 3:** Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn.

For a breakdown on the reopening plan, click [here](#).

## Study of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness on South Asian community

"Our study is a prospective cohort study, meaning we enroll participants at the community vaccination clinics being held in South Asian 'hot spots' such as Brampton, and the rest of the GTA, and follow them forward in time to collect contextual information including their living and work conditions, clinical and health care access information," said Anand. "This study will allow us to understand where there is hesitancy, use the science to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines, and lead to more people within the South Asian community making the choice to accept this life-saving vaccine"

To read more, click [here](#).

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Vaccine Hunters has compiled a list of COVID-19 Vaccination websites for community members to access and find the closest vaccination clinic to them. [Click here to view their compiled list.](#)



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