

The York University TD Community Engagement Centre

Annual Catalyst Grants



History

- Opened in 2009
- Aim at fostering more meaningful relationships between Jane Finch and Black Creek Community
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=Ynbzz9_TKTQ

How we fit

- Report to the Vice Provost Academic (Dr. Alice Pitt)
- Advisory Committee – University & Community Reps
- Active involvement in community life
- Over 2,000 people participate annually

Mandate

- The York University-TD Community Engagement Centre supports the University's commitment to build a more engaged university by facilitating mutually-beneficial collaborations between York University and the Black Creek community.

Core Areas

1. Fosters teaching and learning through **experiential education** opportunities that fit community needs.
2. Supports **access to post-secondary education**.
3. Enhances capacity of York faculty/students and community partners to work collaboratively on **community-based research**.
4. Support **Institutional Impact** resulting from being an engaged University.

Experiential Education

- Traditional placements for Education, Social Work, Nursing, ACE & Communications
- Writing Clinic/ Writing workshops with Professional writing classes
- Non Profits exploring private partnerships with MBA students from Schulich School of Business

Community Based Research

- Jane Finch Community Community Research
- Partnership Grow Your Grassways Photo voice series
- Jane Finch Repository

Access to Post Secondary

- The First Year Network
- Annual Walk with Excellence
- School tours
- Back to School events
- Take your kids to work
- In School Workshops



Women's Bridging Program

Institutional Impact

- The Community of Practise: Community Engagement
- Anchor Institution
- Ready, Set, Yu
- Jane Finch Research Advisory



The Catalyst Grant

- Existed since 2015
- Over \$60,000 awarded to community University Partnerships
- Intended as seed funding for pilot projects

What do we mean by Community University Partnerships

- Involves at least one community (Black Creek) partner working together with one York University partner
- More than a signature
- Building together

Focus on the Blackcreek /Jane Finch community

- Intended to serve the Black creek Jane Finch Community in some capacity
- Can include youth, seniors, newcomers, any population living within the community

Covid-19

- Proposals that have a specific lens on the current Covid-19 pandemic
- Projects should have a focus on the current Covid-19 pandemic and its relation to the Jane Finch community in some capacity
- Includes but is not limited to projects which look at the impacts of COVID-19 and projects focused on recovery/rebuilding

Alignment with 4 areas

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Any questions

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