**Celebrate Black History Month**

February is [**Black History Month**](https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/about.html), a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions and accomplishments of the Black community across Canada and in our community.

Black History month is also an invitation to unpack racism and engage with each other to unravel how racism shows up in our systems and community. We hope you join the dialogue and engage in your own journey to learning.

For resources and more information about the work the Municipality of Kincardine is doing, to improve Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA), visit **www.kincardine.ca/IDEA**.

# **Where can you learn more?**

**Historica Canada:** <https://www.historicacanada.ca/>

Historica Canada is the country’s largest organization dedicated to enhancing awareness of Canada’s history and citizenship. Historica Canada offers programs in both official languages that you can use to explore, learn, reflect on our history, and consider what it means to be Canadian.

The [Black History in Canada Education Guide](http://education.historicacanada.ca/files/19/EN_BlackHistory_Digital.pdf) (<http://education.historicacanada.ca/files/19/EN_BlackHistory_Digital.pdf>) explores events and personalities in Black Canadian history through engaging discussion and interactive activities.

The purpose of this Guide is to enhance your awareness and appreciation of the Black Canadian experience, grounded in Lawrence Hill’s award-winning historical fiction, The Book of Negroes, the remarkable journey of Aminata Diallo and the historic British document known as the “Book of Negroes.”

**Being Black In Canada – CBC News:** <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/beingblackincanada/all>

Find podcasts, videos and news about the experience of being Black in Canada.

**The Canadian Museum for Human Rights:** <https://humanrights.ca/>

The Canadian Museums for Human Rights’ mandate is to explore the subject of human rights, with special but not exclusive reference to Canada, in order to enhance the public's understanding of human rights, to promote respect for others, and to encourage reflection and dialogue. Inspiring a global dialogue. As the world's first museum dedicated to human rights, they are centred around the idea that respect and understanding of human rights can serve as a positive force for change in the world.

There are many educational resources found on their website: <https://humanrights.ca/education>

### Pass the Mic: <https://humanrights.ca/story/pass-mic-lets-talk-about-racism>

Pass the Mic: Let’s Talk About Racism, is designed to aid teachers in having important conversations about racism, how to be anti-racist, microaggressions, bias and privilege. There is a guide provided that contains tools to help you build a safe environment in your classroom where your students can talk about these critical concepts and work to unlearn previous thoughts and harmful stereotypes by hearing from people with diverse lived experiences.

Awakenings Reflections: Dis/Mantle: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkj3j5udLYHSpG2g-uUXs_GPo_Wd0WiNA>

This four-part [video series](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkj3j5udLYHSpG2g-uUXs_GPo_Wd0WiNA)takes viewers behind the scenes and in conversation with Dis/Mantle lead artist Gordon Shadrach.

**Government of Canada:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

The theme for Black History Month 2024 is **Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build**. Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities. No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about these communities, and how they continue to help shape Canadian history.

**Significant events in Black history in Canada -** <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/historic-black-communities.html>

Since 1996, the Government of Canada’s annual Black History Month campaign encourages all Canadians to learn more about Black history in Canada. Below are highlights of significant events that have contributed to the story of Black communities in Canada, and the impact that they have made to all parts of society well before the land we live on was even called Canada.

**Organizations and educational resources on the history of Black communities in Canada -** <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/resources.html>

There are many organizations and educational resources across the country devoted to the promotion and awareness of the history of Black communities in Canada.

**Digital toolkit -** <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/toolkit.html>

The Digital toolkit is also found on Government of Canada website to help Canadians including partners and stakeholders promote Black History Month content and activities.