

**MARCH 21: THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

2009 PROVINCE OF ALBERTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS





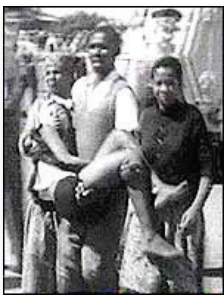
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What is the March 21?

The March 21 Campaign is our response to the need to heighten awareness of the harmful effects of racism within our society and to promote RESPECT, EQUALITY, DIVERSITY—the three fundamental Canadian values that support the March 21 Campaign.

Why March 21?

On March 21, 1960, sixty-seven black demonstrators were killed and 186 wounded by armed white South African police while protesting Apartheid’s passbook laws in Sharpeville Township. Six years after the Sharpeville Massacre, in response to the outrage expressed by the international community, the United Nations declared March 21 the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Canada was one of the first countries to support this move, and in 1989 the first Canadian March 21 Campaign took place, initiated by the Department of Canadian Heritage.



Alberta remembers Sharpeville and celebrates March 21 through the commitment and initiative of individuals, organizations and businesses who believe that we can move, step-by-step, to accomplish greater awareness of issues related to eradicating racism, discrimination and prejudice from our society.



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Calgary

March 2008 - On-going

Distribution of Stop Racism Stickers to 5 Libraries and 4 Recreation Centers

Sponsoring Organization: Community Services, Mountain View County

Contact Person: Michelle Honeyman,

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Michelle.Honeyman@mountainviewcounty.com

March 13th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Working Toward a Better Place for You and Me

Sponsoring Organization: The Diversity & Student for Change Council of Bob Edwards Junior High School

Venue: Bob Edwards Junior High School, 4424 Marlborough Drive, NE

The Diversity & Student for Change Council was founded in 2002. Its slogan is "Peace for Me, Peace for my School, Peace for the Community, Peace for the Earth". Its operating framework is "Respect for all; working with peers to develop and maintain an inclusive and peaceful community". The Council engages in a number of activities including participation in the YMCA Peace Camp and this conference. At this fifth annual conference, 20 sessions will be offered by students, teachers, and by facilitators from the community. Topics include world religions, homelessness, mental health awareness, human rights, the environment, sexual orientation, meditation, yoga, gang related issues, gender issues, racism, racial profiling and much more. Some of the facilitators include Rev. Linda Hunter (Chair of the Calgary Presbytery of the United Church of Canada), Dr. Hussein Amery (representing Islam), Gary Martin (YMCA Peace Medal recipient), someone from the John Humphrey Centre for Human Rights in Edmonton, the Alex Community Health business representative, and Ryan Pires who will be doing a Rap against Racism message.

Open to students and staff at Bob Edwards Junior High School

March 14th - March 15th

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Internalized Racism: An Aspect of Racism Seldom Discussed

Sponsoring Organization: The Alberta Network of Immigrant Women

Venue: Executive Royal Inn, 2827-27 Avenue NE

Contact Persons: Kamal Sehgal from the Alberta Network of Immigrant Women and Vilma Dawson, Calgary Centre for Culture, Equity and Diversity

Contact Information: Kamal, 403-262-8040, aniw@shaw.ca and, Vilma at 403-809-1284, dawson@crrccu.org

A round table discussion and workshop will take place following a series of workshops in Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer on internalized racism facilitated by racialized women trained by Tina Lopes, co-author of *Dancing on Live Embers: Challenging Racism in Organizations* on how to empower individuals to effectively address societal issues in general and in particular the issue of internalized racism.

Closed to the Public

March 16th

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Mickey Mouse Monopoly: Disney, Childhood and Corporate Power

Sponsoring Organization: Mount Royal College

Venue: West Residence of Mount Royal College

Contact Person: Judy Collins, Ombudsperson/Human Rights Advisor

Contact Information: 403-440-6076, jcollins@mtroyal.ca

Take a close and critical look at the world these films create and the stories they tell about race, gender and class and reaches disturbing conclusions about the values perpetuated under the guise of innocence and fun. Food Served.

Open to Students and Staff at Mount Royal College

Tuesday, March 17th

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Anti-Oppression Workshop

Sponsoring Organization: Mount Royal College

Venue: Art Gallery, Wyckham House, Mount Royal College

Contact Person: Register with Tiffany

Contact Information: issp@samrc.com

This workshop provides people with useful tools to understand the power of oppression in society, specifically in regards to racial discrimination. It showcases the veiled causes of oppression through exploring the continuum of racism, and that which may not be so innocent. Food served.

Open to Students and Staff at Mount Royal College

March 18th

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Drums for Diversity, Voices for Change

Sponsoring Organization: University of Calgary

Venue: University of Calgary, North Courtyard of MacEwan Student Centre

Contact Person: Joan Hedstrom

Contact Information: (403) 220-4085, hedstrom@ucalgary.ca

This is a participatory campus-wide musical event. Musicians from the university and community will be performing all around the university and converging in a powerful musical finale at 12:30 led by Gary Martin and the Heavenly Blues. More information can be found at www.ucalgary.ca/stopracism/node/46

Open to the Public

March 19th

Dare to Challenge, Dare to Care Event

12:30 am - 3:30 pm

Sponsoring Organization: Forest Lawn High School

Venue: Forest Lawn High School, 1304-44 St. SE

Contact Person: Tina Merali, Wellness Centre Coordinator

Contact Information: 403-777-7818 ext. 2369, TTMeralie@cbe.ab.ca

Ms. Vilma Dawson of the Calgary Centre for Culture, Equity, and Diversity will be the keynote speaker. There will also be presentations from the Drama 30 students, Walter McDonald, a Cree performer, the Chinese Cultural Association, and a Capoeira performance by the Brazilian Cultural Group.

Open To Students and Staff of Forest Lawn High School

March 21st

A Living Library Program

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sponsoring Organizations: The Calgary Public Library in Partnership with the Calgary Centre for Culture, Equity and Diversity and the University of Calgary

Venues: **Central Library** 616 Macleod Trail SE, **Country Hills Library** 11959 Country Village Link NE, **Crowfoot Library**, 8665 Nose Hill Drive, **Fish Creek Library**, 11161 Bonaventure Drive SE, **Signal Hill Library**, 5994 Signal Hill Centre SW

Contact Persons: Gerry Burger-Martindale, Manager, Central Library, Calgary Public Library and Heather Glennie, Manager, Diversity Services, Calgary Public Library

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The Living Library works exactly like current libraries – readers come and borrow a “book” for a limited period of time. After reading it, they return the “book” and – if they want – borrow another one. The difference is: books in the Living Library are human beings, “living books”, with whom the reader can have an actual conversation.

This unique program enables people to ask questions they have always wanted to ask and share stories about their personal experiences with different social identities in a safe and welcoming environment. It enables individuals to actively contribute to the building of inclusive communities of understanding.

Living Books are people who represent social identities frequently confronted with prejudices and stereotypes, and who are often victims of discrimination, social exclusion or just curiosity, have meaningful personal experiences on the subject that they can share with readers to help people learn about different social identities, and are able to answer questions honestly and respond appropriately to stereotypes and prejudices

Open to the Public

March 21st

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Maple Festival Des Sucres

Sponsoring Organization: The ACFA Regional of Calgary

Venue: Calgary, École de la Rose Sauvage, 2512 4th Street NW

Contact Person: Marie-Thérèse Nickle

Contact Information: 403- 532-8576 x222, direction@acfa-calgary.ca www.acfa-calgary.ca

For the past 7 years, the ACFA Regional of Calgary organizes a Maple Sugar Festival supported by the City of Calgary. This year more than 1000 people will be welcomed to attend. The bilingual festival promotes exchange and fraternity between many French-speaking cultures and many more English speaking cultures who live in the region.

This special event takes place not only during the Rendez-vous de la Francophonie—a week of activities and events celebrating the French language and culture, but also the same day as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Maple Festival will be promoting a family atmosphere where people can enjoy traditional food, taffy on the snow, a children’s village with indoor and outdoor activities, a sugar market exhibit, three shows, two expositions with one being a multicultural exposition, and a drawing contest on the theme of “respect for differences”.

Tickets are on sale at the following places:

- ACFA 343,11th Avenue, SW 403-532-8576
- La Cité des Rocheuses, 4800 Richard Rd SW 403-249-1749
- Connexion Carrière, 110-805, 5th Ave SW 403-355-1777
- École de la Rose Sauvage, 2512 4th Street NW 403-230-3112

Parking: No parking is allowed in the Mount Pleasant area. Parking spots around the schools will be strictly reserved for exhibitors and volunteers. The P-6 parking lot is available at SAIT for \$5.00 per day and a free shuttle will be available to go to the festival from the entrance of the P6 parking lot by 16th Avenue NW. Other means of transportation include the C-Train (SAIT/ACAD STATION, JUBILEE) and Calgary Transit (404, 411, 2).

Open to the Public

April 6th

The Untitled: A Stand Against Discrimination

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: University of Calgary, Faculty of Social Work

Venue: #444, 1104 – 82 Ave

Contact Person: N. Ernest Khalema

Contact Information: 780-492-5567, ekhalema@ucalgary.ca

Students of the University of Calgary: Faculty of Social Work, Edmonton Division will compile a book to bring awareness to the types of discrimination that are present in their lives. Each student will submit a poem, photograph, or inspirational quote that reflects the impact that discrimination has had on them, and/or their family/friends. This book will be shared with NAARR both electronically and in print. A presentation ceremony will be held at the Faculty of Social Work, Edmonton Division in a format of a brownbag discussion.

Open to Students and Staff at the University of Calgary



Edmonton

March 1st – March 21st

Double Exposure

Wednesdays - 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursdays - 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Saturdays - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: Edmonton Young Offender Centre

Venue: 18621 - 127th Street

Contact Person: Doreen Lesperance

Contact Information: (780)-408-8291, Doreen.lesperance@gov.ab.ca

As part of the Edmonton Young Offender Centre's initiative, *Double Exposure* highlights the importance and the uniqueness of these young people's cultural backgrounds. Through artist means, the youth will create layered representation of blurred and challenged perceptions of race, age, gender and socio-economic status. Their images of racism and discrimination will be characterized through artwork, poetry, dance, song and mural.

Closed to the Public

Filming Begins in March

Islamophobia

Sponsor and Contact Person: Dr. Sana Rawaqa

A documentary will be created that will include a message of peace, love, hope and respect. Its purpose is to act as a catalyst for change as well as act to bridge open dialogue and understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims. Stopping the attempts to change one another by accepting and not fearing one another will help in integrating Muslims into Canada's society.

Closed to the Public

March 7th

Speaking Truth to Power

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: Edmonton Immigrant Services

Venue: Edmonton Public Library – Downtown, Room 6, 7th Floor

Contact Persons: Jenika Watson or Angelica Quesada

Contact Information: 780-474-8445, youthprograms@interbaun.com

Several presenters will engage youth with workshops, personal stories and arts: Julio Garcia, Hip-hop artist *The People's Poets*; Pragma Sharma; and others. Participants will be empowered to speak out and raise awareness on the issue of racial discrimination.

Open to the Public

March 13th and March 25th

Cultural Crossroads Workplace Training

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: NAARR

Venue: #4 10865 - 96 Street, Edmonton T5H 2K2

Contact Person: Ricardo

Contact Information: 780-425-4644 ext. 5, ricardo@naarr.org

In a time of changing economic conditions, organizations are, now more than ever, trying to increase the benefits and minimize the challenges of cultural diversity in the workplace. Diverse work teams can lead to broader thinking, improved customer relations and overall higher efficiency and productivity. But diversity can also create new challenges related to workplace communication, relationships and team building- sometimes leading to intolerance, hostility and workplace dysfunction. This workshop will provide knowledge, tools and case studies to assist with these organizational dynamics

Open to the Public

March 14th

Fundamentals of Film

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: The Mosquers

Venue: FAVA, Film and Video Arts Society, 9722-102nd Street

Contact Person: Mariam Malik

Contact Information: 780-907-5482

The Mosquers is a Muslim Video contest aimed at encouraging young Muslims in Edmonton (and area) to grab a camera and tell their story about life in Canada as a Muslim. The Mosquers is holding a work shop in partnership with the Film and Video Arts Society (FAVA), the workshop will assist Muslim contest participants in refining and sharpening their movie making skills. By doing so, a larger number of Muslim youth will be encouraged to participate in the Mosquers initiative.

Open to young Muslims who plan to enter the Mosquers

March 15th

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Harmony Brunch

Sponsoring Organization: Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation

Venue: Ramada Inn & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway

Contact Person: Karen Gall,

Contact Information: 780-458-5515, Harmonybrunch@hotmail.com, www.cmes.ca

The 12th Annual Harmony Brunch will feature Keynote Speaker Chief Mike Boyd, of the Edmonton Police Service. His address is titled: Promoting Peace and Harmony in Our Changing World. This year's program will include a contribution from E.D. Blodgett, the Poet Laureate of Edmonton. In addition, the newly published biography of Robinson Koilpillai, C.M. will be launched. Shawna Randolth will be the Director of Ceremonies of the program that also includes a delicious buffet brunch, a short segment of multicultural entertainment and draws for door prizes.

Tickets: Will be sold to general public for \$20.00 each which includes a full buffet brunch.

March 16th - 20th

Move to End Racism

Regular day-time college hours

Sponsoring Organization: Grant MacEwan College

Venue: All campus locations and residence of Grant MacEwan College

Contact Person: Celia Smyth

Contact Information: 780-497-5819, smythc@macewan.ca

Throughout the week of March 16th to 20th, each campus will feature a racism awareness campaign which will include posters and other items. In addition, MacEwan will hold a number of activities for different target groups, including Alberta College students and those living in the MacEwan residence.

Some Events are open to the Public

March 18th

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Exploring Respect, Equality, and Diversity

Sponsoring Organizations: Friends of the Edmonton Public Library, Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation

Venue: Stanley Milner Library, Sir Winston Churchill Square

Contact Person: Nicholas Spillios

Contact Information: 780-483-5294, nikosharik@gmail.com

The festival will explore various approaches in film which can assist in the sensitization of persons with intolerant attitudes to race. Key principals such as directors and producers who participated in the production of these films will take part in discussion.

- *O,Canada* – contemporary and archival footage captures the uniqueness of Canada

- *When Strangers Become Neighbours* – documents the amazing transformation of a B.C. town from an unwelcoming community of Anglo-Europeans suspicious of the influx of Asians, Africans and Latin Americans to one of a harmony mix
- *Me and the Mosque* – In many Canadian mosques women are put behind barriers to pray
- *Aboriginality* – An urban youth heads down the mystical Red Road to re-connect with both new and traditional elements of first Nations culture

Open to the Public

March 18th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Youth Speak Out Against Racism Contest (Award Ceremony)

Sponsoring Organization: Millwoods Multicultural Council Foundation

Venue: J. Percy Page High School, 2707 Millwoods Road

Contact Person: Anwar Quereshi,

Contact Information: (780)-496-2902. mmcf@incentre.net

In this annual contest, youth will be encouraged to express their views about racism and describe their observations, or experiences in their daily life through:

- Creative writing – essay, poem and short stories
- Visual art – posters
- Multi-media – videos, photography

Open to the Public

March 19th

9:00 am - 10:00am and 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Act Together Against Discrimination

Sponsoring Organization: NorQuest College

Venue: Herb Belcourt Auditorium, NorQuest College, 10215 - 108 Street

Contact Person: Janet Kuperus

Contact Information: 780-644-5888, janet.kuperus@norquest.ca

In the morning, there will be a screening of a video for students from various classes, with prepared discussion materials. In the afternoon, we will have a celebratory event featuring student performances, the awarding of prizes for the Erase Racism contest, and an inspirational speaker, ending with a mini round dance. The student art club project and contest entries will be displayed.

Open to Students and Staff at NorQuest College

March 20th

10:25 am - 11:45 am

United Against Racism

Sponsoring Organization: NAARR and Louis St. Laurent School, Edmonton

Venue: Louis St. Laurent School, 11230-43rd Avenue

Contact Person: Serena Ma, Pacific Western Event Management

Contact Information: 780-934-8664, serena.ma@pacificwesternevent.com

NAARR, in partnership with Louis St. Laurent Junior High School, is holding an event for all students of the school. Ms Joan Carr, Superintendent of Edmonton Catholic Schools and Ms Marilyn Bergstra, Edmonton Catholic School Trustee, Ward 5, will bring greetings. A keynote address will be given by Fil Fraser, and cultural entertainment will be provided.

Open to students at Louis St. Laurent and NAARR members who wish to attend.

March 20th

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Interfaith Prayer Service for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Sponsoring Organization: Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action

Venue: King's University College in the atrium (9125 - 50 Street)

Contact Person: Netta Phillet,

Contact Information : 780-413-6159, intfaith@shaw.ca

Citizens of many different religious traditions will say a prayer for peace and the elimination of racism, either in their own language or another, perhaps with music or dance or chanting. The program will feature a guest speaker: Patti Hartnagel, peace activist. Refreshments will be served.

Open to the Public

March 20th

Social Justice Awards

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: Aboriginal Commission on Human Rights and Justice

Venue: Canadian Native Friendship Centre, 11205 – 101 St.

Contact Person: Trevor Gladue

Contact Information: 780-479-8195, trevorgladue@gmail.com

ACHRJ is hosting its Annual Social Justice Awards. This year's theme will be centered on the elimination of racism toward children, and child protection rights. This year's recipient is Mr. Robert Lee, who has launched a class action suit on behalf of the hundreds of children who have been in foster homes.

Open to the Public

March 21st and March 22nd

2:00 pm

Book Signing and Reading, Among Friends: Robinson Koilpillai, Teacher, Citizen of Canada, Advocate for Common Humanity

Venue: March 21, 2009 - Chapters St Albert (445 St. Albert Rd, Unit #30, St. Albert, Alberta) and March 22, 2009 - Chapters South Point (3227 Calgary Trail NW Edmonton, Alberta)

Contact Person: Allan Sheppard,

Contact Information: 780-240-5340, allwrite2007@yahoo.ca

Newly released biography. Opportunity to meet Robinson, get his autobiography and a reading of the book.

Open to the Public

March 21st

United Against Racism

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: NAARR and City of Edmonton Racism Free Edmonton (RFE) Committee

Venue: Ramada Inn & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway

Contact Person: Serena Ma, Pacific Western Event Management

Contact Information: 780-934-8664, serena.ma@pacificwesternevent.com

NAARR, in partnership with the Racism Free Edmonton Initiative of the City of Edmonton, will be hosting a dinner gala in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the evening will include speakers from all orders of government, including His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, The Honourable Thomas (Tommy) Banks, O.C., A.O.E., LL.D., Mayor Stephen Mandel, and Councillor Amarjeet Sohi. The MC will be Asha Tomlinson from City TV. Featuring Dr. Sarita Srivastava from Queen's University Keynote Speaker, Edmonton's finest Latin musician, Mario Claveria, renowned mime, Zillur Rahman John and Usha Kala Niketan, choreographed by Usha Gupta.

Closed the Public: By Invitation Only

March 23rd

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Eliminating Racism: Awareness & Action

Sponsoring Organization: Kings University College

Venue: Student Activity Centre (SAC); The King's University College, 9125 - 50 Street

Contact Person: Randy Haluza-deLay

Contact Information: 780-465-3500 ext.8063. randy.haluza-delay@kingsu.ca

As a community of over 800 students, faculty and staff, it is important to hear about experiences that affect our members. Several speakers from within the King's community

will present on their experiences of racism at King's and in Edmonton. Racism occurs here; it occurs everywhere. Only as we name it, can we become aware enough to act to change it. Other student-led activities will take place in the days before and after.

Open to the Public

March 28th

Not for the Faint of Heart: Anti-Racism Workshop for Adults

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: NAARR

Venue: The Ramada Inn & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway

Contact Person: Ian Mathieson

Contact Information: imathieson@naarr.org, 780-425-4644, ext. 2

Please register by telephone or email. Space is limited.

For individuals who recognize racism is a serious problem in our society and who want an intense and in-depth exploration of the causes, manifestations, and solutions to racism in our society.

Open to the Public: Please register by phone or e-mail. Space is limited.

Date: TBA

Edmonton Premiere of The Little Black School House, and Discussion with Filmmaker Sylvia Hamilton

Time of Event: TBA

Venue: TBA

Contact Person: Malinda Smith

Contact Information: 780-492-5380, malinda.smith@ualberta.ca

Dr Sylvia Hamilton will show her film, The Little Black School House – which unearths the story of the women, men and children who studied and taught at Canada's racially segregated schools – in Edmonton for the first time. She will then give a talk on the history of black schools and the struggle against racism and discrimination and for racial/social justice in Canada.

Open to the Public

April 7th

Everybody is Racism Fighting

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Sponsoring Organization: NAARR

Location: Mirama Dining Lounge, 9431 Jasper Ave.

Contact Person: Serena Ma, Pacific Western Event Management

Contact Information: 780-934-8664, serena.ma@pacificwesternevent.com

Students from districts surrounding Edmonton will participate in an event about Chinese culture and experiences of racism, which complements the study of China in the grade 6

Social Studies curriculum. The event will include speaker Marty Chan, renowned playwright and author. Chinese cultural entertainment will be part of the program.

Not Open to the Public: By invitation only

April 7th

Not for the Faint of Heart: Anti-Racism Workshop for Teachers

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: NAARR

Location: The Ramada Inn & Conference Centre, 11834 Kingsway

Contact Person: Charlene Hay

Contact Information: 780-425-4644, ext. 3, chay@naarr.org,

For teachers who recognize racism is a serious problem in our classrooms, our schools, our curriculum, and in our society and want an intense and in-depth exploration of the causes, manifestations, and solutions to racism in the education context.

For teachers only and primarily by invitation. Please register by telephone or email. Space is limited.



Medicine Hat

March 23rd - April 2nd

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Sponsoring Organization: First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Program (MHSC#6)

Venue: Participating schools, Medicine Hat High School

Contact Person: Deb Lloyd

Contact Information: 403-504-5665

Activities will be ongoing in participating schools and a special day will be celebrated on March 24 at Medicine Hat High School in the morning and Crescent Heights High School in the afternoon. Dr. Linda Rossler has graciously offered her extensive Inuit Art Collection in a show at the Cultural Centre from March 27-April 2nd inclusive. Schools can book in to see the show during the week. There will be an opening ceremony on Friday, March 27 at 11:00 am for the schools and an official opening as designated by the Cultural Centre on Sunday, March 29th. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education staff will host some events to help schools out and assist with others.

Open to Students and Staff at participating schools

Art Exhibit Open to the Public



Brooks

March 18th

Presentation on Intimidation

1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: The Association Francophone de Brooks (AFB)

Venue: École le Ruisseau

Contact Person: Désiré Kiana, Executive Secretary

Contact Information: brooks_francophone@yahoo.ca

The presentation on intimidation is intended to help children learn some strategies on how to react if they are intimidated.

March 21st

Film on the Francophonie

Sponsoring Organization: The Association Francophone de Brooks (AFB)

Venue: Youth Centre

Contact Person: Désiré Kiana, Executive Secretary

Contact Information: brooks_francophone@yahoo.ca

The film will be about francophone people.



Red Deer

March 15th

Kaleidoscope: Celebrate Peace and Diversity Event

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sponsoring Organization: Central Alberta Diversity Association

Venue: Festival Hall 4214 - 58th Street

Contact Person: Leslie Crawford

Contact Information: 403-340-2143, cadassoc@telus.net, www.cadiversity.ca

This event will take place at Festival Hall. The Event will begin with an Aboriginal blessing from Cree Elder, John Crier, followed by an address by Mayor Flewelling on the importance of eliminating racism in our community. This will be followed by a drum circle and an address by Marlin Styner, Council Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. The program will include the Aboriginal Dance Troupe, Polynesian Dancers, Tony Conelley and the Little Band, Singers and Guitarists, Belly Dancing, Bollywood Dancing, the Rights Learning and Theatre Group, Interactive Theatre with the audience, Cultural Storytelling, Latin American music, and Celtic music. The Master of Ceremonies will be a refugee from the Sudan who will also give a talk on racism and what community members can do to stop it.

Open to the Public: Free Admission

March 16th and March 17th

Diversity Days

Sponsoring Organization: Central Alberta Diversity Association & Red Deer College

Venue: College Forum of Red Deer College

Contact Person: Leslie Crawford

Contact Information: 403-340-2143, cadassoc@telus.net

Activities will be held both days around the lunch hour in the Forum; one day will be drumming and the other day will focus on anti-racism activities. A film will be shown by Pride on Campus on March 16th in the evening with information given about discrimination.

Open to the Public

March 21st

12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Anti-Discrimination Response Training Workshop

Sponsoring Organization: The Central Alberta Diversity Association

Venue: Snell Auditorium, The Red Deer Public Library

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The Central Alberta Diversity Association is offering a free workshop of Anti-Discrimination Response Training (ART) – This workshop is offered to all members of our community to engage in making it a more welcoming and inclusive place. The normal cost for this workshop has been waived in honor of this internationally recognized day and the ongoing issue of racism. Participants will learn how to respond to discrimination in a safe, proactive way, whether from the place of a victim or a witness. This interactive workshop provides information and practice for all people. Workshop materials and refreshments are included. Certificates of Participation will be provided upon completion.

Open to the Public: Pre-registration required

March 21st

4:00 pm—6:00 pm

Multicultural Family Fiesta

Sponsoring Organization: Central Alberta Refugee Effort

Venue: The Hub, 4936 Ross Street

Contact Persons: Jan or Maria

Contact Information: 403-346-8818

This is a multicultural celebration and potluck dinner for people to come and meet people of many cultures, share food, dance, and sing.

March 24th

8:30 am—12:00 pm

Community Participation Event

Sponsoring Organization: The Central Alberta Diversity Association

Venue: Stanford Inn

Contact Person: Leslie Crawford

Contact Information: 403-340-2143 or cadassoc@telus.net

Community members working at City Hall, human services agencies, prominent businesses, the media, the RCMP, the David Thompson Health Region, Red Deer Schools, the Red Deer and District Community Foundation, Religious Organizations, Red Deer College, the Red Deer Chamber of Commerce, Employment agencies, Social Service Clubs, and Mayors from Central Alberta will be invited to attend an event in which Lucinda Sheardown, CADA's Public Education Project Coordinator, will give a presentation on the history of March 21st and how the invitees can contribute to honoring March 21st in their

own organizations and workplaces. It also offers an opportunity for the invitees to inform their staff members of the March 21st Event scheduled for March 15th at Festival Hall.

On November 24th, 2008, City Hall adopted a report entitled Red Deer's Community Vision and Outline for Action. The first of the four core principles which emerged from this report was diversity. Paul Harris, the main person responsible for the report, will facilitate a discussion on how respecting diversity (of which cultural diversity is a primary focus) can create a welcoming and respectful community, and therefore, work towards eliminating racism and discrimination. Refreshments will be served.

Closed to the Public: By invitation only

March 29th

2:00 pm—9:30 pm

Anti-Racism Film Festival

Sponsoring Organization: Central Alberta Diversity Association

Venue: Matchbox Theatre, 110-5301 43 Street

Contact Person: Leslie Crawford

Contact Information: 403-340-2143, cadassoc@telus.net

The following films will be shown with discussion following: The Essential Blue-Eyed, Racial Harmony psa's, Aboriginal Voices, Between: Living in the Hyphen, 24 Days in Brooks, and Crash.

Open to the Public: Free Admission

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