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HEALING SUPPORT FOR JAPANESE CANADIANS

The Anglican Church of Canada and the National Association of Japanese Canadians are pleased to announce that an agreement in principle has been reached to provide healing support to Japanese Canadians affected by the actions of Mr. G. G. Nakayama. Mr. Nakayama is known to have sexually abused hundreds of Japanese Canadian boys during his time as an Anglican priest from 1934 to 1994.

The Anglican Church of Canada has authorized the sum of \$610,000 to contribute to a Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians, to be administered by the National Association of Japanese Canadians. The Anglican Church has also agreed to finance the costs of a Facilitator/Project Manager, to be jointly selected by the Church and by the National Association of Japanese Canadians to lead a project team that is being formed to deliver the healing support. The Fund will be used to provide therapeutic counselling, educational grants, healing gatherings and community education, primarily for the remaining survivors of the clergy sexual abuse, the families and descendant families of persons harmed by Mr. Nakayama, and other members of the community affected by Mr. Nakayama's actions. Additional sums may be contributed to the Healing Fund in future.

This support follows up on a public apology made by the Anglican Church of Canada to the Japanese Canadian community in June 2015. In its apology and in recently authorizing the healing funds, the Anglican Church reaffirmed its commitment to participate in a healing and reconciliation process with the members of the Japanese Canadian community that were harmed by Mr. Nakayama.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

We have compiled a list of upcoming events. These events are not necessarily organized by the NAJC itself, but are listed because we felt that the topics may be of interest to our membership.

Date and Time	Description and Organizer	Registration/Join Link
March 31 4:00 PM PT 5:00 PM MT 6:00 PM CT 7:00 PM ET	Landscapes of Injustice Digital Archive Database Launch	Join Zoom Meeting https://uvic.zoom.us/j/83343488567 Meeting ID: 833 4348 8567 https://www.facebook.com/events/361164098277202
April 1 4:30 PM PT 5:30 PM MT 6:30 PM CT 7:30 PM ET	Toronto NAJC presents: Freedom Day – A Celebration and a Quiz	Register in advance here: https://bit.ly/3vTpXWk
April 8 5:30 PM PT 6:30 PM MT 7:30 PM CT 8:30 PM ET	NAJC Presents: Election Candidate's Forum	Register in advance here: https://bit.ly/3de3pXD Please email questions for candidates in advance to ed@najc.ca
April 17 1:00 PM PT 2:00 PM MT 3:00 PM CT 4:00 PM ET	日本語による移住者体験 座談会 ZOOM” あなたの経 験はいかがでしょう？” NAJC IJYUSHA OUTREACH PROJECT (IN JAPANESE) – AN OPEN DISCUSSION FOR JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS	Register in advance here: http://bit.ly/30TLgZC
Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5 12 NOON PT 1 PM MT 2 PM CT 3 PM ET	Mata Ashita online intergenerational writing circle Mata Ashita	https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mata-ashita-the-japanese-canadian-writers-circle-tickets-132358986291 Website also has tickets to Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1 and Jun 5 events

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Date and Time	Description and Organizer	Registration/Join Link
April and May 2021 Various Dates	Virtual Tour of 1 Hour Photo by Tetsur Shigematsu VACT	Tickets must be purchased in advance based on the date of the virtual (online) performance: Persephone Theatre (Saskatoon, SK) April 8 - 18, 2021 persephonetheatre.org Surrey Civic Theatres (Surrey, BC) April 23 – 24 www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/surrey-civic-theatres Prairie Theatre Exchange (Winnipeg, MB) May 5 – 9 www.ptex.mb.ca Artistic Fraud (St. John's, NL) May 13 - 15 artisticfraud.com
Apr 30	NAJC Community Development Fund Deadline	http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/community-development-fund/
Jun 30	NAJC Sports, Education, Arts Development Fund Deadline NAJC Cultural Development Fund Deadline Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award Deadline	http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/ http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/dr-gordon-hirabayashi-human-rights-award/

If you have an event that you would like the NAJC to promote please email details to Kevin at ed@najc.ca. We can list the event in our newsletter, website and Facebook page.

DR. GORDON HIRABAYASHI HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The Nominee can be an individual or group committed to mission statement of the NAJC, “to strive for equal rights and liberties for all people, particularly racial and ethnic minorities”. The nominee must live and operate in Canada. The award will not be given posthumously and the nominee may or may not be of Japanese ancestry or a member of the NAJC, but should be supportive of the NAJC mandate. Please check: <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/dr-gordon-hirabayashi-human-rights-award/> for complete details.

The deadline is June 30th, 2021. The award winner will be announced at our AGM on September 17, 2021. For 2021 the award will come with \$1,000 prize to be given to an organization chosen by the award winner.

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NAJC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MARCH 2021

By Lorene Oikawa

75 years ago, Japanese Canadians received a decision on a legal challenge that went all the way to the Privy Council in the United Kingdom. In the case of the government's exile orders to force Canadians of Japanese ethnicity to Japan, Privy Council sided with Parliament. In the *New Canadian* newspaper, the response was unyielding, "We must continue the fight because we believe in the justice of our cause, and because we firmly believe that there is in Canada a thing called democracy."

Unchecked, the government stripped Japanese Canadians of their rights and freedoms. Almost 80 years ago, the massive uprooting of Japanese Canadians started on February 26, 1942. Some were only given 24 hours' notice. On March 4, 1942, JCs were ordered to turn over all property and belongings to the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property. Order-in-Council P.C. 1665 was passed and this legislated theft was called a protective measure. On March 16, 1942, the first of the nearly 8,000 Japanese Canadians arrived at Hastings Park in Vancouver. They are held there, sometimes for months like the maternal side of my family, before being shipped further. Further injustices would continue and it wasn't until 1949, four years after World War II ended, that Japanese Canadians could return to the west coast of BC. But everything was taken away from them and there were no homes to return to.

In the midst of this timeline review, let us remember March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The origin of this day is when 69 people were killed by the police at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960 in Sharpeville, South Africa. A different community under attack, but motivated by hate for people based on their ethnicity. Unfortunately, the hate hasn't gone away. We have seen hate incidents explode during the pandemic. The Vancouver Police Department reported a 97% increase in hate incidents and a 717% increase in anti-Asian hate incidents from 2019 to 2020. The hate manifests in the rhetoric of white supremacists and their

groups, in the long-established systemic racism in society, and targeted attacks against Indigenous, and racialized individuals and organizations.

There isn't a simple answer to eliminate racial discrimination. It takes all of us, individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, unions, schools, media, and government to take action. One important piece is education, sharing of our stories, and building inclusivity. Too often, Indigenous stories including pre-colonial ones and racialized stories are not a part of Canadian history. We are seen as the "others" and not belonging. Being a Yonsei, fourth generation Canadian, doesn't prevent me from being questioned, "Where are you really from?"

The NAJC continues our work including sharing stories and having important discussions through our online programming which has greatly expanded since the pandemic. Until we can safely gather in person, join us online. <http://najc.ca/online-programs/> For news and updates, subscribe to NAJC e-news at <http://najc.ca/subscribe/>.

Besides featuring talented members of our Japanese Canadian community in events, we also support the development of creative works, projects, and individuals. One of the ways we provide support is through the NAJC Endowment Fund. The purpose of the NAJC Endowment Fund is to enhance the development of the Japanese Canadian community. There is funding available under two programs, Cultural Development and Sports, Education, and Arts Development. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2021. Eligibility and application information is on the NAJC website. <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/> A question & answer session for potential applicants will be set up this month and we will provide a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource.

Some of you may remember my work with the City of Surrey and the Discovering the Stories of Japanese Canadians in Surrey event. I am excited to let you know that the Surrey Heritage Interpretation Program is planning on installing a new heritage marker in Bear Creek Park, located in the Newton neighbourhood of Surrey. Surrey is a city within the Metro Vancouver



area. The marker will take the form of a regional map with family names printed on their historical property lots – a snapshot of residents of the area in 1940.

They have been reviewing archival resources, but it's important that we review the information to ensure the Japanese Canadian names on the heritage marker are accurate and complete. Surrey Heritage is looking for any assistance to confirm and correct the information. They would also be interested in anyone who may have stories or any other information to share. Their list of names includes Hirasawa, Mijazaki, Ota, Shinmoto, Shinohara, Hori, Inouye, Kawazoi, Ono, Yasui, Imahashi, Nakamura, Minto, Shigeta, Hashida, Kimura, Morioka, Okazaki, Nishioka, Fukushima, and Hinatsu. The associated addresses and map are posted on the NAJC website <http://najc.ca/japanese-canadian-residents-in-1940-surrey/>. Please provide your feedback as soon as possible, because the signage is being planned for early summer 2021. Thank you for your help.

The final word goes to a call out to support our Japanese Canadian media. If you make a donation to Nikkei Voice's 2021 fundraising campaign now, it will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10,000. Go to www.nikkeivoice.ca/donate. Information for subscribing to The Bulletin is in this magazine or go to <http://jccbulletin-geppo.ca/about-2/jcca-bulletin/membership/>. We encourage everyone to give whatever they can. Your help will ensure we continue to have these important forums to share the news, histories, and opinions of Japanese Canadians.

Stay safe and thank you for all you do, from the National Executive Board of the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

NAJC 会長のメッセージ 2021 年 3 月

ロリン・オイカワ

75 年前、日系カナダ人は、連邦政府に対して起こした訴訟の最終判決を、英国枢密院から受け取りました。この訴訟は、連邦政府が日本人を祖先に持つカナダ人を、日本に追放しようとした政策に関するものでした。英国枢密院は、日系カナダ人の日本への追放を、合法的だと認めました。この判決に対する「ニューカナディアン紙」の反応は、次のように揺るぎのないものでした。「我々は、我々の主張が正義だと信じるので、戦いを止めない。カナダには民主主義があると信じる。」

誰も止める者のいなくなった連邦政府は、日系カナダ人の人権と自由を剥奪しました。約 80 年前の 1942 年 2 月 26 日に、日系カナダ人の大規模な強制移動が始まりました。中には、たった 24 時間の猶予しか与えられずに、自分の家を追い出された人たちもいました。1942 年 3 月 4 日に、日系カナダ人は、全ての資産と個人的な持ち物を、「敵性外国人資産管理人」に提出することを命令されました。この命令は連邦政府内閣令 1665 号によるもので、合法化された窃盗にほかなりませんが、政府は日系カナダ人の資産を保護するためだと、強弁しました。そして、1942 年 3 月 16 日に自宅から追い出された日系人の第一団の 8,000 人余りが、バンクーバーのヘイスティングス・パークに到着しました。そして、収容所に移動するまで、何ヶ月もここに閉じ込められていました。私の母方の一家もここにいました。日系カナダは、これ以降も様々な不正義を、政府から受けました。日系カナダ人が BC 州の太平洋沿岸に戻れたのは、第二次世界大戦が終結してから 4 年目の

1949 年でした。しかし、そこには、もう自分の家は、政府に売り払われてしまっていて、残ってい

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このように3月は、日系カナダ人にとって重要な月です。3月にはもう一つ、忘れてはならない日があります。3月21日は「世界人種差別根絶の日」です。

1960年のこの日に、南アフリカのシャープビルで、アパルトハイト政策に反対する平和的なデモの参加者が69名、警官によって殺されました。カナダから遠く離れたところで、人種差別によるヘイトで起きた事件でした。ヘイトは現在も横行しています。COVID-19パンデミック下で、ヘイト事件は増加しています。バンクーバー警察によれば、2019年から2020年にかけて、ヘイト事件は97パーセント増加し、アジア系カナダ人に対するヘイト事件は717パーセント増加しました。ヘイトは白人至上主義者とその仲間の言動や、社会の中に長年根付いている制度的な人種差別によって醸成され、カナダ先住民、人種の少数派に属する個人や団体を目標にしています。

人種差別を根絶する簡単な方法はありません。私たちは、個人、グループ、団体、企業、労働組合、学校、メディア、政府、として努力を続けなければなりません。この努力に大切な要素が一つあります。教育です。教育を通して、我々の経験を皆に伝え、皆の一体感を増強していくことが大切です。白人の入植前も含めたカナダ先住民の経験や、少数派カナダ人の経験は、いまだカナダの歴史の一部になっていません。私たちは、カナダの歴史の一部でない「他の人たち」と見なされているのです。私は4世ですが、未だに「あなたは、本当はどの国の人なの？」と質問されます。

NAJCは人種差別根絶に向かった活動を続けていきます。日系カナダ人の経験を皆と共有し、オンラインの討論会を開きます。NAJCはオンラインの討論会を、COVID-19パンデミック以来、拡充してきました。また皆で集まれるまで、オンラインで会いましょう。オンライン会合の情報は [http://naic.ca/online-](http://naic.ca/online-programs/)

[programs/](http://naic.ca/online-programs/)。ニュースや情報の最新版を得る為にはNAJCのEニュースに登録してください、

<http://naic.ca/subscribe/>。

NAJCは日系カナダ人社会の才能ある人たちの紹介の他に、日系カナダ人の創造的な仕事を支援しています。NAJCの寄贈基金を元にした二つの支援プログラムがあります。「文化発展支援プログラム」と「スポーツ、教育、芸術発展プログラム」です。今年の応募締切は6月30日です。応募資格、応募要項についてはNAJCウェブサイト <http://naic.ca/funds-and-awards/> を御覧ください。尚、応募についての質疑応答オンライン会合を3月中に予定しています。またNAJCウェブサイトによくある質問と回答を掲載します。

ご存知のかたもいるかもしれませんが、私はメトロ・バンクーバーの一部のサリー市の「サリーの日系カナダ人の歴史発見」イベントに参加してきました。このたび、このイベントで、サリー市のニュートン地区のベアクリーク公園に、日系カナダ人の記念碑を建てることになりました。記念碑はサリー市の地図に、1940年にサリーに住んでいた日系人の名前を、その家のあった所に書き込んだものです。

サリー市ではサリーに住んでいた日系カナダ人の情報を集めてきましたが、情報を確認するために、皆様の協力をお願いしています。現在までに、サリー市の集めた日系カナダ人の名前は次のとおりです。ヒラサワ、ミヤザキ、オオタ、シンモト、シノハラ、ホリ、イノウエ、カワゾイ、オオノ、ヤスイ、イマハシ、ナカムラ、ミント、シゲタ、ハシダ、キムラ、モリオカ、オカザキ、ニシオカ、フクシマ、ヒナツ、です。この人たちの情報または経験をご存知のかたは、至急、ご連絡ください。記念碑は

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2021年夏に建つ予定です。この人達の名前と住所を書いた地図がNAJCウェブサイト

<http://najc.ca/japanese-canadian-residents-in-1940-surrey/>に掲載されています。

最後の呼びかけは日系のメディアに対する支援です。

「日系ボイス」は現在、募金キャンペーンをしています。あなたが募金すると、それと同額が10,000ドルまで、他から補填されます。詳しくは

www.nikkeivoice.ca/donate をご覧ください。

「ブレティン」購読希望者は<http://jccabulletin-geppo.ca/about-2/jcca-bulletin/membership/> をご覧ください。これらの雑誌は日系カナダ人社会のニュース、経験、意見を交換、共有するために不可欠です。皆様の支援をお願いいたします。

では皆様、安全にお過ごしください。NAJC全国理事会から、皆様の支援にお礼申しあげます。

NAJC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION UPDATE

The NAJC election process for the vacant Secretary position is well under way. You should have already received a mail-in ballot with detailed instructions. If you have NOT received your ballot yet, please contact Karina at national@najc.ca.

The ballot needs to be completed and returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope that will be included in the package. Unfortunately the NAJC is unable to offer on-line voting or voting by email at this time.

Mail-in ballots must be **received** by the National Office by May 12, 2021, which is seven (7) days prior to the NAJC ELECTION MEETING where the results will be announced (May 19, 2021 at 5:30 PM PDT/6:30 PM MDT/7:30 PM CDT/8:30 PM EDT).

A Candidate's Forum will be held to give our membership an opportunity to meet (virtually) the two candidates: Naomi Katsumi (Ottawa) and Fumi Torigai (Whitehorse).

Here are the details:

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM PT/6:30 PM MT/7:30 PM CT/8:30 PM ET

Register in Advance: <https://bit.ly/3de3pXD>

Should you have any questions that you would like the candidates to consider, please send them to ed@najc.ca.

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日本語による移住者体験座談会 ZOOM”あなたの経験はいかがでしょう？”

カナダ生活において、文化や価値観の違い、言葉の壁、子育て、国際結婚、地域社会との関わり合い、就職活動、精神衛生(メンタルヘルス)、人種差別、等の困難に直面されたことはありますか？ カナダにおける多様文化社会(マルチカルチャリズム)とはなんのでしょうか？ 成功談、役にたったサポート、あるいは新移住者への助言なども含めてお互いの適応経験を分かち合いしましょう。鹿毛真理子さんをはじめ、移住者の方々数人をゲストとして招きそれぞれユニークな経験談を語っていただきます。

ぜひお友達やご家族もお誘いあわせてお集まりください。

2021年4月17日(土) 午後1時 – 2時半
(PDT) 午後2時 – 3時半 (MDT) 午後4時 – 5時半 (EDT)

Zoom 登録: <http://bit.ly/30TLgZC>

ご質問は鳥飼文彦まで ftorigai@gmail.com, 867-393-2588

主催: 全国日系カナダ人協会 (Sponsored by National Association of Japanese Canadians)

ゲスト 鹿毛真理子: 東京育ち。中学生でカナダに移住後、拒食症など異文化適応の悩みを経て、UBC で学んだ後に米国で結婚と留学。ISS Translators Inc. などで学ぶ。96 年に合気道初段修得。97 年に再び来加、国際結婚ワークショップなどの企画と通訳、人権委員会、JCCA の活動、病院での通訳に携わる。先住民の部落 D'Arcy に 6 年間在住、地域青年少年環境問題活動に専念。2008 年以来 Lillooet に在住、地域の日系カナダ人関係のプロジェクトの立ち上げに関わりながら青少年育成と援助等の仕事などで活躍。2012 年合気道二段修得、7 児の母。現在は多文化間国際コミュニケーション大学院修士課程在学中。

NAJC IJYUSHA OUTREACH PROJECT (IN JAPANESE) – AN OPEN DISCUSSION FOR JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS

with Mariko Kage and other special guests

How is your experience since coming to Canada? Do you have success stories? What was helpful for you? What can you advise newcomers? Have you been challenged with issues such as: lifestyle adjustments, differences in culture and values, language barriers, parenting (relationships with your children), intermarriage, connecting with local communities or services, employment, subtle discrimination, etc.?

Are you interested in an orientation/discussion around “What is Multiculturalism?” Although this Zoom meeting is conducted in Japanese, those who can hear and understand Japanese are most welcome to join. (90 minutes session)

Sat. April 17, 2021 @1:00pm PDT / 2:00pm MDT / 3:00 PM CDT/4:00pm EDT For more info: Fumi Torigai ftorigai@gmail.com or 867-393-2588
To register: <http://bit.ly/30TLgZC>

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NAJC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 OPEN ON APRIL 1 - APRIL 30, 2021 DEADLINE

The NAJC Community Development grants are available only to member organizations and supporting organizations of NAJC and targeting the needs of the Japanese Canadian community.

The new application forms will be available on April 1, 2021 here: <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/community-development-fund/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2021



NAJC ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 RELEASED – JUNE 30, 2021 DEADLINE

The NAJC Endowment Fund applications for the Sports, Education and Arts Development (SEAD) Fund and the Cultural Development Fund have now been released.

The applications and further grant details can be found here:

<http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2021

Applications must be received by the NAJC by the deadline (can complete online, by email or mail)



FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 1st, 2021 7 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. EDT

(4:00 PM PDT/5:00 PM MDT/6:00 PM CDT/7:00 PM EDT)

The Toronto NAJC Board of Directors invites Japanese Canadians from across Canada to a community event geared towards intergenerational engagement and conversation. The starting point of discussion will be voting rights, democracy. In this year of change making, everything is on the table.

You might be surprised by who might join you in your breakout room. We remember April 1st, 1949 as the day Japanese Canadians were allowed to move freely in Canada and received the right to vote.

The evening will begin with a SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR JOHN TORY and proceed as follows:

Hide Hyodo Shimizu Video (5 minutes)

Quiz - JC Enfranchisement (10 minutes)

Video - The Vote (3 minutes)

Breakout Sessions (30 minutes)

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Team presentations (25 minutes)

Parting words (5 minutes)

QUESTIONS: communications@torontonajc.ca

REGISTER HERE: <https://bit.ly/3vTpXWk>

FREEDOM DAY VIDEO – Send us yours!

As we reflect on Freedom Day, why is voting important to you?

Tell us by video what you think. Click the link below to upload a 10 to 20 second video. (include a 2-3 second buffer before and after you speak)

<https://forms.gle/d8Ht7yFvexLfbube6>

Note: By uploading this video you give the Toronto NAJC permission to include your video for our Freedom Day 2021 event and/or social media. Please record yourself in landscape mode (hold smartphone horizontally). A Google account is required to upload your video. If you do not have a google account, please email your video or File Sharing Link to derek.sakauye@gmail.com



LANDSCAPES OF INJUSTICE DIGITAL ARCHIVE DATABASE LAUNCH

Exploring JC Family History through government records

Landscapes of Injustice is pleased to announce the launch of the Digital Archives database this March.

Join us as we explore the materials contained within, demonstrate how to retrieve them and chat with

members of the Japanese Canadian community about the files related to their family history and heritage.

We will introduce different storytellers at each event.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

4:00 -5:00 pm Pacific Daylight time.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/83343488567>

Meeting ID: 833 4348 8567

<https://www.facebook.com/events/361164098277202>

For more information

<https://www.landscapesofinjustice.com/upcoming-events/exploring-jc-family-history-through-the-digital-archive-database/>

Short 2 ½ minute video Digital

Archives: <https://vimeo.com/461601867/a2f9861ee9>

The LOI digital archive collections are the culmination of a four-year intensive research period conducted by project members. It includes a diverse array of materials from archival and government records to oral histories as well as land title records and transcribed directories. This archive boasts a total of 32,042 html documents collected from over 20 archives and repositories from Canada, US and UK. The documents include over 10,000 case files from the Office of the Custodian, over 1,400 files related to the Bird Commission, 7,397 land title documents, 1,019 Fishing Boat Ledger files, 454 protest letter documents, 139 oral histories and more.

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VACCINE COMMUNITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Federal Anti-Racism Secretariat would like to inform you about a **new funding opportunity** launched by the Public Health Agency of Canada: The **Vaccine Community Innovation Challenge**. The Challenge calls on individuals and/or groups to propose innovative communications campaigns that use creative ideas to reach diverse audiences.

Submit a proposal and the Agency will select 20 finalists who will each receive \$25,000 to develop and implement their campaign over 12 weeks. At the end of the campaign, one finalist will receive a grand prize of \$100,000 to reinvest in the protection and promotion of public health in their community.

Please visit the [webpage](#) for more information on the Challenge.

Have questions? Please e-mail phac.cgc.solicitations-csc.aspc@canada.ca with the subject line "Vaccine Community Innovation Challenge."

Proposals must be submitted by April 9, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. EST.

ANTI-RACISM NETWORK ESTABLISHED BY RESILIENCE BC

Hello Friends of Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network

We are happy to share with you today news that we have launched the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network website. (<https://www.resiliencebc.ca/>) This site provides information on how to report an incident of racism or hate, connect with provincial support services, find resources for people wanting to learn more about anti-racism work and engage with people who are offering services in the area of diversity, equity and inclusion, decolonization and anti-racism. The site allows people across the province to connect with the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network members in their own community and shares stories about anti-racism and anti-hate work around the province. We encourage you to share your stories with us to include in our regular website updates.

We are also excited to announce the unveiling of the province's anti-racism awareness campaign on promoting anti-racist literacy among British Columbians. The goal of the campaign is to create self-awareness that racism is everyone's problem to address. For more information go to antiracist.gov.bc.ca.

We hope you enjoy exploring these new resources and share them widely on your social media.

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NAJC STATEMENT ON ANTI-ASIAN HATE

The National Executive Board of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) has heard from our members and member organizations across Canada who are shaken by the ongoing incidents of anti-Asian hate. We expressed our solidarity with Asian Americans who were reeling with the news of the six Asian American women who were killed in Atlanta. Whether in the news, social media, or by personal account, the incidents are increasing on both sides of the border.

We asked our JC members to report any incidents. One of our Japanese Canadian elders, a sansei (third generation Canadian of Japanese ancestry) told us she was walking outside when she was verbally attacked and told that she is the cause of the virus and “to go back where she came from.” The elder said it brought back horrible memories of the internment. Other JCs have also reported similar attacks.

There is an upsurge in the attacks against Asian Americans and Asian Canadians which started at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Asian Canadians, Asian Americans, and anyone who looks Asian are being attacked and unfairly blamed for the pandemic.

The Vancouver Police Department reported an over 700% increase in the number of anti-Asian hate incidents in 2020. There needs to be more race-based data collection to support changes in policy and legislation. Filling the gap for now, community groups have started documenting the incidents. What we do know is that there are more cases of anti-Asian hate than what is reported to the police. We also see that women are disproportionately the target of the hate.

We need to emphasize Anti-Asian racism is not new. Historical accounts often lack the stories of racialized settlers and Indigenous peoples. If more people understood the injustice of the past, maybe we wouldn't

keep repeating the mistakes. Anti-Asian racism started when Asian settlers first came to Canada.

Our Japanese Canadian ancestors experienced anti-Asian racism when they arrived as settlers in the 1800s. They and Chinese Canadians experienced it in the anti-Asian riot that took place in 1907 in downtown Vancouver, a planned event organized by both Americans and Canadians. Anti-Asian racism persisted and manifested in the injustice against Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. In 1942 nearly 22,000 Canadians of Japanese ethnicity were forcibly uprooted, dispossessed, interned until four years after the war ended, and exiled.

Other Asian Canadians have their own stories to tell. There is diversity within Asian communities. Our communities comprise newcomers and multigenerational families. We're not all the same, but unfortunately we do have the experience of anti-Asian racism in common.

More work needs to be done to stop the stereotypes, the marginalization of racialized people, and the “othering” of people through comments, questions, jokes, and racial slurs. These attacks take place in person and are increasing online. We need to set up processes and policies to prevent the toxic environments where bullies thrive.

The NAJC is committed to our human rights work including education and creating safe spaces where we can share our stories and build inclusivity. We are working with our community, other community groups, other organizations, and all levels of government.

This will take the effort of all of us, individually and collectively, to stop the anti-Asian hate and all forms of racism. Doing nothing is not an option.

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TORONTO NAJC STATEMENT ON ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE ACROSS NORTH AMERICA.

Statement issued by the Toronto NAJC

TORONTO, ON (March 17, 2021)

The NAJC condemns the acts of violence that took the lives of eight people including six Asian women in Atlanta. We mourn their loss. Our hearts and minds are with their family, friends, and communities.

“Whether these murders were intended to target the victims because of their work, gender, or their Asian ethnicity, they come at a time when our community is already feeling exposed and vulnerable. The impacts of the discrimination and outright racism that have been brought to the forefront by the Covid-19 pandemic have continued to wear us down, and while the motives behind this most recent attack still remain unknown, the implications are harrowing.” (Japanese American Citizens League Statement on March 16th attack in Atlanta)

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Anti-Asian racism and violence has increased across North America. Japanese Canadians see historic parallels between the viral nature of the current rise and escalation of racism and hate – to that which saw our community dispossessed and exiled from British Columbia in the 1940’s.

In 1905 the Asiatic Exclusion League (AEL) formed in the United States to target Japanese and Korean Americans and grew to include all Asians. A chapter was formed in Vancouver in 1907 and less than a month later the 1907 Vancouver Anti-Asian Riots erupted, lasting three days. Mobs of up to 8,000 marched through Chinatown and Powell Street vandalizing businesses and assaulting Asians with the Chinese community enduring the brunt of the

devastation and aggression.

We call on our political leaders to continue to fight racism on all fronts, and for all peoples. This tsunami of anti-Asian racism in Canada is interconnected with all forms of racism and discrimination – fueled by home grown white supremacists and nurtured historically with 170 pieces of discriminatory anti-Asian legislation in the Province of British Columbia. We call upon all Canadians to speak out and act against racism and hatred – support legislation that outlaws’ white supremacists and measures that give substance to addressing hate crimes and hate speech in Canada. Media Contact: communications@torontonaic.ca

STATEMENT FROM CRRF ON INCREASE OF ANTI-ASIAN VIOLENCE ACROSS NORTH AMERICA

<https://www.crrf-fcrr.ca/en/news-events/articles/item/27368-our-worst-fears-realized?>

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) is deeply concerned with the increasing levels of violence perpetrated against Canada's Asian population since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The violence against Asian-Canadians harkens back to an extremely dark period in Canada's history where Asians were targets of racism during a period of crisis. The present-day events put this country on a dangerous trajectory that it cannot afford to repeat.

Yesterday's shooting of eight innocent women in Atlanta should be a wake-up call to all Canadians with compassion and reason that this escalation of physical and emotional violence must come to an end immediately. The wanton act of violence expressed in Atlanta yesterday evening is not exclusive to the US. In Vancouver alone, there has been a reported 878 percent increase in violence committed against Asians, and in Montreal, the police have registered a 16 percent increase in violence against the Asian community.

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According to a joint report from Fight COVID Racism and EliminateHate.org, 60 percent of the victims of anti-Asian racism incidents have been women since the beginning of the pandemic. Thirty percent of incidents reported are physically violent.

"A pandemic that does not discriminate when it chooses its victims should never be the catalyst for anyone to enact racial discrimination," states CRRF Board Chair Teresa Woo-Paw. "In a time of crisis, we should be banding together to denounce racism and hold those who enact it to account whenever and wherever possible."

The CRRF is calling on all Canadians to:

Report all incidents of anti-Asian violence to the authorities

Provide safe spaces: Allow Asian-Canadian friends and colleagues to share their experiences and listen to what they have to say

Educate yourself and others: The most effective way to eliminate racism in all its forms is to educate yourself and those around you about other racialized people, their cultures, and how racism manifests itself.

"CRRF stands in solidarity with the 6.1 million Asian-Canadians across the country—many of whom have had to live in fear for their safety over the last year," said Woo-Paw. "Asian-Canadians, and every Canadian for that matter, deserve better, and we must do our utmost to ensure that we root out the cancer of hate from this great country."

FIND OUT MORE!

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/mar/18/atlanta-spa-shootings-anti-sex-worker-racism-sexism>

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/why_a_re_asian_americans_being_attacked_and_what_can_you_do_about_it#thank-influence

ASIAN CANADIAN WOMEN'S ALLIANCE STATEMENT ON ATLANTA SHOOTINGS

ACWA extends our condolences to the victims' families. The authorities have identified those killed in the attacks as Employees Soon Chung Park, 74; Suncha Kim, 69; Yong Ae Yue, 63; Hyun Jung Grant, 51; Xiaojie Tan, 49; Daoyou Feng, 44; Patrons, Delaina Ashley Yaun, 33 and Paul Andre Michels, 54

Toronto-based Asian Canadian Women's Alliance (ACWA) condemns the murders of eight people in Atlanta, including six Asian women. ACWA considers the shooting rampage a direct result of the former president's racist comments during the Covid pandemic. Anti-Asian hate crimes have spiked in Canada at a higher per capita rate than the US. In Vancouver, such incidents nearly doubled in 2020 over 2019. Women, the elderly, and the most marginalized segments of the community are disproportionately targeted, according to a September 2020 report conducted by the Chinese Canadian National Council, Toronto Chapter and Project 1907, Vancouver. ACWA extends our condolences to the victims' families. We urge Canadian authorities to be vigilant about the continuing violence against Asian Canadians.

The 16 founding members of ACWA include Joy Kogawa, Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi, Maryka Omatsu, Julia Shin-Doi and Pamela Sugiman.

<https://globalnews.ca/video/7706770/atlanta-shooting-spree-raises-fears-among-asian-canadians>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7710319/anti-asian-racism-bc-atlanta-shootings/>

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1 HOUR PHOTO
TETSURO SHIGEMATSU

vAct VANCOUVER
ASIAN
CANADIAN
THEATRE

VIRTUAL TOUR OF 1 HOUR PHOTO

By Tetsuro Shigematsu

Navigating this new world of social distancing spawned the innovative solution to bring vAct's award-winning production 1 Hour Photo across Canada. vAct has collaborated with a Vancouver based film production company, Brightlight Pictures, to produce a high quality, 75 minute cinematic adaptation of 1 Hour Photo by Tetsuro Shigematsu. Presented by theatre companies across Canada, the 1 Hour Photo Virtual Tour will engage with audiences through scheduled showings accompanied by a live talkback with Tetsuro Shigematsu. There is a cap of 100 tickets for each performance.

Tour Dates and Theatres

Persephone Theatre (Saskatoon, SK) April 8 - 18, 2021 persephonetheatre.org

Surrey Civic Theatres (Surrey, BC) April 23 – 24
www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/surrey-civic-theatres

Prairie Theatre Exchange (Winnipeg, MB) May 5 – 9
www.ptex.mb.ca

Artistic Fraud (St. John's, NL) May 13 - 15
artisticfraud.com

Each theatre will sell its own tickets for each part of the tour.

CITY OF SURREY HERITAGE PROJECT LOOKING FOR FORMER JAPANESE CANADIAN RESIDENTS IN 1940

The City of Surrey Heritage Project needs assistance with names of former Japanese Canadian residents in 1940.

Surrey Heritage Interpretation Program is planning on installing a new heritage marker in Bear Creek Park, located in the Newton neighborhood of Surrey. Surrey is a city within the Metro Vancouver area. The marker will take the form of a regional map with family names printed on their historical property lots – a snapshot of residents of the area in 1940. They have been reviewing archival resources, but it's important that we review the information to ensure the Japanese Canadian names on the heritage marker are accurate and complete. In particular, four names need to be cross-referenced: Mijazaki, Hori, Minto, and Kimura.

Surrey Heritage is looking for any assistance to confirm and correct the information. They would also be interested in anyone who may have stories or any other information to share. Please check the information in this link <http://najc.ca/japanese-canadian-residents-in-1940-surrey/> which includes all of the Japanese Canadian names, associated addresses and maps. Please provide your feedback as soon as possible, because the signage is being planned for early summer 2021. Thank you for your help.

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#BlockHate CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS THE CONSEQUENCES OF ONLINE HATE

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation and YWCA Canada launch an awareness campaign highlighting the stories of young Canadian women who have survived misogyny and racism online

TORONTO, March 22, 2021—The Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) and YWCA Canada have launched a social media campaign called #BlockHate to address concerns around the rise of hate speech and racism online. The campaign launch coincides with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21. The campaign features women of colour targeted by online hate through social media who share their experiences.

Online hate speech and racism are often a precursor to the unfortunate trend of violent, in-person attacks against marginalized communities. This is evidenced in the hate speech spread online about Asians over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic followed by an over 700 percent rise in violent attacks Asian-Canadians in cities like Vancouver. This was also true when 60 percent of Canadians indicated in an Ipsos Reid poll that Islamophobia was increasing post-9/11.

Noor Fadel, featured in the #BlockHate campaign, was 18-years-old when she was attacked on a train four years ago by a stranger for wearing a hijab. When she posted her story to social media, it went viral. She received many supportive messages and received hundreds of sexist, racist, and Islamophobic comments concerning her experience.

"During the pandemic, we've seen all forms of gender-based violence increase including online hate. Young, racialized women, are particularly vulnerable," said YWCA Canada CEO Maya Roy. "Not investing in measures to prevent, address and report hate online hurts us all. We can't have any COVID-19 recovery in a climate of hate, violence, and fear."

Young people are some of the most deeply affected by online hate speech. A recent poll conducted by CRRF and Abacus Data indicated that young people between 18 and 29 are the most avid social media users. Yet, they are more likely than any other age demographic in the country to have directly received or witnessed offensive name-calling, racist, sexist, homophobic comments, incitements of violence, sexual harassment, and physical threats online. Racialized Canadians are three times more likely to experience online hate speech.

Ninety-three percent of Canadians believe that online hate speech and racism are a problem. Eighty percent want online hate speech and racism treated with the same seriousness as in-person hate crimes by lawmakers. Despite the overwhelming support for regulation, law enforcement around racism and hate speech perpetrated online has been uneven. Nonetheless, well-established laws penalizing those who enact in-person hate crimes are more regularly enforced.

"What we are hoping to accomplish is to encourage regulation that will minimize the volume and frequency at which online hate speech and racism is spread," said CRRF Executive Director Mohammed Hashim. "This campaign is an effort to ensure that the hateful fringe voices are never given the greatest platforms."

The #BlockHate campaign can be found on www.blockhate.ca and also appears on the Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter accounts of CRRF and YWCA Canada.

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MATA ASHITA – WRITERS CIRCLE

Submitted by: Anne Canute

Mata Ashita is an intergenerational writing circle for Japanese Canadians and a space for connection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On the first Saturday of each month in Spring and Summer 2021, Mata Ashita will host Japanese Canadian artists over Zoom and invite the community to participate in an online creative writing workshop inspired by their work. We are excited to announce the first three speakers of our six-month program, supported by the Tomoko Makabe Legacy Fund to honour her contribution to Japanese Canadian research and writing.

April 3

May 1

June 5

The workshops begin at 12PM PST/3PM EST and feature a 30-minute Q&A followed by an hour-long writing workshop. Each session will be led by an experienced writing-for-wellness facilitator and will include a community support specialist.

We hope that these workshops will help us engage in meaningful conversations around creativity, connection, and mental health, especially at a time when it is harder than ever for us to be together. We are also looking forward to highlighting classic

Japanese Canadian work and new material from rising stars in the literary community.

Mata Ashita means see you tomorrow, and for us, that means a promise to take care of ourselves and each other during this difficult time. Japanese Canadian writing has long been a medium through which our community has found incredible power and meaning, and we hope to continue this tradition with writers new and old.

Get your [free tickets now](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mata-ashita-the-japanese-canadian-writers-circle-tickets-132358986291):

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mata-ashita-the-japanese-canadian-writers-circle-tickets-132358986291>

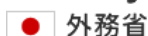
We look forward to seeing you there!

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN LIVELIHOOD AND BUSINESS FOUNDATIONS

For Japanese Nationals Overseas and People of Japanese Descent

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000949.html

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has announced a program to provide support to Japanese nationals overseas and Nikkei whose livelihoods have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Measures will be taken to prevent the spread of infection and to support the creation of environments conducive to business in Japanese expatriate and Nikkei communities through overseas Japanese associations, Japan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Nikkei groups etc.

Applications are open to organizations and groups overseas wishing to implement relevant projects.

In order to ensure that Japanese nationals overseas etc. will widely benefit from their projects, applicant organizations and groups are strongly encouraged to roll out their plans in advance to a wide range of potential beneficiaries through their public relations efforts and to make sure that these projects do not exclude non-members.



Newcomer services can help you

TOOLKIT – NEWCOMER SETTLEMENT SERVICES

From Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Hello,

Earlier this month, IRCC launched a national advertising campaign (Canada.ca/newcomer-services), which runs until March 31, 2021, to promote settlement services for newcomers. We invite you to use and share the tools included in this [promotional toolkit](#) during and after the campaign.

The kit offers you a series of tools and products, including:

- videos
- email templates
- social media posts

By using it, you can help raise awareness in your community of the free services available to help newcomers settle in Canada (such as job support, language classes and mental health resources).

Please don't hesitate to contact us at IRCC.Outreach-Rayonnement.IRCC@cic.gc.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping us raise awareness of services for newcomers!/

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – CANADA'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

From the Government of Canada

This is a friendly reminder that the Canada's Volunteer Awards (CVA) will be accepting applications for the CVA National Advisory Committee (NAC) until April 8. Apply now!

Members of the National Advisory Committee play a leading role in the selection of Canada's Volunteer Awards recipients by reviewing nominations and making recommendations to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. They will also support the promotion of the program throughout their term.

The committee consists of 15 volunteer members from across Canada who are passionate about volunteering. Members are selected based on their knowledge and experience working or volunteering in support of community development and will serve a term of three years. We encourage Black Canadian community leaders to apply and help to highlight members in their own communities who are making a difference. If you have experience in at least one of the following sectors, you might have what the committee needs:

- a not-for-profit organization,
- the charitable sector,
- the health sector,
- the social services sector,
- a service provider,

- the private sector, or
- a municipality.

CVA is accepting applications until April 8th, 2021. If you want to learn more about the opportunity to become a National Advisory Committee member or to apply, please visit our web page.

https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/volunteer-awards/national-advisory-committee.html?utm_campaign=NAC_Outreach_Applications_2021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=%20web&utm_content=Canada-Volunteer-Awards-Program-en&utm_term=Greyhouse

We all play a role in recognizing Canada's volunteers. Great volunteers come from everywhere. Please share this email with your professional network, stakeholders, friends, or family!

If you have any questions about the National Advisory Committee, please contact us at 1-877-825-0434 or Info-cva-pbc@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

Follow us on Twitter @EDSC_GC and Facebook @EDSC_GC for the latest updates on Canada's Volunteer Awards. Give our posts a Like or Share! We encourage you to share our content throughout this call.

COVID-19 AWARENESS TOOLKIT

Public Health Agency of Canada have a number of free resources to help organizations help Canadians stay safe, healthy and informed. The resources are in this toolkit available at: <http://najc.ca/private/>

There is also a toll free line at 1-833-784-4397 (interpretation services are available in multiple languages) to answer any further questions.

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE NAJC!

There are numerous other voluntary positions that we are seeking to fill **IMMEDIATELY** on our many committees.

If you ever wanted to get more involved with your national association, here is your chance! There are various positions available, requiring differing levels of involvement and commitment.

To express your interest in volunteering, apply online!

Go to

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejTwCSTEmmjH5A9eqAWYOle8GzUI_as-kYO2zwCZC0v8DezQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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Check out the Japanese Canadian and NAJC **Facebook** site to keep up to date on events, happenings, stories and photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/najc.ca/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Japanese.Canadian.FG/>

(submit member request to join)

Twitter: @najc_ca

Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoBxHJfs3wpNaxAgYP7ecHw>