



February 2023

Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada observe Black History Month by participating in events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a [motion](#) introduced by [Dr. Jean Augustine](#). The House of Commons carried the motion unanimously.

In February 2008, [Senator Donald Oliver](#), the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the [Motion to Recognize Contributions](#) of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month. It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month.

CUPE National – Celebrating Black History Month

Check-out the resources on the CUPE National website. Take a Black History quiz and view the NFB collection of film on Black history in Canada.

<https://cupe.ca/event/black-history-month>

CUPE Ontario - No economic Justice without racial justice! Celebrate Black History

Black History Month is a time to reflect on the contributions and legacy of Black people in our workplaces and communities and to tell those stories which too often go untold. Celebrating Black History is also a time to recognize the importance of resistance and struggle and to reaffirm our commitment to dismantling anti-Black racism in the labour movement and society.

<https://cupe.on.ca/black-history-month/>

CUPE Ontario - Racial Justice

<https://cupe.on.ca/category/racial-justice/>

Celebrating Black History Month @ Carleton

<https://newsroom.carleton.ca/black-history-month/>

Friday, February 3, 2023

Navigating Canadian Newsrooms as BIPOC Journalists: An Interactive Workshop
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Richcraft Hall

Friday, February 10, 2023

Remaking the World: Lessons on Anti-Colonial Place-Making from the Afro-Indigenous Caribbean
1:00 p.m.
The Pit, Architecture Building

Black History Month events in Ottawa

Find out what is happening in the Capital during Black History Month.

<https://www.blackhistoryottawa.org/>

Highlights

Friday, February 3, 2023

Ottawa Jazz Festival presents: OKAN
10:00 p.m.- 11:15 p.m.
<https://www.okanmusica.com/>

February 9 – 18, 2023

Is God Is
NAC presentation of the Obsidian Theatre,
Necessary Angel, Canadian Stage production.
<https://nac-cna.ca/en/event/30546>

Wednesday, February 22 @7:00 p.m.

The End of Slavery in Upper Canada
Virtual Speakers Series
historicalsocietyottawa.ca

Black History: The more you know

28 Canadian Black History Facts:

<https://blavity.com/28-canadian-black-history-facts-never-knew?category1=opinion&category2=black-history>

Black in Canada stories:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-sh/black_in_canada

Black History Month by the numbers:

[Black History Month 2023... by the numbers \(statcan.gc.ca\)](#)

Black Canadians you should know:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news2/interactives/black-history-month/>

Great Reads

25 books by Black Canadian authors to read

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/25-books-by-black-canadian-authors-to-read-1.5908504>

17 Black Canadian authors to read this month and all year

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/black-history-month-books>

World Day of Social Justice

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World Day of Social Justice celebration is to raise awareness of social injustice and to bring together diverse communities around the world to eradicate poverty, gender, physical discrimination, illiteracy, and religious discrimination and create a society that is socially integrated.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day>