

Community Foundation highlights cultural awareness for Canada 150

Grants totalling \$200,000 will support cultural projects in Hamilton

Hamilton, ON – A film competition at the Art Gallery of Hamilton that will showcase the personal cultural experiences of students is one of 43 projects supported by Hamilton Community Foundation to mark Canada 150 in Hamilton.

The Foundation is granting \$200,000 in partnership with the Community Fund for Canada's 150th to support projects that offer a deeper understanding of the people, places, and events that shape Canada's complex cultural landscape. This includes initiatives that underline the varied experiences of different groups in Canada including indigenous people, visible minorities, and newcomers.

- YÉN:TENE's "I Am Committed" campaign which explores inter-generational trauma and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action.
- A four-part speaker series by Hamilton Wentworth Chapter of Native Women which highlights the resilience of indigenous women, children and families.
- The #HamiltonForAll campaign by Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion featuring immigrant stories told through photos, videos and myth-busting.
- A celebration of Black Canadians in a live play performed at Stewart Memorial Church.

"Canada 150 is a time for us to reflect on the diversity of Canadian experiences, including those that disrupt our expectations," says Terry Cooke, President and CEO of HCF. "Cultural understanding is vital for inclusive, healthy communities and to ensure Hamilton is a place where everyone belongs."

A list of all 43 projects supported by Community Fund for Canada's 150th follows.

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Hamilton Community Foundation has been working to drive positive change in Hamilton since 1954. We do this by helping people give in a way that has meaning to them and impact in the community, providing grants and financing to charitable organizations and initiatives and bringing people together to address priority issues that affect Hamiltonians. Last year HCF gave 594 grants to 230 charities, granting some \$7.9 million across the community.

The Community Fund for Canada's 150th is an effort led by Community Foundations of Canada and the national network of community foundations with the support from the Government of Canada and leaders from coast to coast to coast.

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Community Fund for Canada's 150th projects

Recipient Organization	Canada 150 project
Ancaster Agricultural Society	Kite Festival – demonstration and kite-making clinic for children at Ancaster Fairgrounds.
Art Forms (sponsored by Social Planning and Research Council)	Youth Celebrate Canada's 150 through Mural Making – youth and artists will create seven murals celebrating Hamilton's historic contributions to Canada.
Art Gallery of Hamilton	Student Film Competition – films will be centered around the students personal experiences and interpretations of Canadian cultural heritage.
Bach Elgar Choir	Hamilton Sings – six concerts of Canadian music.
Bay Area Restoration Council	Waterfest – one day event at Bayfront Park to introduce newcomers to the waterfront.
Canadian Orpheus Male Choir	Canada 150 Anniversary Concert – combined choirs from Hamilton, Burlington, Brantford and Cambridge with Royal Hamilton Light Infantry performing Canadian music at Mohawk College theatre.
Canadian Warplane Heritage	Ruhr Express Restoration – funds will help support the restoration of a Lancaster Warplane, the first built in Canada in 1943. Plane will be showcased at the museum throughout the year.
City of Hamilton	Queen's Baton Relay – ceremony at Tim Horton's Field to celebrate the Commonwealth Games and Hamilton's association as the founding city. Focus on native culture and physical fitness.
Culture for Kids in the Arts	I Have A Right: 150 Pen Pal Xchanges – working with multiple partners to establish pen pal exchanges between children and youth and 150 notable Canadians about the Charter of Rights for Children and Youth. Large scale interactive media arts exhibition will tour key cultural sites through the region.

Dundas Art and Craft Association	Highlights work by three contemporary artists of the Six Nations of the Grant River in conjunction with works of art from the Ontario Archives – includes workshops and film screenings.
Dundas Historical Society Museum	Double Exposure – the Valley Revisited – partnership with DVSA and Carnegie Gallery – will produce 24 reproductions of historic archival images and pair them with both professional and amateur photographers associated with each organization and volunteers from the community – multi-site month-long exhibition.
Dundas Valley Orchestra	Dundas Celebrates Canada 150 – one day arts/music festival with local performers and students at Dundas Driving Park.
Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum – City of Hamilton	150 Years through the eyes of the Farmer Family – exhibition looking at 150 years of Canada's history through one family's history.
GALA Neighbourhood Hub (sponsored by Social Planning and Research Council)	GALA Oral History Project – capturing the stories of long-time residents of the GALA neighbourhood with printed booklets.
Governing Council of the Salvation Army	A night of celebration including outdoor movie, food, fellowship and fireworks to celebrate Canada's 150 th .
Green Venture – sponsored by Conserver Society	Pedal Powered Smoothies – working with Tastebuds, school boards and others to bring the "smoothie bike" to schools and community meal programs. Ingredients will be local and will include recipe book highlighting "Canada's Smoothies" and emphasizing the country's food culture.
Greensville Community & Youth Foundation	Celebration of Canada's birthday with a Picnic in the Park and the re-building of the cobblestone bridge by the Optimists.
Hamilton Air Force Association	Restoration of a WWII plan on a pedestal outside the Air Force Club.
Hamilton Arts Council	We are 150: Celebrating Hamilton's Artists – will showcase and celebrate the stories and successes of 150 Hamilton artists from all creative disciplines and backgrounds through public street banners (King William art walk) and an online campaign using social media.
Hamilton Association for Residential and Recreational Redevelopment Program (HARRRP)	Project Canada150 – Paradise Project – free public event featuring music, aerial performances, puppets to raise awareness of the need for continued protection of Cootes Paradise.

Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion	#HamiltonForAll – A Public Education Campaign – goal is to empower and educate residents of Hamilton through real life immigrant stories that are captured through photographs and videos accompanied by myth-busting fact-based information distribution.
Hamilton Community Foundation	A Place to Belong – On Sunday July 2, Hamilton Community Foundation offers a day of free access to 49 recreational, cultural, historical and conservation sites across the city.
Hamilton Community Legal Clinic	I Am Committed – second phase of poster campaign about intergenerational trauma. Posters, banners and social media posts feature settler allies and friends publicly committing to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, in French, English and Mohawk.
Hamilton East Seventh Day Adventist Church	Hamilton's Cultural Day – a one day multicultural celebration of Canada and its diversity.
Hamilton Naturalists Club	More Trees Please – collaboration with Environment Hamilton – guided tree hike, native tree giveaways for homeowners, tree plantings at schools and other community entities, focus on sugar maples.
Hamilton Public Library	Hamilton Canada 150 Stories – expansion of Love Your City, Share Your Stories Digital Storytelling project funded by the Hamilton Future Fund.
Hamilton Wentworth Chapter of Native Women Inc.	Canada150 Resilience in Indigenous Communities – Four-part speaker series at Mohawk City School on the resilience of indigenous women, youth and families.
Imagine in the Park Children's Art Festival (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM)	Imagine in the Park Children's Art Festival – free arts festival for preschool and school-aged children with workshops in music, dance, drama, visual arts and literature led by local artists and authors. Theme will be "Proud to Be Canadian".
Keith Neighbourhood (Sponsored by the John Howard Society)	The Strawberry Thunder Festival – multicultural celebration featuring an indigenous celebration of spring with a strawberry festival.
McQuesten Community Canada 150 Celebration (Sponsored by Social Planning and Research Council)	Multicultural Canada Day celebration to engage residents and partners through community-led activities.
Options for Independent Living and Development	George Street Residents Canada 150 Celebration – month-long celebration over five weekends for the special needs community

	leading up to finale on July 1 st . With partners (Brighter Futures Association, the Dundas Learning Centre) will celebrate the regional culinary and cultural traditions from around the country. Booklet will be provided highlighting key moments of Canadian history.
Players Guild	It's Morning Now – premiere of work by local playwright Dermot Nolan – story of Thomas D'Arcy McGee and the story of Confederation.
Riverdale Eid and Canada 150 Celebration (Sponsored by Social Planning and Research Council)	Multicultural community celebration marking the end of Ramadan and festival for Canada's 150 th birthday.
St. Matthews House	Two community events to celebrate Canada's 150 th with local residents.
St. Peters Centres	Raise the Flag – to support installation of a Canadian flag at St. Peter's Residence
Stewart Memorial Church	Celebrating Black presence and contributions to Canada (Hamilton) – a play showcasing the lives of four Afro-Canadian women who had a significant impact on our history.
Telling Tales	Will provide free programming to the upcoming Canada 150 exhibition of the Quilt of Belonging , Peace by Piece at the Cotton Factory.
The Children's International Learning Centre	Celebrate 150 – exhibit highlighting history of Canada – includes three activity areas and four areas following a historical timeline.
The United Nations Association in Canada, Hamilton Branch	Waging Peace in Hamilton – producing a book which captures the history of peace making in Hamilton – will capture local histories of individuals, events and social movements.
The Waterdown East Flamborough Heritage Society & Archives	Flamborough Heritage Early Settlements Book and Olde Tyme Picnic – producing pictorial collection of history of Flamborough with celebratory picnic based on 1800s games/costumes/food etc.
VIBE Arts	150 Reasons why we love Canada – part of national program – local partner is Centre 3 – murals will be created here, shipped to Toronto and displayed in public areas such as subway, airport – murals will then be returned and kept in Hamilton.
Welcome Inn	Welcoming 150 years – neighbourhood celebration including a free meal and the provision of "picnic packages".

Wesley Urban Ministries	The Great Hamilton Scavenger Hunt – a free app to acquire points at family friendly, diverse locations, events and landmarks over the summer. Accumulated points will be traded in for prizes.
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