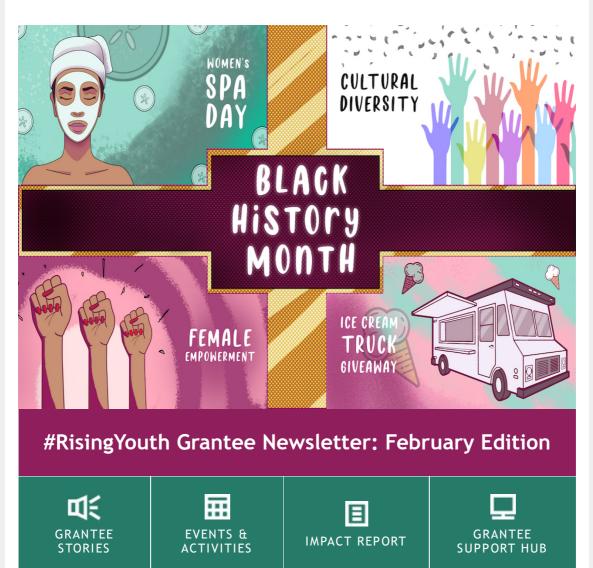
#RISINGYOUTH





Hello Grantees,

We are happy to bring you another edition of the #RisingYouth Grantee Newsletter!

In February we celebrate Black History Month, an opportunity to celebrate Black excellence, learn more about Black histories, take stock of where systemic racism still persists, and spotlight the people and organizations who are working tirelessly to make change in their communities.

In this spirit, we would like to highlight projects and share resources related to Black History Month. We also will give you more information about a special event coming up this month called 'Defining Black Futures and Excellence: A #RisingYouth Perspective'.

Sincerely,

The #RisingYouth Grantee Support Team

GRANTEE STORIES



Ebenezer / Black History Month Play / AB

"There is a serious lack of education regarding African leaders within our current provincial curriculum. Our project will involve the creation of a play highlighting African heroes with children within Calgary's Black community. As we begin practicing for the play we believe the children will be equipped with the knowledge regarding their powerful ancestors."

"The Black Medical Students' Association (BMSA) at the University of Alberta is hosting our first community engagement and health promotion event in the spring of 2022! With the collaboration of the MD program, community and cultural organizations within Edmonton, and under the support of our Black Health Lead, our goal is to reach out and



Ruth / Health Promotion for the Black Community / AB

interact with Black members of our community in a safe and accessible format. We aim to share information about accessing health services and personal health advocacy, presentations about common illnesses affecting our Black population and for those interested, information on exploring a career in medicine."



Afeez / Musical Story Animation for Black Heritage / ON

"We seek to collaborate with professional singer/songwriters to tell a story we call Black to the Future. Our goal is to help youth add their opinions to the public conversation regarding the types of monuments that should be erected in our spaces to help us all feel more respect for our Black community achievements, and to show the world that Black Canadians, not just Black Americans have been leaders too, in exceptional ways. We will get the service of a promoter to help us spread the word in the youth music community."

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

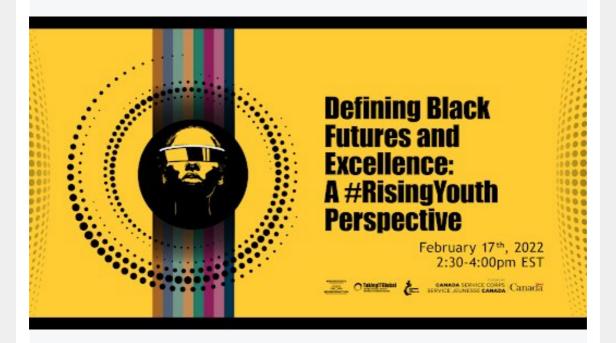


Thursday, February 17th at 7pm EST: Virtual Grantee Drop-In

Join us 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!

Register Here!



Thursday, February 17th from 2:30pm - 4pm EST on Zoom!

'Defining Black Futures and Excellence: A #RisingYouth perspective' will bring together Black-led organizations and Black alumni on a panel to discuss the Black experience in Canada and the impact #RisingYouth has on communities. This will be a 1.5 hr event on February 17th from 2:30-4pm EST that will be delivered through a zoom webinar. The event will be broken up into three segments: a discussion of the film developed by Terrence Taylor in collaboration with #RisingYouth that captures the grantee journey, a conversation with partners and a conversation with alumni. We have 6 giveaways for participants! Join us!

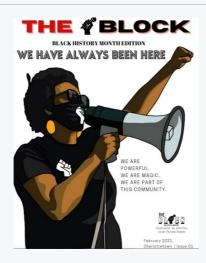
Register at https://bit.ly/3HCJJKZ



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



The Black Collective Media

Claire from PEI launched The Black Collective Media, a dedicated platform for BIPOC artists in PEI. According to their website, their mission is to, "curate cultural, lifestyle, art & entertainment content pertaining to and by the Black community to facilitate community growth, understanding, and opportunity."

Check out their <u>magazine</u> and follow their <u>Instagram</u> as they are hosting a Black History
Month video series called, <u>T is</u> for Té.

Visit the Website >>

NEWSLETTER GIVEAWAY!

AND THE WINNER IS... Megan Leigh!

Congratulations on winning an 8x10 print of your choice from **Zero Resistance Studios!**

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

The Grantee Support Hub pick of the month is the #RisingYouth Actuals vs. Approved Budget Tracker!



Check out this **budgeting resource**, which allows you to plan your budget, log your receipts and compare your actual budget totals with your approved budget totals. This spreadsheet, as well as a step by step tutorial video on how to use it are both available for download on the **Grantee Support Hub!**

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 <u>web form</u> OR by using the <u>#RisingYouth Mobile App</u>.

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, <u>read our blog post!</u>

ALUMNI CHAMPION - CLAIRE



Claire is an Afro-Latinx woman from Charlottetown, PEI and one of the founding members of the Black Collective Media. She used the #RisingYouth to launch Black Collective Media, an online platform that focuses on the amplification of BIPOC arts and voices in PEI. Her team believes that it is crucial towards creating representation and bridging

existing gaps for these artists who are facing challenges in getting their voices heard.

Her journey in amplifying underrepresented voices continues as a #RisingYouth Alumni Champion. She took part in multiple speaking opportunities with #RY including being a key panelist in our Perspectives from Coast to Coast event on amplifying youth voices in media where we hear her expertise as the head of a media company as well as being an Alumni speaker for our grantwriting workshops.

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

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? REACH OUT HERE!



Let's Get Social!

Stay in touch to keep up with what #RisingYouth are doing all across the country and get inspired to continue making an impact!









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