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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

For a research study on gender-based violence and harmful masculinity

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

- This research study will focus on examining the impact of harmful masculinities on gender-based and intimate-partner 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 any virtual focus groups.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must reside in Canada
- Must identify as one of the following: (1) Heterosexual South Asian Man (2) Queer and/or Trans South Asian (3) South Asian Woman who has been a victim of gender-based or intimate-partner violence.

WHERE?

- Focus groups will take place virtually over Zoom unless you are participating through another partner organization in the Greater Toronto Area. Identity will remain confidential.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE FOCUS GROUPS?

Please fill out the following Google Form:

[TINYURL.COM/CASSASTUDY](https://tinyurl.com/cassastudy)

\$50 honorarium will be provided for participation.

questions? contact maryam@cassa.on.ca



Toxic Masculinity and Its Impact on Gender-Based Violence

The toxic masculinity project is currently recruiting suitable participants: (1) South Asian women who have been a victim of gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence (2) South Asian men (3) Queer South Asians. All involvement of participants will remain confidential and anonymity will be guaranteed during virtual focus groups. Participants will also receive a \$50 honorarium. Please take a look at this doc for further information and how to get

Hate Crime Reporting Project

The hate crime reporting project has concluded the data collection and analysis phase, and the team is currently developing training materials for the project's police service partners. The team is looking for community advocates from York, Ottawa, and/or Peel to speak on behalf of the community's experiences with hate crimes and hate incidents at our training sessions in October 2022. Honorariums will be provided. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit for this role, please email maiura@cassa.on.ca for more information.

National GBV Research Project

The GBV study has been moving forward into the writing phase of the study as we look into recurrent themes in the datasets. As one of the outcomes of the study will be a GBV toolkit, the team has been researching previously published toolkits on GBV and intimate partner violence in order to gauge gaps that can be filled in by the study. The team has also decided on other outcomes that will occur during the dissemination phase of the project. This will include training sessions for agencies on the needs GBV survivors have had in accessing help during the pandemic. We have also discussed a variety of media outlets to publish our findings in, which will be shared in the coming months.

Opportunities

NCCM - National Council of Canadian Muslims

Canada is now the leader among G-7 countries for Islamophobia-related deaths in the past five years. The social environment in our country has become more Islamophobic and toxic. Hate crimes spike again and again. Enough is enough, it's time for real change. We got here because hate is allowed to run rampant online.

Please find their letter-writing campaign in support of the online hate legislation

here: <https://www.nccm.ca/onlineharms/>

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Digital Anti-Racism Education Workshop

Register for a free, virtual Anti-Islamophobia & Countering
Cyberhate Workshop

Participants attending both sessions receive a Certificate in Digital Anti-Racism Education.

Anti-Islamophobia

and

Countering Cyberhate

Thursdays

Sept. 15th & 22nd

1PM - 3PM

REGISTER

ONLINE:

[bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/NBDMCWorkshop)

[NBDMCWorkshop](https://bit.ly/NBDMCWorkshop)



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



North Bay & District
Multicultural Centre
Immigrant Settlement Services
Timmins & District
Multicultural Centre
Immigrant Settlement Services



Timmins Local
Immigration
Partnership



Partenariat
d'immigration
local de Timmins

TESOC Creative Writing 101

Join TESOC for our FREE Creative Writing 101 Workshop on **Friday, September 23, 2022 @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** via Zoom!

As part of TESOC's Mental Health and Wellness Program, we invite you to our virtual "Creative Writing 101" Workshop.

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1. Mindfulness
2. Observation Skills
3. Learning & Unlearning Rules
4. Journaling, Poetry, Story
5. Writing & Other Forms

Register At:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMudumtrD4vHt3JBQvN1huOsQdfDnUg4fIE>

Also, check out our other FREE programs and services at: <https://linktr.ee/TESOCMS>

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Shelyna Khalfan
Breast Cancer Survivor

Behind every
survivor is a
researcher
on a mission

The more we know,
the sooner we can end it.



Dr. Mousumi Majumder

Breast Cancer Canada

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Seeking immigrant women for a research study

Background:

- Physical activity can reduce the risk of developing many types of cancer
- Research in other countries shows that immigrant women have low physical activity
- We do not know if immigrant women in Canada are physically active

Study purpose:

Describe physical activity among Canadian immigrant women

You can participate if you:

- Are 18 years of age or older
- Immigrated to Canada in the last 10 years from their country of origin or via another country
- Are Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani or Caribbean or African Black
- Of any immigration status, but not refugee
- Have not had cancer in the past and do not currently have cancer
- Can understand and speak English language

What you will be asked to do:

- Read and sign a consent form that we will send you
- Speak with us by telephone for about 30 minutes
- We will ask about your physical activity and what influences your physical activity
- We will type the answers you tell us

What we will give you:

- After the call, we will send you a gift card
- When the study is done, we will send you a summary of the results

To express interest or ask questions:

The research study is being conducted by Dr. Anna Gagliardi from the University Health Network (UHN) in Toronto with funding from the Canadian Cancer Society and Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

If you are interested in participating or wish to learn more about the study, please contact the study coordinator at 416-340-4800 x6642 or sharon.iziduh@uhn.ca. Please note that information sent by email may be accessible by external parties and therefore not entirely secure.

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In the News

[How the TTC's first turban-wearing bus driver broke barriers](#)

Gobinder Singh Randhawa didn't take no for an answer when he was denied a job with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) due to his turban and uncut beard in 1978.

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[account exposes barriers immigrant women face while escaping domestic violence](#)

Even as a young teenager, Zoe Budai often had to bear the responsibility of being her mother's translator in the tumultuous years leading up to her death.

[Federal funding announced for Black youth mentorship program in Peel region](#)

The federal government is making a \$70,000 contribution toward a mentorship program for Black youth. The funding was announced by Shafqat Ali, member of Parliament for Brampton Centre on Tuesday, Aug. 23

[International student says she spent months in mental anguish after Canadian immigration error](#)

An international student says she ran out of money and spent months in distress after coming to Canada because an immigration official didn't give her the right document allowing her to work part-time while studying in northern Ontario.

[High commissioner asks 'friends in Canada' to help as one-third of Pakistan floods](#)

Pakistan's high commissioner to Canada is asking for donations of items including tents, sleeping bags, and first aid kits to help the flood-ravaged country, a third of which is now underwater.

[Local Muslim organization celebrates 15 years in the community](#)

It is satisfaction rather than pride that Idrisa Pandit feels when looking back on the local organization she started.

[Canada developing path to permanent residency for undocumented workers](#)

Canada's undocumented workers could gain a new avenue to permanent residency through a program under development by the federal government to tackle the underground economy

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