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#RisingYouth Grantee Newsletter: December Edition









Hello Grantees,

Thanks for checking out our December newsletter! This month we recognize International Human Rights Day on December 10th. In light of that, we'd like to invite you to come to this month's Virtual Grantee Drop-In where we will be discussing social justice issues and featuring #RisingYouth projects that fall under that umbrella. As always, remember to read until the end of this newsletter to see if you are this month's prize winner!

U GRANTEE STORIES



Jessica / Social Justice Library / NL

"Mental health and social justice are one in the same! With our free 'mini community library', we are making mental health and social justice information more accessible for everyone! Our library is quite diverse, we have books available for all ages and some topics include: mental illness, racism, gender diverse representation, Indigenous literature, body image, and so much more!"

"I am working on a bootcamp series with my partner organization, TCLI Foundation. The Towunmi Coker Literary Initiative Foundation (TCLI Foundation) is a registered nonprofit organization in Canada geared towards effecting societal changes through literature, arts and culture. I enjoy volunteering with TCLI Foundation because of their goals, mission and vision. The project involves an 8-week bootcamp series geared to African women by creating a series of workshops focused on career development, network building, entrepreneurship, mental wellness. The aim is to help the women to maximize



Heiner / Networking and Wellness Workshops for Women / AB

their potential, network, and develop a community of support. It is targeted to African women who desire impact and have bold dreams under the Sisterhood Project by TCLI Foundation. This project involves reaching more women to provide education, support and a community."



Sathurthika / LGBTQ+ Healthcare Patients Workshop Series / ON

"The goal of the Providing
Effective Healthcare for
LGBTQ+ Patients workshop
series is to improve awareness
and understanding of the
unique health challenges and
needs of LGBTQ+ patients
among current and future
healthcare providers. We aim to
educate and shed light on the
reality of LGBTQ+ in the
healthcare system."

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Thursday, December 9th, 2021 at 7pm EST: Virtual Grantee Drop-In

We're excited to invite you to our Virtual Grantee Drop-In, where you'll

have a chance to win a \$50 Indigo gift card!

Join us on December 9th on Zoom to meet other grantees, share your project and story, and learn more about the incredible projects happening all across Canada.

You'll also have an opportunity to talk to the #RisingYouth Grantee Support Team and ask any questions you might have about your project!

Click Here to Register for the Virtual Grantee Drop-In!



The <u>#RisingYouth calendar</u> is a great way to learn about different events happening all over Canada and to advertise your own project!

Watch this <u>quick tutorial video</u> to learn how to add your event to the #RisingYouth calendar.

Recommendation of the Month



Website: Between Past & Present by #RisingYouth alumni Myriam Olmand

Between Past & Present is a project meant to draw attention to the erasure of BIPOC history and identity in the bigger narrative of the History of Montreal and Quebec. This project is a visual and written manifesto of BIPOC's presence, resistance, and resilience despite the suppression of their cultural essence.

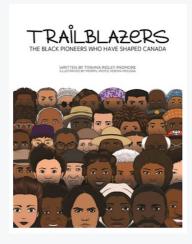
This project addresses the gaps in knowledge regarding the history of Black, Indigenous, and Chinese communities that span from well before the foundation of Montreal until the late 20th Century. We want to go beyond the stereotypical stories of the presence of these communities in Montreal so we can create cultural empowerment, and open the discussion on how history is taught in Quebec schools.

Visit the Website >>

NEWSLETTER GIVEAWAY!

AND THE WINNER IS... Sahar Halim!

Congratulations on winning the book: <u>Trailblazers - The Black Pioneers</u> who have Shaped Canada by Tiyahna Ridley-Padmore!



This book was written by #RisingYouth alumnus, Tiyahna who did a #RisingYouth project called "Little Trailblazers". The project involved delivering free live reading, art sessions and advocacy workshops to children. You can check out Tiyahna's project video here.

Every month, we will randomly select a grantee to win a prize! Feel free to share your prize & tag @risingyouthtig on Instagram!



GRANTEE SUPPORT HUB

PICK OF THE MONTH

#RISINGYOUTH PROJECT INTERACTIVE CHECKLIST **FOR GRANTEES**

FIRST MONTH: PRE-EVENT PLANNING

- Define objectives & goals Construct the budget
- Recruit event team
- Find a date & reserve secondary dates Download #RisingYouth App
- Select a project/event location
- Reach out to speakers/guests
- Design promotional material

SECOND MONTH: EVENT PLANNING

- Secure guest speakers
- Promote project
- Determine honourarium gifts
- Plan for capturing the event
- Set up platform to collect RSVP's Share any budget changes with the #RY team

THIRD MONTH: EVENT/POST-EVENT PLANNING

- Create event timeline
- Review details of event
- Send email reminder to attendees Have fun!
- Team debrief
- Create acknowledgement list
- Prepare #RY Final Report



Check out our Grantee Support Hub - Pick of the Month: Leadership Style Guide!

For more helpful resources just like this:

GO TO THE GRANTEE SUPPORT HUB

IMPACT REPORT





You could be one step away from becoming an Alumni! If your project is completed, please take a few minutes to submit your Impact Report on the web form OR by using the #RisingYouth Mobile App.

As a #RisingYouth Alumni, you can become ambassadors for our program and see all kinds of doors and opportunities open to you. To learn about the importance of submitting your Impact Report, read our <u>blog post!</u>

ALUMNI CHAMPION - SAIF KHAN



Saif-Ullah Khan is a student, community

arts worker and multidisciplinary creative currently based in Milton, Ontario. Saif's practice centres around the exploration of systems that racialized youth in so-called Canada navigate, and aims to challenge and reimagine structures of policing and carceral violence. Taking inspiration from practices of transformative justice and abolition, he hopes his work can serve as blueprints for building systems that truly care for everyone.

He currently works as the project coordinator for Student Art Spaces
Canada and is the project lead for TOP Zine's "Abolition is Creation" arts
project with support from a #RisingYouth Alumni grant. He's also a team
lead for MY Voice Canada.

His passion for advocacy translates into his work with #RisingYouth, from engaging with youths as a video capsule host to sharing his narrative through our storytelling impact opportunities as a podcast guest!

Follow Saif's path as an Alumni champion! We have tons of Alumni opportunities for you once your Project Impact Report has been submitted!

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? REACH OUT HERE!



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