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# CASSA Board of Directors Vacancies

**CASSA is looking to fill four (4) Board Vacancies. We are looking for social justice and equity-minded individuals from the South Asian communities with experience in Finance, Fundraising, Law, or Human Resources to apply! All interested applicants are requested to send their application to:**

<https://secure.collage.co/jobs/cassa/31729>

**Deadline August 12th, 2022**

## CASSA Project Updates

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# SHIFTING AND SHARING POWER

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR REDUCING HEALTH INEQUITIES

 **ANNUAL HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT**

HOSTED BY:

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### 11th Annual Health Equity Summit

**Health Equity Coordinator: Mahdiba Chowdhury**

**Project Associates: Sundas Ramzan and Tanvi Rathi**

On July 14th, we hosted our 11th Annual Health Equity Summit, themed Shifting and Sharing Power: Community Engagement for Reducing Health Inequities. The Health Equity Summit is a recognizable event that CASSA hosts annually to address health-related disparities, particularly those that affect South Asian communities and other racialized communities – through the exchange of knowledge between key stakeholders.

The event was a great success, with speakers from organizations such as the Upstream Lab, Regent Community Health Centre, and the Wellesley Institute, among others. The summit provided an opportunity for public health professionals, community leaders, researchers, academics, social service providers, and decision-makers alike to demonstrate the value of community engagement as a core public health practice.

We were really happy to see the continued participation and enthusiasm from our attendees, and overall, the summit prompted thoughtful and insightful conversations. Thank you to everyone from

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To view the summit recording, please check out our [Youtube](#) channel.

## Toxic Masculinity and Its Impact on Gender-Based Violence

CASSA has undertaken a second gender-based violence research project, with this one focusing on toxic and harmful masculinities. This project will explore the impact of toxic masculinity on gender-based violence. Currently, we are seeking participants for the research phase of the project, examining the impact of harmful masculinities on gender-based violence. This data will then be used to create awareness tools and intervention materials. The identity of all participants will be kept strictly confidential and anonymity will be ensured during focus groups. Please contact [maryam@cassa.on.ca](mailto:maryam@cassa.on.ca) if your organization would be interested in getting involved.



## Have you or a loved one experienced a hate crime?

Did you know where to go, who to report to?

### **CASSA has launched their Anonymous Hate Crime Reporting Community Tool.**

We are requesting your community voices to inform and improve hate crime reporting services and resources in Toronto, Ottawa, York and Peel.

For more information reach out to [maiura@cassa.on.ca](mailto:maiura@cassa.on.ca).



## Hate Crime Reporting Project

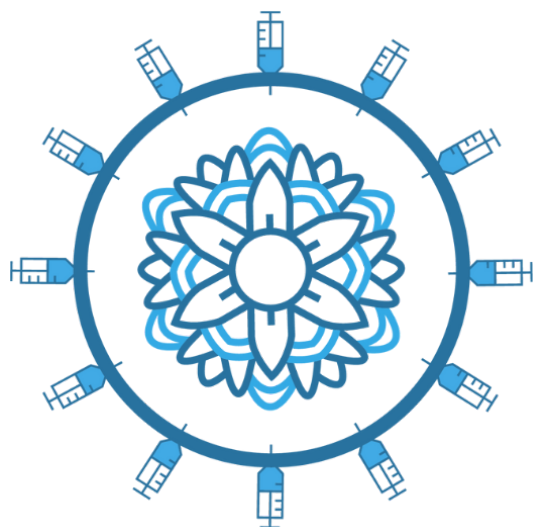
The Hate Crime Reporting Project is calling for community voices to anonymously report any hate incidents or crimes they or loved ones have experienced in York Region, Toronto, Peel, or Ottawa.



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<https://forms.gle/hEN97LNzZzfR2aDEA>. We are simultaneously planning and organizing training sessions in September and October for the four police services we have been working with.

Questions can be directed to [maiura@cassa.on.ca](mailto:maiura@cassa.on.ca).



## **SOUTH ASIAN VACCINE ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE**

SAVEC is undergoing changes this month with a new project coordinator joining on August 15, 2022.

The new coordinator will start SAVEC training for ambassadors and release content for the 0-5 year age group. Wardah Malik will be wrapping up her work with the release of animations and the zine project.

Please watch the [cassa.on.ca/vaccine](https://cassa.on.ca/vaccine) space for more updates.

For inquiries, contact: [mahdiba@cassa.on.ca](mailto:mahdiba@cassa.on.ca)

### **National GBV Research Project**

The gender-based violence project extended the timeline for analysis as the team is working with three datasets and looking into both quantitative and qualitative results. We are looking forward to the breadth of information that will result from all datasets. Within the month of August, the GBV team will work on writing our report.

Furthermore, we are already in the midst of seeking advisory committee members. We are ensuring the members carry a variety of professional and lived experiences. We are also looking for members to be living in the various regions we work from. We are looking forward to what will result from the next steps of the study.

For Inquiries, contact: [dinoba@cassa.on.ca](mailto:dinoba@cassa.on.ca)

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**We Can Win Registration Form:**

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

**Please Select Age Group**

Children: 10 -13

Youth: 14-19

Young Adults: 20-25

Adults: 26-35

**Categories in Interest**

Youth:  
Educate the Youth for  
our futures protection

Women:  
Helping Women  
overcome "considered  
as minority"

Immigrants:  
Helping new immigrants  
find the best jobs  
for them

**Extra Information for registration**

We Can Win Global is a program that can help all kinds of people no matter age, religion or status. We can help individuals by consulting, training, attending workshops or even helping with career developments. Our weekly hours are 10/week. Virtual or in class programs are both available.

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**We Can Win Senior Registration Form:**

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

**Please Select Age Group**

Adults: 35-55

Seniors: 55+

**Categories in Interest**

Helping seniors  
look for volunteering  
opportunities

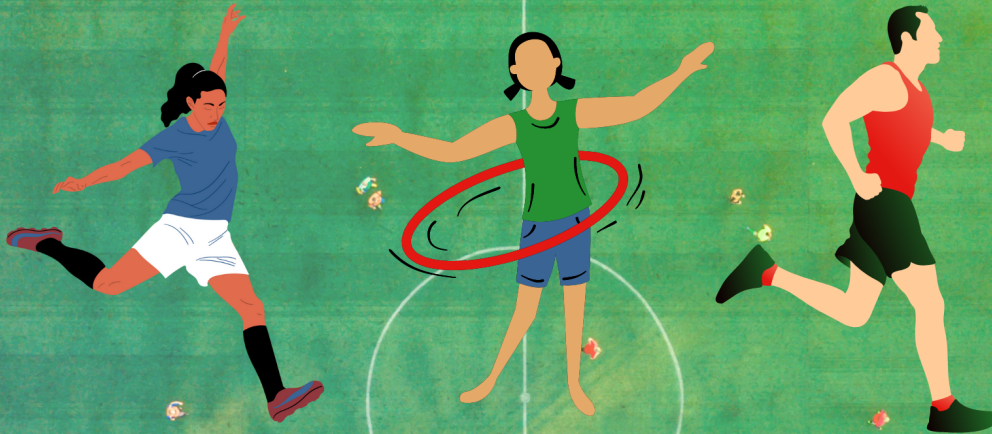
Helping gain  
knowledge with  
microsoft word

Preventions of  
fraud, protecting  
the seniors

**Extra Information for registration**

We Can Win Global is a program that can help all kinds of people no matter age, religion or status. We can help individuals by consulting, training, attending workshops or even helping with career developments. Our weekly hours for seniors are 2.5 hours to 5 hours. Virtual or in class programs are both available.

# SUMMER SPORTS AND SOCCER TOURNAMENT 2022



**Register for our Annual Summer Sports  
and Soccer Tournament event here:**

**<https://forms.gle/XcbZLzjkkkUKt5gZ6>**

**(Registration closes on July 25th and you must be  
fully vaccinated if 12 and up in order to participate)**

**Any questions? Contact :**

**areeba.islam910@gmail.com**

**heyitskabi2006@gmail.com**



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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BCS SUMMER SPORTS 2022

10AM-9PM  
**27**  
AUG

10AM-9PM  
**28**  
AUG

**WEEKENDS OF AUGUST**

**AT DENTONIA PARK**

We are looking for volunteers in Grade 10 or above to assist with our Annual Summer Sports and Soccer Tournament on August 27th and 28th. You will have the opportunity to earn 40-50 volunteer hours throughout the month of August during our practice sessions and during the final game days. For more information, please email [areeba.islam910@gmail.com](mailto:areeba.islam910@gmail.com) and follow our social media!

LINK TO REGISTER: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/ODVNAIUQCRME2SWT7](https://forms.gle/ODVNAIUQCRME2SWT7)

Bangladeshi Canadian Community Services - BCS bccommunityservices @youthbcs



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**CCMW's 40th Anniversary Event**

Join us for a fun-filled evening celebrating 40 years of CCMW with entertainment and inspiring words from our founders.

**When:** Saturday September 10th  
Time: 6:30pm-10pm

**Where:** Hotel Novotel, Toronto North York  
3 Park Home Avenue  
Toronto, ON M2N 6L3

In-Person Tickets: \$75 (\$85 after August 19th)  
Virtual Tickets: \$20

**40 YEARS STRONG CCMW**

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

CCMW is 40 years strong! [Join us](#), as we celebrate our incredible 40-year journey!

CCMW was formed in 1982, when a group of dynamic and devout Muslim women led by the late Dr. Lila Fahlman, came together in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to claim their space and identities. These women were passionate about bringing equality, equity and empowerment to Canadian Muslim women and girls and sought to mobilize their passion for social justice and faith to enrich their communities and work towards the common good of Canadian society. 40 years later, we are proud of all that CCMW has achieved.

We continue to be the face and voice for many women, who are forgotten or stigmatized due to their faith and visibility. We aspire to fight for their rights and their status within their families and their communities.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone year with you as we forge ahead with helping our Muslim sisters remain true to their Islamic heritage and Canadian identity.

#### **Event Details:**

*In-Person and Virtual [tickets](#) are available.*

**In-Person:** \$75 (\$85 after August 19th)

**Virtual:** \$20

# BE THE CHANGE!

*CCMW in partnership with Institute for Change Leaders is offering **FREE** Advocacy training to CCMW Chapter members and volunteers.*

The virtual training will be led by the esteemed Olivia Chow.



**Register: [bit.ly/BETHECHNGE](https://bit.ly/BETHECHNGE)**

*The first 60 participants to register will be accepted. Others will be added to a waiting list.*

**Six sessions will be held from August to October. Attendance to ALL six sessions is mandatory to receive a Certificate in Advocacy from CCMW & Institute for Change Leaders.**

**Session 1: Introduction to Organizing**

**Session 2: Public Narratives**

**Session 3: Recruitment**

**Session 4: Strategies & Tactics**

**Session 5: Public Narratives 2**

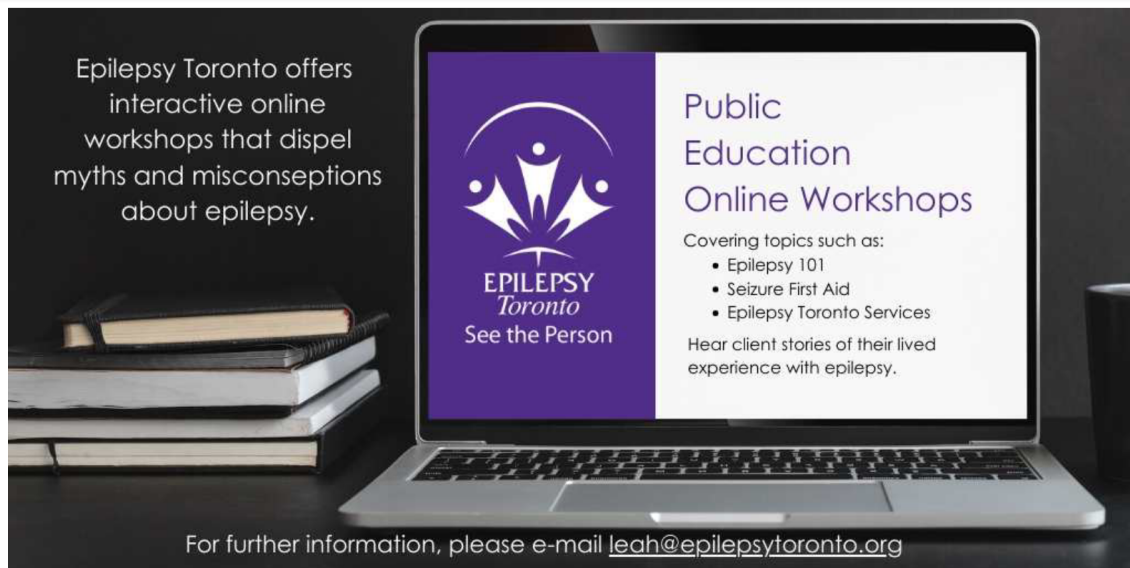
**Session 6: Action Plan & Team Building**



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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)

### **Violence Against Women (VAW) Counsellor Job Posting:**

The [Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre \(RIWC\)](#) is seeking a Violence Against Women (VAW) Counsellor/Coordinator who uses a community development, feminist and anti-oppression approach to counseling. Referrals, advocacy, outreach, and strategic community partnership development are integral program components. Over and above the individual and crisis counseling, the VAW Counsellor will support the women in their journey to choose a life free from violence using a broad holistic approach that integrates self-development and self-care, health and well-being as well as supporting their economic empowerment. Refer to the [job posting](#) for more details.



Live Music, Raffles, Henna, Multicultural Food, Popcorn & Cotton Candy, Artisanal Products, and more!

# CULTURAL BAZAAR 2022

Shop Locally and Support Artisans & Designers

Location: 660 Dundas St. E

Dates: Every Friday from June 24th - October 14th

Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Admission: Free!

Plus!

Yoga in the Park  
5:30pm - 6:30pm  
each week  
(please bring your  
own mat)

Questions? Contact Sureya:  
Phone: 647-493-2462 x112  
Email: [sureya@tcclcd.org](mailto:sureya@tcclcd.org)

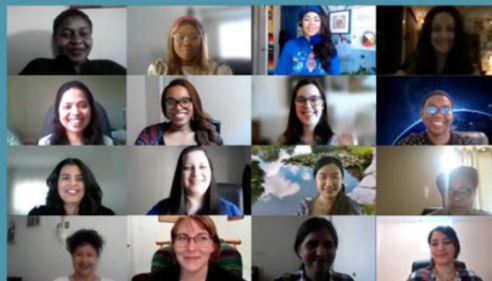
Cash accepted at all booths  
e-transfers accepted at some



Join us at Cultural Bazaar 2022 every Friday through October 14<sup>th</sup> to support local artisans and business owners at 660 Dundas Street East from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm! There will be live music, raffles, henna, multicultural food, popcorn & cotton candy, artisanal handmade products & more! Join us for Yoga in the Park across from the Bazaar from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm with your own yoga mat too! For questions, please contact Sureya at [sureya@tcclcd.org](mailto:sureya@tcclcd.org) or (647) 493-2462 ext. 112

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# IMMIGRANT WOMEN INTEGRATION PROGRAM



## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT NO COST TO YOU! NOW ACCEPTING FOR THE SECOND COHORT OF 2022-23!

- 16 weeks long beginning January 2023
- Hands-on community engagement through placements
- Live sessions Monday through Thursday, 4 classes per week
- Micro-credentials and certificate courses, including one George Brown College course with college credit
- Mentorship program
- Hybrid learning model (virtual & in-person)
- Gain leadership and community development skills
- Increase your sense of belonging in the community
- Prepare for employment in the social service sector



*Application  
form here!*

**Eligibility** Newcomer or immigrant women living in Toronto or GTA  
Minimum of Canadian Language Benchmark 6  
Intermediate computer skills  
Interest in supporting community change

**Apply at <https://zfrmz.com/Ax942HDF7wC87lcpftV>**

**Deadline for applications: October 31, 2022**

*For more information, visit [www.tccltd.org/iwip](http://www.tccltd.org/iwip) or contact [info@tccltd.org](mailto:info@tccltd.org) or (647) 493-2462*

IWIP is a FREE leadership training program for immigrant women interested in community work and the social service sector on the goal paths of post-secondary education, job readiness, volunteerism, and independence. The program includes mentorships, placements, micro-credentialing, certifications, and a college credit course. Our first cohort of the 2022-23 academic year is full but we are now accepting applications for the second cohort starting January 2023.

Applications are due October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Apply here: <https://zfrmz.com/Ax942HDF7wC87lcpftV>

For more eligibility, program, and contact information, visit [www.tccltd.org/iwip](http://www.tccltd.org/iwip)

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## Ongoing Call for Volunteers: Scarborough Arts

We are seeking VOLUNTEERS who are passionate about local arts and culture to assist at various Scarborough Arts community outreach booths this summer and fall, of 2022! Events will typically take place outdoors and PPE will be available on site. We continue to monitor public health directives to ensure the health and safety of all our participants. Training, materials, and further information will be provided upon signing up! Contact Amanda Singh, Administrative & Operations Coordinator, to become a Volunteer today: [amanda@scarborougharts.com](mailto:amanda@scarborougharts.com)



## Scarborough Sign

As part of ArtworxTO, the SCARBOROUGH SIGN the summer on the Lower Level of the Scarborough Town Centre from July 12 - September 8 ☀️. The Indigenous Youth Mural Making Program, led by lead artist, Mo Thunder, features uniquely created artworks on each letter developed by youth artists as a part of Scarborough Arts and 7th Generation Image Makers programming at the Cultural Hubs EAST - Scarborough Town Centre. Get your cameras and selfie sticks ready! Remember to tag us on social media - #ScarboroughSign. Let's celebrate local talent with the SCARBOROUGH SIGN this summer!

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**Healthy Arts  
for Seniors**

**Cooking Up Feminism!**

*Feminism, Photography, Wellness  
and Food-Focused Workshops with  
Pakistani-Canadian artist, writer  
and educator: Mariam Magsi*

**Mariam Magsi**

Cooking Up Feminism! is a free online 12-part workshop series for BIPOC seniors in Scarborough. Join us every Wednesday from August 24th- November 7th 2022, with Mariam Magsi for a multicultural learning and sharing experience!

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: August 19th, at 11:59pm.**

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### Healthy Arts For Seniors

We are so thrilled to announce the return of our much-loved senior-focused art and wellbeing program, Healthy Arts For Seniors! The intention of this 12-week online workshop series is to foster a multicultural 'learn + share' social environment for BIPOC seniors in Scarborough. This workshop will also include two special guest facilitators who will lead classes on a culturally specific food exploration, wellness, poetry, and healing. The deadline to apply is August 19th, 2022, at 11:59 PM.

#### Sign Up:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0m3017ZeuauevH3q7njAg-H0kQEjoW8grRtyxCPbbtLgeng/viewform>

## In the News

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### [A refugee family in Waterloo searches in vain for a place to live](#)

Waterloo Region prides itself on a warm welcome to refugees. But what does it say about that welcome when it doesn't include an affordable home, Luisa D'Amato asks

### [Pope should've acknowledged genocide during Canada visit, Indigenous leaders say](#)

A member of the National Indian Residential School Circle of Survivors says it's good Pope Francis acknowledged that what happened in the schools amounted to genocide, but that he should have said it before he left Canada.

### [N.S. government, feds fund project to improve housing for Black, racialized communities](#)

The Nova Scotia government and the federal government are collaborating on a project they say will help Black-led organizations and communities across the country approve housing outcomes for Black and racialized communities.

### [Provinces demand more control over immigration to combat labour shortage](#)

In a letter to Ottawa, 4 provinces say they can choose newcomers with the 'greatest chance of success

### [Newmarket seeks Black community input on anti-Black racism plan](#)

The Town of Newmarket wants to engage the local Black community as it works toward the completion of a new multi-year action plan to dismantle anti-Black racism.

### [Cochrane man from Bangladesh hosts a family of 7 as more Ukrainians settle in small Alberta communities](#)

Mohammed Bhuiyan's family grew by seven people. The Cochrane IT consultant figured he had the space to host a mom, dad, and five kids from Ukraine — and he certainly has the heart for it.

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