

# Hamilton and Area Resources For Racialized Communities

## Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

Hcci.ca, 423 King St. E. – email accessible via website

- Community based organization with a mandate to create a welcoming and inclusive city
- Have an active social media presence on twitter
- Website includes resources, contacts and an active blog

## Afro Canadian Caribbean Association Hamilton

432 King St. E Hamilton

Accahamilton.com [acca1@cogeco.net](mailto:acca1@cogeco.net)

- The mission of the Afro Canadian Caribbean Association is to facilitate and foster community engagement and empowerment for all members of our community including youth.
- All residents of Hamilton Wentworth have the right to a good life. We can assist our residence by working together to achieve this goal. It's better together! Collaboration within and outside our communities is paramount in achieving objectives. With our genuine concern for individuals and groups with life disparities, we will succeed by empowering other organizations and individuals that share these core values.
- Very active on facebook
- Hosting many events for the community

## Rafiki Hamilton

[www.rafikihamilton.com](http://www.rafikihamilton.com)

rafikihamilton@outlook.com

- Our focus is on supporting members of the Congolese community in Hamilton and other Francophone Africans in Canada with their personal and professional development and integration into Canadian society. Uniquely, we assist Congolese who do not speak any of Canada's official languages and who are allophones. We serve them in their native languages.
- Our current programs and services include computer skills training, workshops for the Canadian citizenship test, and G1 License test preparation. We also host information sessions on topics including mental health, the Canadian school systems, and life in Canada

## African Canadian Action Congress

905-541-2509

- We have a simple, but robust mission: to empower people of African ancestry through education and advocacy.
- Active on Facebook as well

## Black Legal Action Centre (BLAC)

720 Spadina Ave. Toronto, On Suite 221

416-597-5831

- We are a non-profit community legal clinic that provides free legal services for low or no income Black residents of Ontario.
- BLAC delivers legal aid services to low and no income Black Ontarians. We work to combat individual and systemic anti-Black racism by:
- providing legal representation, summary legal advice and brief services to individual clients
- engaging in test case litigation, law reform and community development to improve the laws that affect low income people
- giving public legal information sessions to members of the public and other community agencies
- We can help with:
- Education law, such as challenging suspensions, expulsions and discriminatory treatment
- Employment law, such as employment standards, employment insurance, and wrongful dismissal
- Housing law (tenants or co-op members only – not landlords), such as evictions
- Human Rights, such as providing summary legal advice, representation or referrals if a person has been discriminated against contrary to Ontario or Canadian human rights laws.
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), when you apply for ODSP or have problems once you are getting it
- Ontario Works (OW), applications and problems once you are getting it
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP-Disability or regular CPP)

## Disability Justice Network of Ontario

[www.djno.ca](http://www.djno.ca)

423 King St. E Hamilton

[info@djno.ca](mailto:info@djno.ca) 905-297-4694 ext. 201

- The Disability Justice Network of Ontario (DJNO) aims to build a just and accessible Ontario, wherein people with disabilities:
- Have personal and political agency
- Can thrive and foster community
- Build the power, capacity, and skills needed to hold people, communities, and institutions responsible for the spaces they create

## The Space Youth Centre Hamilton

(Currently closed due to COVID19, but hope to reopen soon)

24 Main St. W Hamilton

905-524-2222 [info@spaceyouth.ca](mailto:info@spaceyouth.ca)

- The SPACE Youth Centre is the only youth-led drop-in centre in the downtown Hamilton core for youth between the ages of 13-24. The SPACE, which stands for Sharing Power And Centering Experience, is a community hub that is created for and by a diverse group of young people who are invested in building inclusion, youth leadership, and change in our community
- At The SPACE we believe that by sharing a space for programs, music, dance, empowerment, learning and unlearning, and caring for each other we are building more than just a centre but a healthy community where everyone is able to grow and exist as their best self. Our community is invested in programming, resource support, and supporting mental wellness as a way to live into this vision.
- We understand that identities and experiences can change the way that people experience the world and we encourage folks of all identities to come and share space with us!

## Empowerment Squared

currently providing services remotely and virtually

162 King William St. Suite 103

905-393-5370

[www.empowermentsquared.org](http://www.empowermentsquared.org)

- At Empowerment Squared, our commitment is to ensure that marginalized, newcomer, and refugee youth are given the opportunity to succeed in school regardless of their past experiences and family's economic status. We refuse to accept the status quo where many youth in Canada and elsewhere are simply condemned to poverty and failure due to a lack of support to engage in positive learning activities and succeed in school. In Canada, many find themselves placed in grades higher than their academic abilities, others lack positive role models and adult allies, while many go without proper meals and safe transportation to school daily.
- Provide programming for Education, Sports and Recreation and Scholarship opportunities

## Refuge: Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health

[www.newcomerhealth.ca](http://www.newcomerhealth.ca)

183 Hughson St. S Lower Level

905-526-0000

- Specializing in new immigrant and refugee health
- Including: primary care, pediatrics, psychiatry and mental health, internal medicine and infectious diseases, maternal health, dermatology and hematology

## Coalition of Black and Racialized Artists (COBRA)

[www.corbrahamilton.weebly.com](http://www.corbrahamilton.weebly.com)

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- The Coalition Of Black And Racialized Artists or COBRA is a collective of artists of colour, based in Hamilton
- COBRA began its work in 2016, and is comprised of members from diverse racial backgrounds who are engaged in several of the city's arts communities – from photographers and musicians to playwrights, visual artists and designers. We believe in, and value the potential of the creatives of colour in our community, and strive to provide them with the access to tools and resources that are otherwise seemingly scarce.

## Black Lives Matter

76 Geary Ave. Toronto, On

info@blacklivesmatter.ca

Blacklivesmatter.ca

- Vision: To be a platform upon which black communities across Toronto can actively dismantle all forms of anti-black racism, liberate blackness, support black healing, affirm black existence, and create freedom to love and self- determine
- OUR MISSION:
- To forge critical connections and to work in solidarity with black communities, black-centric networks, solidarity movements, and allies in order to dismantle all forms of state-sanctioned oppression, violence, and brutality committed against African, Caribbean, and Black cis, queer, trans, and disabled populations in Toronto.