



We hope you're just excited as we are about EVEN MORE QTBIPOC resources this month! This month, we introduce a set of resources on

*Historic Black 2SLGBTQIA+ Community in Toronto,* developed by Emma Awe. See her brief reflection on her work below, and visit the resource page for the full reflection piece.



"Black peoples in Canada have been and continue to be systematically erased from history. They are denied the right of seeing themselves represented in curricula, books, and media in the classroom. Canadian historical narratives are constructed around a presumed, hegemonic whiteness.

I have created the booklets about 101 Dewson Street, Sister Vision Press, and the Black Women's Collective in part to help shed light upon the unending struggle that Black 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples have faced in a nation

that has worked to silence, harm, and erase them. These booklets are an attempt to help canonize the histories that have been shouted on the streets, told from generation to generation, but almost never taught in the classroom. These informal histories - preserved so that youth may persist in the struggle - are living, breathing history. They are the currency of the oppressed, of those who have not had the privilege of laying their history to rest.

These booklets are not enough. They are only a quick look at the richness of work and community that has been. It is my hope that they begin to educate about the activism, the injustice, the hurt, but also show the strength of a community that came together in spite of these forces working against them, and built the world they needed, they wanted, and they loved. May these resources start conversations that go deeper, provide critique, demand more, and expand beyond my limited world, while building something better than 'history.'"

# Here's what we're up to this month!

## **Commemorate Canada**



We are happy to announce that the Commemorate Canada program, funded by Canadian Heritage, will be wrapping up its conferences virtually in the coming months that were postponed due to Covid-19. See you in the fall!



#### **Team Education**

The pandemic isn't stopping us from reaching as many schools as we can this year! We're so excited to get to deliver virtual workshops to your schools.

> <u>Check out our selection of</u> <u>workshops here!</u>

### Introducing GBVTeaching.com: A Teaching Resource

Educators and activists interested in reducing rates of gender-based violence through education are invited to use and contribute to the new website gbvteaching.com.

The site includes a public component with teaching resources on a range of gender-based violence (GBV) issues, and a private component where members can exchange ideas and resources they have developed with like-minded educators. The website emerges from the Time to Teach about Gender-Based Violence in Canada project, which seeks to enhance teaching and learning about GBV issues using official provincial curricula.

If you have ideas or resources to share, check out their website to become a member!

The Time to Teach project began with research led by Dr. Catherine Vanner, Assistant Professor of Educational Foundations at the University of Windsor, and Dr. Claudia Mitchell, James McGill Professor in the Department of Integrated Studies in Education at McGill University. CCGSD is proud to be apart of the project's advisory group! For more information about the project, email catherine.vanner@uwindsor.ca.

#### Jeremy Dias Memorial Scholarship!

The Jeremy Dias Memorial Scholarship seeks to recognize a youth that has taken initiative in addressing discrimination in their school or community.

