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#EradicateHate 2.0

## Download EradicateHate on Google Play Store and Apple Store

Anti-hate App for Children and Youth to Combat Online Hate



The App includes content such as tutorials, reflection activities, and infographics to equip youth-focused organizations, educators, parents and young victims of online hate with digital literacy tools to combat online hate.

The content also addresses hateful attitudes and beliefs which stem from racist and xenophobic ideologies which result in online hate content.



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## #EradicateHate 2.0

We are excited to share with you that we are now ready for the launching of our Anti-hate App for Children and Youth to Combat Online Hate.

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focused organizations, educators, parents and young victims of online hate with digital literacy tools to combat online hate. The content also addresses hateful attitudes and beliefs which stem from racist and xenophobic ideologies which result in online hate content. The Toolkit can be found in the form of an App and Web Page and is intended for children between 8-14 years old, youth between 15–24 years old, educators, and parents.

Stay tuned for more details on how to download the App and content on Tuesday, June 13th at 9am!

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## WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

### The Coalition of Racial Equity in Education is recruiting Muslim high school students and parents/guardians with children attending schools in York and Durham Region.

Join us in promoting equity and inclusivity for Muslim students and staff! Combat racism and Islamophobia to create a welcoming and just future together.

APPLY NOW: <u>www.cassa.ca/apply-to-join-the-coalition-for-racial-</u> equity-in-education-project/



### The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education

The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education is currently seeking parents and youth volunteers from the YRDSB and DDSB regions to join their efforts. These volunteers will undergo training while sharing their personal experiences with Islamophobia in schools.

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On April 26, 2023, the TDSB School Board officially passed a motion to address Islamophobia in schools, thanks to the tireless advocacy of the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA), TDSB Trustee Neethan Shan, and Trustee Liban Hassan. The motion calls for the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan to combat Islamophobia.

This development marks a significant milestone in creating safe and inclusive learning environments for all students, regardless of their religious beliefs. It is inspiring to witness collaborative efforts between community groups like the Coalition for Racial Equity in Education and CASSA, as they work together to effect positive change.

If you are a high school student or a parent residing in the York or Durham region and are interested in contributing to this important project, we invite you to sign up <u>here</u>. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to samaha@cassa.on.ca.

## LIMITING CANADA CHILD BENEFIT TO IMMIGRATION STATUS PERPETUATES SYSTEMIC

## RACISM!

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HAVE YOU BEEN INELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR CCB BECAUSE OF YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS?

CASSA is conducting primary research to understand the impact of the restriction of immigration status for Canada Child Benefit eligibility

HELP US WITH OUR POLITICAL ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS EFFORTS BY BEING A PART OF OUR PRIMARY RESEARCH:

Share your lived experience

Participate in our survey

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surveymonkey.com/r/PolicyImpactSurvey

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For more information visit https://bit.ly/3LWnDrH. Or contact the project manager at sonia@cassa.on.ca

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## **Policies that Perpetuate Systemic Racism**

The project has initiated its public awareness campaign to raise awareness about the negative impacts of the three policies:

**Bill 21:** A law in Quebec that restricts individuals from wearing religious garments or symbols.

**Canada Child Benefits'** restriction on immigration status for eligibility. (Refugee claimants, undocumented populations, asylum seekers, temporary workers, etc., are ineligible to apply.)

"Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act": This act criminalizes forced marriages and polygamy, falsely portraying them as issues unique to immigrants; it has been used as a tool to limit spousal sponsorship

We have received personal stories from individuals who have been directly affected by these policies. We are currently recruiting an illustrator and animator to help us bring our stories to light. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact Sonia at sonia@cassa.on.ca.

We are actively continuing outreach for our survey and collecting more personal stories. Additionally, we are actively recruiting participants for our focus group sessions. You can support our efforts by disseminating the outreach materials provided below.

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## Program Aide Adult Day Program.

Looking for: Program Aide Adult day program.

Part-time: Weekend (Saturday & Sunday)

Location: Unionville Home Society Markham Starting in September

The Adult Day Program is a community day program for frail, elderly, and individuals with

Alzheimer

disease or related disorders.

Responsibilities:

Facilitate recreational and socialization activities

Engage, encourage, and assist clients with activities, individual and group needs.

Assist with activities of daily living.

Personal Support Worker (PSW) Certification from an accredited institution or demonstrated experience in community support services/working with older adults and individuals with special needs. Must speak a South Asian language (Hindi, Tamil, Panjabi, or Gujarati).

Please connect with Naz Arain - Director of Operations

Phone: 416-786-5085



### **Sharing the Beauty of Breast Cancer Survivors**

Breast Cancer Canada is looking for individuals of all ages in the Greater Toronto Area to help us create beautiful images and video content for October (breast cancer awareness month).

Be an inspiration to the next woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer – and let us share your story!

To submit a self-nomination for this project, please email us before June

23rd at: social@breastcancerprogress.ca

Please include the following:

- name, age, location
- year diagnosed with breast cancer

- and, include a recent photo



### Calling All Internationally Educated Nurses!

Are you pursuing registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario?

CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) is a non-profit organization funded by the Ontario Government offering a variety of Professional Development workshops each month. Workshops focus on Nursing Skills, Effective Communication and Career Development, helping IENs connect with employers and thrive in different healthcare sectors serving diverse clients and cultures.





Visit our website to find out more about becoming a STARS member and learn more about our programs and services. You'll get all the details on our upcoming workshops and courses at

www.care4nurses.org

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## Community-Based Participatory Action Research (CBPAR)

Join us for two days of in-person Knowledge 4 Change (K4C) Tkaronto Hub Summer Institute

#### **Topics include:**

- Introduction to CBPAR
- Mindful Participatory Observation & Interviewing
- Participatory Theater
- Muralism
- Social Cartography

#### Where:

Catalyst Centre, Environmental Science and Chemistry Building, University of Toronto Scarborough (1065 Military Trail, Scarborough, ON MIC 1A4)

#### When:

June 22nd & 23rd 9:00am – 3:30pm ET

## Register at the link or QR code below: www.eventbrite.ca/e/617168556767



#### **Questions?** Please email:

Karen Villanueva, Deputy Executive Director, Toronto Centre of Learning & Development at **karen@tccld.org** and Arabelle Arcaina, Membership & Administration Coordinator, OCIC at **arabelle@ocic.on.ca** 











### Community-Based Participatory Action Research (CBPAR)

Join us for the K4C Tkaronto Hub Summer Institute in Community-based Participatory Action Research (CBPAR)!

Over two days the K4C Summer Institute will include opportunities to learn about the origins, purpose, key principles, ethics and planning phases of CBPAR, and to discuss and explore equitable university-community research partnerships, mindful participatory observation and interviewing, participatory theatre, muralism and community mapping.

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Registration Fee: \$30.00

Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Register here: www.eventbrite.ca/e/617168556767

If you have any questions, please contact: Karen Villanueva, Deputy Executive Director, CL&D at <u>karen@tccld.org</u> or Arabelle Arcaina, Membership & Administration Coordinator, OCIC at <u>arabelle@ocic.on.ca</u>



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## McKay

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- Mon-Thurs: 10:00-4:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00-12:00 PM

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			We will provide employment accommodation if we are advised of an applicant's needs in advance of any part of the selection process.	
:	<ul> <li>What to Expect in the Counsellor/Advocate Role</li> <li>Provide case management to all clients from a trauma-informed lens and keep accurate, detailed, and up-to-date case notes using the internal database system.</li> </ul>		Embrave: Agency to End Violence is a unionized workplace with OPSEU. This position is within the bargaining unit and terms and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Collective Agreement.	as such the
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	<ul> <li>Demonstrated experience in crisis support and ability to med</li> <li>Ability to maintain confidentiality.</li> <li>Current First Aci and CPR level C training is required.</li> <li>ASL is an asset.</li> <li>Second language is an asset.</li> </ul>			
	Access to a reliable car and current valid driver's G license.			

To easy access the job posting please click on this link: Counsellor/Advocate (Permanent and

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## The Newcomer Cybersecurity Pod Program

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Looking to jumpstart your career in the exciting world of cybersecurity? Register for Skills for Change's FREE sixteen-week Newcomer Cybersecurity Talent Pod Program starting this Summer 2023! You will have access to:

- Hands-on learning and workshops
- Wrap around career and mental health support
- Employer partnerships and work placement opportunities.

Learn more and Register here

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## WRAP Around Support Program

Is available at Skills for Change for individuals receiving Ontario Works (OW) and are struggling to regain long-term stability in their lives.

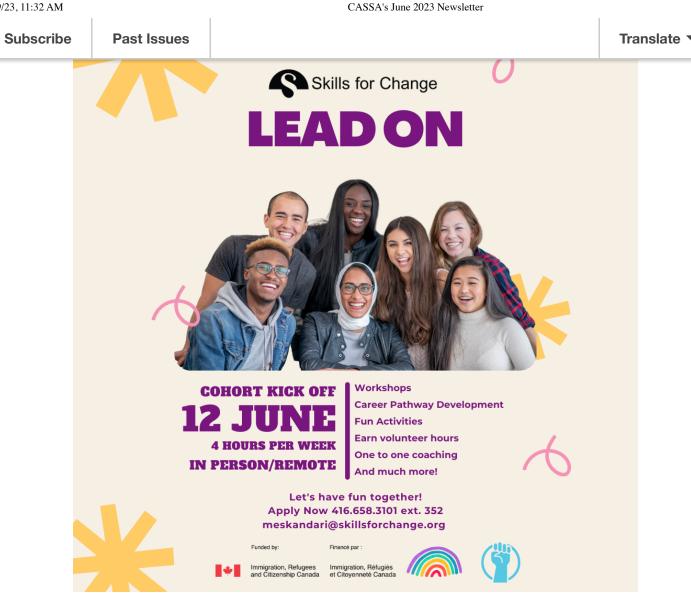
### Come join **Skills for Change's FREE** 8-week WRAP around supports program!



Are you receiving Ontario Works (OW) and struggling to regain long-term stability in your life? Join Skills for Change's FREE 8-week WRAP around supports program where you will have access to:

- Individual and group support for your mental and emotional health and well-being
- Skills-building workshops to boost your confidence and self-esteem, manage anxiety and stress, and reduce isolation
- Mentoring support and opportunities to connect with peers

Register with your caseworker at Toronto Employment & Social Services (TESS) or email mentalhealth@skillsforchange.org to learn more!



## Lead On

Get ready to unleash your inner leader, young guns! Skills for Change is offering a FREE

10-week program for the fearless and creative minds of ages 16-29. The first cohort starts June

12th but if you miss it, we will have many more!

- Dive into self-discovery and take your leadership skills to the next level
- Network with like-minded youth
- tap into your creativity and express your voice through an exciting art-based project

Learn More and Register here

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## YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE

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## Youth Climate Action Initiative

Are you a young person (16-29) in the GTA who wants to learn about sustainability and climate action while developing the skills needed to become an agent of sustainable change in your community? Join the Youth Climate Action Initiative by Skills for Change!

Summer Cohort:

- (June 28 August 30, 2023; Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm)
- Summer application deadline Sunday, June 18, 2023

Autumn Cohort

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• Autumn application deadline - Sunday, September 3, 2023

Learn more information on our website https://skillsforchange.org/youth-climate-action-initiative

#### and Register Here



## **Skilled Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Programs**

Skills for Change supports Skills Development and provides employment opportunities for people in the Skilled Trades sector. This program prepares participants for employment in the Plumbing and Welding sector. The Welding/Plumbing Pre-Apprenticeship Program is a FREE program that is designed to help participants who are 18+ transition to an apprenticeship in the trade of welding or plumbing.

Welding (Starts June 2023) <u>https://skillsforchange.org/bridging-programs/welding-program/</u> Plumbing (Starts Sept 2023) <u>https://skillsforchange.org/bridging-programs/plumbing-program/</u> 7/19/23, 11:32 AM

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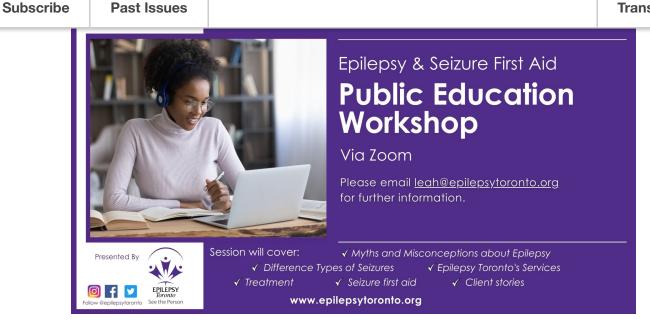


## The Purple Walk 2023

The Purple Walk 2023 for Epilepsy will take place on June 17, at College Park 444 Yonge St, Toronto. Epilepsy affects 1 in 100 people and over 40,000 Torontonians, there is still a lack of public awareness, and epilepsy remains widely misunderstood and highly stigmatized. The event is an opportunity for the community to connect and spread much-needed awareness about epilepsy.

The event starts at 11:00 AM featuring family activities, prize giveaways, live music, the announcement of scholarship and H.O.P.E. (Helping Out People with Epilepsy) Award recipients, and a 5 km walk to raise funds for Epilepsy Toronto.

Registration link: <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/epilepsy-</u> toronto/p2p/purplewalk2023/



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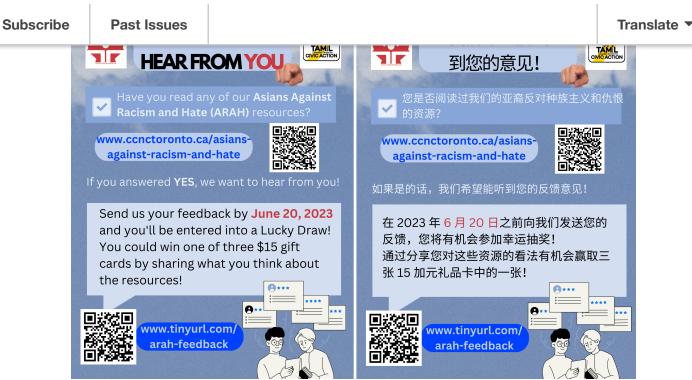
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## Canada Day Celebration

Frontline Community Centre proudly invites you to our Canada Day Celebration taking place on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 10 AM - 3 PM at 3031 Markham Road. We will be having a barbecue party, special guest speakers, performances, music, fun games and more! Admission is free! Make sure to join us with your friends and family! Please RSVP here



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## WWI Nominations Deadline Extended

Help us recognize the inspiring Canadian Muslim women in your communities!

Deadline: June 14, 2023

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

## **Muslim Women Who Inspire Awards**

Muslim Women Who Inspire Awards recognize the accomplishments of Canadian Muslim women and girls and their contributions to racial and gender equality. 'Women Who Inspire' is a platform to celebrate women who have excelled and who serve as role models of Muslim faith, culture and leadership on issues affecting Canadian Muslim communities. Launched in 2007, this initiative seeks to honour Canadian Muslim women who have made a positive impact in the lives of others in Canada and/or abroad. Deadline to nominate: June 14, 2023 <u>https://www.ccmw.com/womenwho-inspire</u>

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## Lila Fahlman Scholarship Applications Now Open!

Honouring the legacy of a trailblazing Canadian Muslim woman, the Lila Fahlman Scholarship offers financial assistance to female students pursuing higher education.

> Apply Today <u>ccmw.com</u>

## Deadline: July 30, 2023

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

## Dr. Lila Fahlman Scholarships

Dr. Lila Fahlman Scholarships: offers financial assistance of \$1,500 to Canadian Muslim women who are enrolled in full-time undergraduate or certificate programs at a Canadian college or university. Named after the late Dr. Lila Fahlman, a renowned educator and founder of CCMW (Canadian Council of Muslim Women), this scholarship aims to honour her legacy and empower Canadian Muslim women in their educational journey. Deadline to apply: July 30th, 2023 https://www.ccmw.com/the-lila-fahlman-scholarship

## **CASSA's Blogs/Podcasts**

### **Blog Posts:**

Celebrating South Asian Heritage Month: Honoring Diversity and Resilience

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At the core of this project lies a crucial mission – to tackle hate and promote inclusivity within our community. As stakeholders and individuals who deeply care about the well-being of our society, it is essential to understand the importance of this initiative and the impact it can have on our collective future.

## In the News

#### Internationally educated nurses make their way to northern Ontario

The College of Nurses of Ontario doubled its record for the number of newly registered internationally trained nurses last year.

### Family of 9 facing deportation in Hamilton says immigration process left them 'devastated'

Sarah Alsaleh, 25, says she had a miscarriage after receiving a deportation order

Search for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls hampered by police apathy: Researchers

In Canada, research shows Indigenous women are 400 per cent more likely than other Canadians to go missing.

#### 700 international students facing deportation will get 'fair outcome': minister

Immigration Minister Sean Fraser is promising a "fair outcome" for over 700 international students from India facing deportation after falling victim to a fake college enrolment scam.

#### Indigenous police unit just a starting point for Ottawa, community members say

Some members of Indigenous communities in Ottawa have mixed feelings as the city's police force plans to create an Indigenous unit, urging caution that more work is needed to build acceptance and understanding.

#### Thames Valley unveils anti-racism strategy on Our London Family anniversary

The London-area's largest school board will unveil the development of a new anti-racism strategy targeting Islamophobia on the second anniversary of an alleged hate-motivated collision that killed four members of a London Muslim family and injured their young son.

Canada launches new immigration program to fill 'in-demand' jobs

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market needs.

#### Toronto's packed shelters to refer asylum seekers to federal programs: deputy mayor

Toronto's over-stretched shelter system cannot cope with the high numbers of refugee claimants seeking bed spaces and will begin referring them away from at-capacity shelters towards federal programs, said deputy mayor Jennifer McKelvie.

### Iranian family living in Ottawa faces homelessness after falling out of status

An Iranian family living in Ottawa is desperately pleading for help and struggling to stay in Canada with their two young kids, after falling out of status and losing their jobs.

### Quebec wants to recruit foreign daycare workers, critics say it won't be easy

The ministers of family and immigration are working together to attract foreign daycare workers to Quebec to tackle the ongoing shortage.



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