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



A Message From The Team

In the February Semaji, BCRC's BLACQ project discusses the Untold Stories video-series. You will also find resources about cyber safety, provided by the In The Know (2) project, as well as financial, volunteering and job opportunities.

We hope that you enjoy this edition, and look out for our Community News Updates that will present information on the status, needs and priorities of the English Speaking Black Communities of Montreal.

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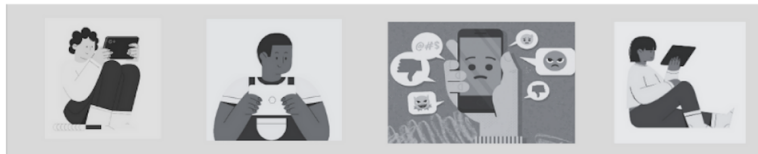
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In the Know (2) - Cyber Safety Dos and Don'ts

For the February Semaji, the In the Know (2) project is sharing information on cyber safety to promote an online culture that is safe, accessible, and user positive through rights-based education.



✓ DOS	✗ DON'TS
Get parental permission before giving out personal information	Use usernames that reveal anything about you
Take someone with you if meeting someone you met online for the first time	Open email or files from person(s) you do not know
Let someone be aware of the time or meeting and also the name and address of the meeting place.	Go in person to meet someone you only know online, unless you have your parents' permission.
Respect the privacy and feelings of others. Use respectful language on the Internet	Use insults based on a person's race, sex, disability, sexual orientation or religion

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 DOS	 DON'TS
<p>If you are worried there is a sexual picture or video of you online, consider telling an adult whom you trust or using a resource - like Kids Help.</p>	<p>Take a picture/video of someone else who is under 18, showing sexual parts of their body that is intended to be sexually exciting, without their consent.</p>
<p>Report criminal offences, such as threats, assaults and sexual exploitation to the local police detachment.</p>	<p>Share any picture/video of a person who is under 18, showing sexual parts of their body that is intended to be sexually exciting.</p>
<p>Keep track of the bullying and tell a trusted adult, or confidential resource if you are a victim of cyberbullying.</p>	<p>Trick someone into revealing personal or embarrassing information and sending it to others.</p>
<p>Report online bullying to the social media site and block the person.</p>	<p>Freedom of speech does not give you the right to post racist comments online.</p>
<p>Use your cellphone for positive uses such as fostering social interaction skills, and as a safety net when there is an emergency.</p>	<p>Access another person's email or social network accounts without their permission. This is an offence (invasion of privacy).</p>
<p>Digital detox retreats can be effective for you and your friends. Take some time to unplug and reconnect with your environment.</p>	<p>It is against the law to talk on handheld phones and text while driving.</p>

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Resources

- **Kids Help Phone** : 1-800-668-6868 (text, phone calls) or online at kidshelpphone.ca
- **SPVM Cyberbullying Resource**: spvm.qc.ca/Jeunesse/Cyberbullying
- **Cybertip**: <https://www.cybertip.ca/en/>

Disclaimer:

This is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice. For more information please contact: intheknow@bcrctmontreal.com. Contact the same email if you want an infographic version of the information shared above.

Workshops:

If you are interested in bringing a workshop about cyber safety or systemic racism and conjugal violence to the youth, please contact: intheknow@bcrctmontreal.com

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Project BLACQ - Untold Stories Project

Since August 2021, the BLACQ project has been working with multiple interns to conduct the Untold Stories Project. Under the #Com-Unity umbrella, where several organizations work on the same project with different communities, Untold Stories is a video-series that highlights the experience of the English-speaking Black community in Quebec. In detail, in the video-series, three generations of the same English-speaking Black family are interviewed and candid about their identity, sense of belonging, and experiences in Quebec.

While the months of August and September 2021 were mostly focused on the recruitment of interns to carry out the project, the months after we're all about recruiting potential families, as well as planning several interviews and a filming session. Our interns have also attended several workshops to sharpen their writing, editing and interviewing skills. The official launch date of the Untold Stories project is March 24th, 2022. Consequently, the month of February has been extremely busy for our team. With the Covid crisis, our plans had to be changed or adapted on an almost day to day basis. Just the intent to film in person or remotely changed several times, especially with the frequent changes in restrictions laws. In our favor, by February filming in person was allowed and safe. After finding and booking studios and equipment, the interns were able to film their interviews in person and to edit their footage. This project has resulted in a lot of teamwork as the interns and the BLACQ project coordinator worked and supported each other tirelessly since the start of the project. The month of February was also the month where the interns prepared the advertisement of the project and it's official launch, which you will see throughout the month of March.

Our team has been working blood, sweat and tears for several months now to put together this very important project for the English-speaking Black community. We invite you to keep in touch with the BCRC social media pages and newsletters to get more information on the official launch of the project on March 24th and to see the premier of the video-series.

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Opportunities



INVITING

JOB SEEKERS & EMPLOYERS

[Register on our EmployESBC website](https://www.employesbc.com)

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Employers: Visit our website to post your job openings

Jobseekers: Visit our website to find Job opportunities

Employ English Speaking Black Communities (ESBC) is an initiative by the Black Community Resource Centre (BCRC) and Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation (CEDEC). EmployESBC's goal is to match English-speaking Black Quebecers with employers needing to fill forward-looking quality positions.

Click **HERE** To Register

JOIN OUR LOVELY TEAM TODAY!

BCRC YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

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THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON WHO CAN BE A VOLUNTEER! THE BCRC WELCOMES ALL!

YOU CAN GAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- Exposure to Organizations and Individuals that can expand your network and horizons
- The development of hands on experience and exposure to the inner workings of a community organization
- A great understanding and appreciation of the History and Culture of the ESBC
- Opportunities to gain leadership, oratory, creative, and several more distinguishable skills

MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR A MINIMUM OF 2 HOURS PER WEEK



We are currently looking for youth volunteers. Join our team and be a part of the BCRC's project. Just fill out the **BCRC Volunteer Form** and we will get back to you shortly!

Click [HERE](#) To Apply

Financial Opportunities

Find the latest grant, scholarship and loan opportunities.

Grants

- SSHRC supports [postsecondary-based research](#), research training and knowledge mobilization activities in the social sciences and humanities.
- Grants to Canada [nonprofit organizations, tribes, and municipal agencies for one-time local events](#). Funding is intended to support activities that celebrate an important local personality or historical event. Eligible projects may include the restoration of objects, co...
- The [Youth Take Charge Program aims to strengthen youth attachment to Canada through engagement](#). In this context, youth is defined as individuals between 7 and 30 years of age. It is for youth-led projects that include activities in one or more of four thematic areas: Arts and culture, civic engagement and youth service, economic activities, history and heritage.
- The [Canada Post Community Foundation provides grants to Canadian schools, charities and community organizations](#) that make a difference in the lives of children and youth (up to age 21). The 2022 application period will be open from March 14 to April 7, 2022

Scholarships

- The Lea Roback Foundation seeks to promote education as a means for the self-realization and emancipation of everyone and to [financially support women who wish to further their education](#).

Loans

- To be the catalyst for Black generational wealth creation, [FACE has launched its Black Entrepreneurship Loan Fund](#) among other services for all Canadians of African descent to see a better tomorrow.

Click [HERE](#) to get more information about the financial opportunity of your choice

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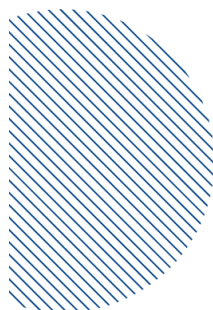
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