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ISSAMBA Ensures Black Participation in ARDA

ISSAMBA Center has successfully conducted two community engagements for the BC Anti-Racism Legislation last August 26 and September 2. These sessions aim to identify barriers and inequalities within the Black communities in British Columbia (BC) and to foster further discussions on the most effective strategies for the government to address these challenges.

In 2022, the BC government, acting through the Multiculturalism and Anti-racism division, took a significant step by introducing the Anti-Racism Data Act (ARDA). This legislation's primary purpose is to mandate the systematic collection of data pertaining to individuals' racial backgrounds, with the overarching goal of providing the government with valuable insights into societal disparities and inequities. In a continued effort to enhance the efficacy and responsiveness of the insights derived from the collected race-based data, the BC government has taken an additional step by embarking on the establishment of Anti-racism legislation.

Don't miss your chance to add your voice!



Join our last community engagement via Zoom on Sept. 2, 2023, Saturday, from 11 AM to 1 PM
Meeting ID: 821 3196 5937
Passcode: 147340



Black Justice Strategy Project Kicks Off

Last September 24, the ISSAMBA Center kicks off its campaign to understand and help address the root causes of injustices within the Black Community in BC through an online community engagement. The center invited those who have been involved with the criminal justice system, whether as an accused, a victim/survivor, interacted with the police or worked in the Justice system (lawyers, court clerks, court workers, etc.); and worked with any Black people to avoid the justice system or worked for them after their release from incarceration.

Justice Canada has set up a steering committee for the creation of the Black Justice Strategy. Due to this mandate, the steering committee has reached out to Black-led organizations across Canada to assist them in gathering inputs from Black community members who have interacted with the country's Justice system in any capacity.

This project will have a series of activities until 2024.



ISSAMBA Partners with Cornerston for the Navigating Canadian Immigration Event

ISSAMBA has partnered with Cornerston Immigration, a reputable immigration law consulting company based in Victoria, for an enlightening and free webinar on Canadian immigration which was held on last October 21.

The distinguished speaker, Shawna Hubscher, a registered Canadian immigration consultant at Cornerston Immigration, delved into a wide array of immigration topics which included sponsoring family members, hiring foreign workers, study permits, extending your stay in Canada, changing your immigration status, open work permits, BC Provincial Nominee Program (BCPNP), Express Entry, and permanent resident applications, among others.

Over 30 participants joined the event. Thus, a re-run may be considered by ISSAMBA and Cornerston in the future. Watch out for our announcements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Immunity

by Itzel Loya-Montiel, MD, MSc
November 11, 2023
11 AM to 12:30PM



Personal Finance

by Francis Peujio, Ph.D.
November 25, 2023
11 AM to 1 PM

