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# CASSA Project Updates

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[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**#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,

### **#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.

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.



# GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE RESEARCH IN THE GTA

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

Last month, CASSA's Gender-Based Violence research team finalized the CREO application, incorporating any feedback provided from the reviewers and our ethics consultant. In addition, the team recruited a few volunteers, who will be anticipated to start supporting the project in the Fall during data collection. This month, the team will be submitting the final draft of the application,

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potential approval from CREO. We have corresponded with all our partners so far, providing them with necessary project documents and materials in preparation for data collection.

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## The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education

The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education is currently inviting parents and youth volunteers from the YRDSB and DDSB regions to join their dedicated efforts. These volunteers will undergo comprehensive training regarding Islamophobia in schools.

In the previous month, UARR organized a summit on racial justice, during which we delved into both the achievements of our project and the tasks that lie ahead. Significant conversations took place, underscoring the vital importance of ensuring schools as secure havens for everyone. At present, our parent and youth volunteers are actively participating in training sessions and workshops aimed at deepening their understanding of their encounters with Islamophobia. These initiatives will also equip them with effective strategies for addressing instances of Islamophobia should they arise within the school environment.

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 [here](#). Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to [samaha@cassa.on.ca](mailto:samaha@cassa.on.ca).

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### Impact of Bill 21 Increased Hate Crimes

Policies that Perpetuate  
Systemic Racism

The Bill has added to an increase in hate crimes inflicted on minority groups all over Canada. A federal study in 2021 found that hate crimes targeting Muslims in Canada had jumped by 71%.

It must be noted that not all incidents go reported and the actual number can be way higher. The following is a short timeline of some of the incidents.



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According to a recent survey, over half of the surveyed population in Quebec reported experiencing a deterioration in their sense of acceptance within

## Policies that Perpetuate Systemic Racism

We are starting our public awareness campaign on the negative impact of the 3 policies. Stay tuned on our website and social media pages for our upcoming podcast on "Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act", animations on Canada Child Benefit and infographic posts on Bill 21.

# Opportunities

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### **Seeking Healthy Participants For Research on Aging:**

\$50 Honorarium

\$10 Food Voucher

FREE Parking!!

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### **Call for Participants: Barriers to Employment for Canadian Muslim Women:**

CCMW invites you to participate in a research study aimed at better understanding employment experiences of Muslim women in Canada (including self-identified and trans women). The study is part of CCMW's "Barriers to Employment for Muslim Women" project funded by WAGE Canada. The multi-year project focuses on developing tools and strategies to increase Muslim women's

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Canada. Specifically, the study will focus on experiences of finding, retaining, and advancing in paid work.

If you are a Muslim woman residing in Canada (including self-identified and trans women), speaking any of the following languages, please refer to the appropriate language flyer to participate in the focus group. Participants will receive a \$30 honoraria for their participation.

- [Arabic](#)
- [Bangla](#)
- [Dari/Farsi](#)
- [English](#)
- [French](#)
- [Pashto](#)
- [Somali](#)
- [Urdu](#)

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## **DTA Gala Night**

Durham Tamil Association is proud to host the Annual Gala Night: Hope for Homeland again this year. This fundraising event is special as it supports community projects and the entrepreneurial needs of families in the Northern and Eastern provinces of Sri- Lanka.

Come out to dine and dance and enjoy live entertainment while supporting this great cause with family and friends. Regular tickets are for \$75 each and VIP Tickets are \$100 each.

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Tickets can be booked on the [DTA website](#)

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# CASSA's Blogs/Podcasts

## Blog Posts:

### [Addressing the Refugee Crisis in Toronto: Challenges and Collaborative Solutions](#)

As a destination for newcomers seeking a fresh start, Toronto has long provided opportunities for newcomers. However, in recent years, the city has faced a growing refugee crisis, with an increasing number of individuals seeking shelter and support. This blog post aims to shed light on the refugee crisis in Toronto, exploring the challenges faced by both refugees and the city, as well as highlighting collaborative efforts to address this pressing issue.

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### [The GBV toolkit: A Silent Pandemic within a Pandemic](#)

The gender-based toolkit is the result of a national community-based research study on gender-based violence (GBV) in the Canadian South Asian community. It has been led by the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA)

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## In the News

### ['Alarming': Study reveals hostility toward immigrants in London, region](#)

A new study shows immigrants in London and Middlesex County regularly face discrimination with a majority of people surveyed reporting some form of harassment or discrimination.

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### [Trudeau came to Hamilton with money, but not the \\$9M requested for refugees facing homelessness](#)

Hamilton's mayor asked the federal government for roughly \$9 million last week for refugee and asylum seekers ending up in the shelter system or living on the streets. On Monday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in town with money for housing, but not for that project.

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### ['It is unacceptable in a country like Canada,' Trudeau says of asylum-seekers sleeping on Toronto streets](#)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says it is “unacceptable” that asylum-seekers were forced to camp

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### [Immigrating to Canada: Pathway for trade workers opened](#)

People with experience working in specific trades are being invited to apply for Canada's new Express Entry system.

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### [Future pandemics demand a response that's better focused on inequities](#)

With COVID-19 no longer considered a public health emergency of international concern, the federal government is engaging in efforts to improve pandemic preparedness both domestically and globally, recognizing the need to learn from COVID-19 and prepare for the next potential infectious disease crisis.

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### [Coalition of Black communities say principal's suicide being weaponized to stop diversity training](#)

A coalition of Black communities says vital anti-racism work is under attack following the death of a principal last month. The groups gathered at Queen's Park Wednesday to stand up for diversity, equity and inclusion training.

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### [Hamilton mom says botched immigration process led to 'horrific' months-long separation from family](#)

A week-long trip to help her mother in Ohio turned into a "horrific" ordeal for Sarah Arvanitis when she was denied entry back into Canada and separated from her young daughter.

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### [Etobicoke church opens doors to provide shelter to asylum seekers](#)

Another Toronto church has stepped up to provide temporary emergency shelter to asylum seekers as the city continues to move people into indoor spaces. Pilgrim Feast Tabernacles in Etobicoke now has 56 people staying on its premises, two of whom are pregnant women, according to Nadine Miller, a director at the church.

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### [The Toronto Caribbean Carnival is about more than just the costumes](#)

Colourful feathers and jewels glisten under the warm Toronto sun. Jubilant sounds fill the air, transporting you to another place — the essence of the islands on Canadian soil

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