The Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion’s 2020 Anti-Racism Conference will interrogate the context of racism and the rise of hate in Ontario and in the greater framework of Canada, with a focus on the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). Through this conference, and through the sharing of best practices, we will provide meaningful strategies for attendees to build community-based power and work against hate and systemic racism.
This conference will provide meaningful strategies for residents from Hamilton and across Ontario to tackle issues around racism. Content will be delivered in a number of formats, including workshops, panels, performances, displays and presentations.

This conference is hosted by the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (HCCI) in partnership with the Town of Ajax and the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI).

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**Who should submit proposals?**

- Does your work (grassroots or professional), aim to address and combat hate, racism, and systemic injustice?
- Does your work (grassroots or professional) impact black or racialized communities in healthcare, law, education, social justice, or other fields?
- Are you an ally working in solidarity with anti-racist groups or individuals to address and combat hate, and create systemic change?
- Do you want to connect with other professionals, academics, and organizers to share best practices around combating hate and creating systemic change?

If you meet one of more of these criteria, we invite you to submit a proposal to present at the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion’s Anti Racism Conference: *Combating the Rise of Hate: Exploring the Context of Race and Racism.* Presenters will be paid an honourarium. We welcome a range of presentation topics and formats, revolving around the following themes:

**Conference Themes**

**Day One: Why are we here?**

**Racism in Canada:** Unpacking the rise of hate, racism, and xenophobia in Canada across all systems, including online, in person, systemically, through media, pop culture, literature and more

**Racism across the world:** Global contexts of the rise of issues such as hate, racism, xenophobia, climate change, war, and racial injustices across all systems

**Individual impact:** Racism as it relates to our individual bodies, minds, homes, neighbourhoods, Hamilton, Turtle Island

**Systems, work and access:** Examining racial injustices in healthcare, art, media, law, education, justice system, policy, religious institutions, the nonprofit sector, business, and more
Resisting racism: Police brutality, xenophobia, coercion, hate, poverty, white supremacy, organizing, anti-indigenous racism, anti-black racism, and more

Day Two: What can we do?

Sharing best practices: Through grassroots organizing, policy changes, community building, art, electoral politics, friendship, care networks, what has worked to combat the rise of hate

Reimagining: Social justice, activism, black, indigenous, and people of colour futures, research, political involvement, citizenship, rights, policy and law, autonomy, interdependency

Building forward: Through skill sharing, art sharing, experiential learning, storytelling, networking

Types of Proposals

| Information Sharing | ● You have artwork, books, pamphlets, petitions, a research poster, etc. that you’d like to display, share, or sell |
| Workshop or Panel | ● You have a topic you’d like to discuss with other attendees in the form of a workshop or a panel  
● You can pitch and/or offer a topic you’d like to facilitate with other panelists |
| Show and Tell | ● “Show and Tell” presentations about an activist strategy, project, issue, or idea you’re working on or that has been successful in working to combat racism  
● Tell us about successes, struggles, questions, ways to support the change you’re trying to make |
| Papers | ● Papers with be grouped into panels - 20 minute presentations per person |
| Artistic Performance | ● Something you’d like to perform at an open mic - music, comedy, spoken word, poetry, book reading, film screening, etc. |
| Consultation | ● Are you looking to connect with people with conference attendees for input on a project or proposal you’re working on? Be in touch with the event organizers to see how we might be able to share information with attendees before/during/or after the conference |

To submit an idea or proposal, please fill-in this form

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