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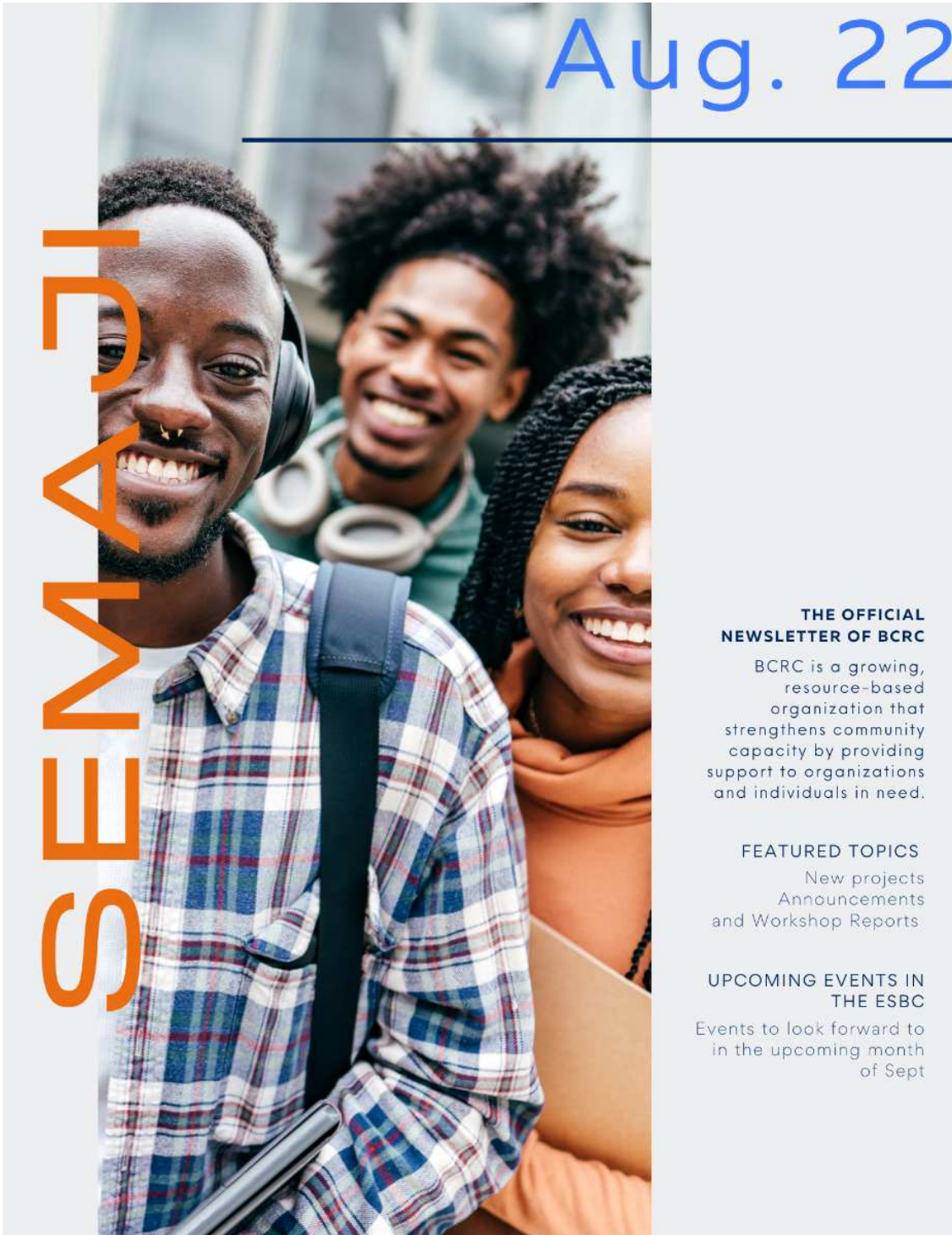
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BCRC is a growing, resource-based organization that strengthens community capacity by providing support to organizations and individuals in need.

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BCRC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

By Sherrise

The Black Community Resources Centre’s Intergenerational Health & Social Services program aims to engage, educate and support the overall wellbeing of youth, seniors and everyone in between. This Fall, the BCRC is set to host a variety of workshops and activities. Starting in September, we will be hosting interactive workshops that will inform members of our community on the various resources available in our community.

In October, community members will have the opportunity to attend virtual Food and Nutrition workshops with The Depot Community Food Centre in NDG. These workshops aim to provide participants with useful information to help support their overall health and well-being. In November, we will tap into creative expression with a series of Storyscaping...

... workshops in collaboration with Quebec Writers Federation. During these workshops participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a 3 part workshop series of creative writing and spoken story song. These workshops will take place in addition to our weekly Conversation Tuesday workshops that take place every Tuesday from 11 to 12 PM and our Fun Night Friday workshops that take place every Friday from 5 to 6 PM. All of our workshops are completely free and are hosted on Zoom.

Over the past year, we have noticed an increasing need for community support. As a project coordinator, one of the things I enjoy most about the work I do is that I am always challenged with finding new, interesting and accessible ways to connect people with the resources and services they need. Providing participants with these kinds of workshops helps to create a stronger community and I am so

excited to have the opportunity to be a part of a program that truly connects and unites the English Speaking Black Community in Montreal. We are eager to continue growing our community and welcome new members (youth, seniors and everyone in between) to join us!

Interested in joining us? All of our workshops are free of charge and we invite you to sign-up using this link:<https://forms.gle/sdQRvdrCWxHekaaU6>. Don't forget to check-out our webpage to keep up with all our upcoming workshops and events we have planned this year: [Intergenerational Health & Social Program - BCRC \(bcrcmontreal.com\)](http://Intergenerational Health & Social Program - BCRC (bcrcmontreal.com)).

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Sign up form [here](#).

BCRC RESEARCH UPDATE

By John



The BCRC has just released two reports on our website: The Black in Quebec (BIQ) Summary Report and the Education to Employability Study (E2E).

The Black in Quebec Summary Report provides an overview of the Black in Quebec Project which took place from Fall 2019 to Fall 2021 and conducted research on the well-being and vitality of Quebec's English-speaking Black community across several thematic areas. The project produced an Analysis of Outcomes and Information Gaps

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Launch of 2 new research projects: The Knowledge Hub and the Can We Talk project

documents, held focus groups, and conducted surveys all in an effort to present a profile of the vitality of Quebec's English-speaking Black community.

The Education to Employability Study took place from September 2021 to March 2022 and was a research project focusing on the educational experiences of English-speaking Black Quebecers and how they relate to employability outcomes for members of the community. This project was conducted in collaboration with the Provincial Employment Roundtable of Quebec and the E2E study also has a French version of the report.

The reports can be viewed here: <https://brcmontreal.com/biq-reports/>

The BCRC would also like to announce the launch of 2 new research projects: The Knowledge Hub and the Can We Talk project, both aiming to build upon the growing body of work the BCRC has published.

View reports [here](#).



CAN WE TALK: RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR RACIALIZED ESBC

By Danita & Can We Talk team

We envision the Knowledge Hub as a platform working towards the aim of establishing BCRC as a reference in the production and dissemination of knowledge about the English Speaking Black Community (ESBC) in Quebec. First thing to consider is what we conceptualize as the ESBC, which is diversely shaped by people of very different social and cultural backgrounds. We hope to engage as many people as possible in this venture, and while we are doing so, contribute to the ongoing efforts at re-establishing the terrain of Black history in Quebec.

Can We Talk will be a research opportunity for racialized ESBC youth to investigate systemic racism and institutional methods of discrimination (i.e. in healthcare, education, employment, and justice). Alongside the contribution to Black scholarship, we envision Can We Talk as a tool in returning agency over the realities and present-day issues of the Black experience back to its writers, while creating a positive environment for community discourse and a vehicle for Black empowerment.

A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE ANIMATION PROJECT

By Ayana



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and the project is
gaining momentum

On April 1st, 2022, the BCRC began organizing and structuring its animation project. The objective is to create an animated series inspired by our youth-authored book *Where They Stood: A Historical Account of the Evolution of Black-Anglo Montreal*. Thus far, we have successfully recruited a cohort of 10 Black-English speaking youth interested in receiving training in 2D animation. To provide a holistic training experience in 2D animation, the BCRC partnered with Toon Boom, Cinesite, AnnexPro, Concordia, and a few Dawson professors. Toon Boom generously donated more than 15 Harmony and Storyboard pro licenses, and in return, the BCRC purchased Toon Boom's courseware training. Cinesite donated equipment (4 HP pro sprout systems) and hosted a workshop for our youths. The film animation department at Concordia university has been highly supportive, taking a vital role in the project by helping to shape and structure the timeline. A few of the department's teachers have volunteered and led workshops for our youth. In addition, the department has offered this project as an internship for their students.

With two student interns onboard, the project continues to develop. Additional partnerships are brewing, the youth are engaged, and the project is gaining momentum.



FEATURED STORY OF: BCRC'S VERS UNE JUSTICE ÉGALE PROJECT COORDINATOR

By Veronica

My name is Veronica, the communication coordinator for BCRC's Vers Une Justice Égale project. During the past months, I animated workshops along with my colleague Stessy.

Based on my experience, I believe that this project is not only important, but necessary. The participants would always let us know how much they appreciated the content of our workshop. We cover a wide range of subjects, from teaching children as young as six years old about cycling etiquette in urban settings, to anti-racism workshops.

Moreover, we had several opportunities where a lawyer was present. The participants had direct access for their legal questions to be addressed and answered. It encourages the youth to ask their hypothetical questions and feel more empowered regarding their rights.

They appreciated that Vers Une Justice Égale provided a wide range of topics which may not be covered in their school curriculum. Furthermore, Stessy and I make an effort to connect our subject to ongoing news/stories around us. It makes our subject more relatable and easier to understand.

As someone who wished that workshops covered by Vers Une Justice Égale was available during my youth, it feels fulfilling to be able to equip the youth with knowledge of their rights and better prepare them for the laws of the society they live in.

Lastly, we provided the participants with BCRC merchandise like pens, bags and insulated water bottles which makes them happy as they get to bring home some souvenirs. By extension, they also get to talk to their friends and families about the workshop they attended.

Overall, I feel grounded and humbled to be able to provide these workshops. We cover important subjects that may not be deeply taught in schools. Most importantly, it feels great to see the youth feel more empowered and confidence knowing that they are more educated about their rights.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



What is happening in the upcoming community events and not to be missed.

BLACK GIRLS GATHER

Registration for 2022-2023 is now open!

Deadline: October 1st, 2022

WITH YOU IN MIND MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Y4Y is holding a remote coffee chat on **Thursday, September 8 2022** from 7-8pm

YOUTH IN MOTION FESTIVAL

Little Burgundy Festival 37th Edition, musical performance and more. **Saturday September 10 2022, 12-9 pm, Vinet Park Near Metro Lionel-Groulx**

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