



The York University - TD Community Engagement Centre (CEC)

Faculty of Fine Arts - Faculty Council Meeting - January 27th, 2010



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The York University - TD Community Engagement Centre is a university-wide teaching, research and resource centre located at the Yorkgate Mall on the northwest corner of Jane and Finch.



Black Creek Catchments Area



Governance and Pan-University Structure



- The CEC reports into the office of the Vice President Academic, partnering with several York faculties, ORU's and non-academic units
- The Centre is guided by, and accountable to, an Executive Committee of community leaders as well as York faculty, staff and students - the Executive Committee is elected by a general membership of nearly 200 university and community allies

CEC Executive Committee and CEC Staff



CEC Executive Committee 2009 - 2010

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CEC Staff

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The CEC Mandate



- 1) Enrich the educational experience of our students,
- 2) Promote civic engagement of all York community members to instill a sense of shared responsibility for our communities
- 3) Reduce or eliminate barriers to full participation in post-secondary education,
- 4) Encourage greater depth and breadth in our collaborative research partnerships,
- 5) Provide fertile ground for new community/university collaborations.

Highlights from 2008-2009 (Year 1 of operation)



Traffic Overview

	Sept 2008 – Dec 2008	January 2009- April 2009	May 2009 – August 2009	TOTAL
	(14 weeks)	(17 weeks)	(13 weeks)	(44 weeks)
Walk-in Inquiries:				
Average per week	42	48	47	46
Sub-total for Walk-in Inquiries	587	826	605	2018
Program Participation (five programs include CLASP, Elements, Tax Clinics, JFCCO and Tropicana Programs): (number of people attending)				
Average per week	71	97	97	89
Sub-total for Program Participation	987	1656	1260	3903
Public Events and Meetings (number of people attending)				
Average per week	91	63	61	71
Sub-total for Public Events and Meetings	1270	1078	791	3139
Classes and Service Learning Activity (number of people attending)				
Average per week	128	100	0	80
Sub-total for Classes and EE Activity	1788	1696	0	3484
Average per week	330	309	204	265
Total visitors to CEC	4632	5256	2656	12544

Ways Fine Arts can get involved



- Join a CEC committee or working group
- Design a student engagement component in your course
- Give a talk
- Support a collaborative project already formed

Ways Fine Arts can get involved: join a CEC committee



- Research and Knowledge Exchange Working Group
- Program and Evaluation Working Group
- Nominations and Outreach Working Group
- Finance and Fundraising
- General Membership

Ways Fine Arts can get involved: give a talk



Your professional expertise is a rich resource for the community! Come share your knowledge at a public talk at the centre or give a performance in the mall.

Ways Fine Arts can get involved: create a student engagement project in your courses



Work with the CEC staff and Working Groups to create student projects relevant to your own course curriculum

e.g. Projects established in FA/YSDN 3104 *Design for Public Awareness* include design students/community partners producing:

- a publication of the work of a grassroots poetry coalition
- a financial literacy evaluation website
- a series of posters for a child health equity conference

Ways Fine Arts can get involved: collaborate on current projects



There is an enormous appetite in Jane and Finch for the arts. Community organizations, schools and coalitions are eager for support and resources. Also, these groups have a lot to share with us.

Talk to us about one of these many exciting initiatives:

- Shoot With This
- Power Tool Drag Racing
- Black Creek Arts Hub project
- Nomanzland

Questions? Contact Information



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Pillar 1. Enrich the Educational Experience of our Students



- Supervised York accounting students offer free income tax preparation for local low income residents
- Legal Advice and Referrals provided by (supervised) student lawyers from Osgoode's Community Legal Aid Services Program
- Faculty of Education Urban Diversity students support homework and activity club, food security project and diabetes education group
- Social work, labour studies and nursing students do a supervised placement at the CEC and engage with community allies

Pillar 2. Promote civic engagement of all York community members to instill a shared sense of responsibility to our community



- York scholarship winners from local high schools performed 40 hours of service to various community projects.
- CEC hosts a science focused homework Club - designed and run by local youth and supported by York faculty, staff and students.
- CEC plays serves as a convener for various projects (e.g. Food Security, Vision/Hearing Assessment) bringing together students, faculty, staff and community partners

Pillar 3. Reduce or Eliminate Perceived and Actual Barriers to Full Participation in Post-secondary Education



- Women's Studies Bridging Course located at CEC
- Pre- Admission Support Services (PASS) Committee formed to provide referrals and to conduct specially designed admission and financial aid information sessions
- Numerous Public Lectures, Workshops and Events at CEC to expose various stakeholders to university activity and interests (e.g. performances to celebrate Black History Month)

Pillar 4. Encourage Greater Depth and Breadth in our Collaborative Research Partnerships



- Research and Knowledge Exchange group
- Collaborative research projects including SSHRC CURA - *Assets Coming Together For Youth*
- Community Based Research Expo



Pillar 5. Provide Fertile Ground for New Community/ University Collaborations



The CEC is actively involved in projects and coalitions facilitating the growth an ever expanding network of community and University allies

