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

Catalyst Grant
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 then 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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