

BLACK HISTORIES AND FUTURES MONTH

Kingston, Ontario

2025 Event Calendar

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*This is a live calendar! Check back regularly during the month of February for updates. To **Add** an event to the calendar, submit details to: BHFM Event Submission Form*

ONGOING

SAT, FEB 1

Reel-Out 2025 Film Festival

Featuring: *Circo, Seraphim & We Forgot to Break Up*
Time: **4pm, 7pm, 9:30pm**
Location: 120 Princess St, Kingston
Hosted by: Reel Out Film Festival
Open to: **All**
Registration: **Reel Out Film Schedule & Tickets**

Celebrate the annual ReelOut queer film festival with three feature films starring Black Queer leads and a community discussion with Kingston's Black Luck Collective (before/after Seraphim).



Family Storytime with Ruthy's Reading Room
Time: **10:30am**
Location: Calvin Park Branch, 88 Wright Cres.
Hosted by: Kingston Frontenac Public Library
Open to: **Ages 6 and under**
Registration: Event Link

For children of all ages. Celebrate Black Histories and Futures Month with special guest, Michelle from Ruthy's Reading Room. Enjoy stories, songs and movement activities! Drop in.

MON, FEB 3

“Threads: Weaving Black Joy & Experiences at Queen’s”

Black Histories and Futures Month Opening Ceremony

Time: **12pm - 2pm**
Location: 69 Union St, DDQIC Rose Event Commons
Hosted by: Queen’s Black Clubs Caucus & Human Rights & Equity Office
Open to: **All**

Registration: Register HERE

Join us for the 2025 Black Histories and Futures month campus kick-off event hosted by the Black Student Clubs Caucus in collaboration with the Human Rights & Equity Office, under the theme “Threads: Weaving Black Joy & Experiences at Queen’s”

Come out, connect and learn more about Black inclusion and thriving both on and off campus, featuring a panel discussion with students/staff/faculty and local community members on “The Method to the Magic” of Black Joy at Queen’s and a performance by the ACSA dance troupe.



Stay after the panel for refreshments, networking and an exploration of this year's BHFM Global Event Calendar, highlighting the spectacular suite of events and initiatives happening across Kingston this February.

This event is sponsored by the Inclusive Community Fund - Office of the VPCEI

TUES, FEB 4

Fostering Leadership and Elevating Voices

Queen's Black Medical Student Association Opening Ceremony

Time: **12:30pm**

Location: Atrium, School of Medicine 15, Arch Street
Hosted by: Queens Black Medical Student Association
Open to: **All**
Registration: N/A

This event is intended to celebrate Black history within medicine, and reflect on the importance of advocacy. The ceremony will feature faculty speakers Dr. Oyedeji Ayonrinde, Dr. Eugenia Piliotis, and Dr. Wiley Chung. There will also be several student performances, including a piano piece 🎹from our PGY-2 Psychiatry Resident Dr. Omer Hamour.

Cultural food/refreshments will also be provided.

We hope to see you there!

WED, FEB 5

LDSB Black History Month Opening Ceremony

Time: **4pm - 6pm**



Location: 153 Van Order Dr, Kingston, LCVI
Hosted by: Limestone District School Board
Open to: **All**
Registration: N/A

Please join us on Feb. 5th from 4-6 pm at LCVI, 153 Van Order Drive for the LDSB Black History Month Opening Ceremony. This student led event is open to all LDSB students, staff, families, and community members.

FRI, FEB 7

HYVE & Afia Beauty takeover of the Yellow House
Time: **12pm – 7pm**
Location: **140 Stuart St, Kingston**
Hosted by: HYVE, Afia Beauty, The Yellow House
Open to: **Queen's Students Only**
Registration: N/A

We are kicking off Black History and Futures month with the second annual **Hyve Takeover** for Black students on Feb 7, 12-4! Come by and check out Black student businesses, do an oil making workshop with Afiya Beauty and grab yourself a patty and Ting! (food & refreshments will be served)

Entrepreneur Networking & Social with Micah Imomotebegha
Time: **4pm – 7pm**
Location: 101C, 1412 Princess St, Kingston –
Hosted by: Pedal Works Café & Studios
Open to: **All**
Registration: N/A (Free)



Connect with other industry professionals at the annual Pedalworks networking event, this month featuring Micah Imomotebegha, a creative marketing professional with over 7 years of experience, specializing in digital transformation and strategy. As the lead for the Canada Digital Adoption Program at Kingston Economic Development, he helps local businesses improve their digital presence.

With expertise in Management Information Systems and Digital Marketing Communications, Micah has worked with brands like Maybelline and Hennessy in Nigeria and supported businesses through Spark Creative Agency at St. Lawrence College.

SLC Basketball - Black History Month Themed Night
Time: **5:30PM**
Location: St Lawrence College Gymnasium
Hosted by: St. Lawrence College
Open to: **All**
Registration: TBD

Join us on February 7th at Saint Lawrence college for a doubleheader basketball game with the La Cite Coyotes at 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM where we will celebrate the achievements of Black communities, acknowledge their legacy and leadership and learn about their history as a group together as part of Black History Month.

We'll be joined by the local youth basketball players and parents from the Pete Petersen Basketball League, as well as local Black-owned businesses that you can visit on the upper concourse.



We'll also be giving away some incredible prizes, including a custom pair of surge Nikes, free pizza from Domino's Pizza, gift cards to the Cataraqui Centre and more! Be here to learn and enjoy some basketball.

SAT, FEB 8

Black Business Expo
Time: **12pm - 4pm**
Location: 101C, 1412 Princess St, Kingston –
Hosted by: Pedal Works Café & Studios
Open to: **All**
Registration: N/A (Free)

Come out and learn more about the diverse range of Black owned businesses operating within the city of Kingston. Enjoy food, fun and community networking opportunities.

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SWIMMING IN CIRCLES FASHION SHOW
Time: **3:30pm**
Location: Grant Hall, 43 University Avenue, Queen's U
Hosted by: Queen's Black Fashion Association
Open to: **All**
Registration: Register HERE

Join us for an evening celebrating creativity, fashion, and the intersection of art and mental health. Featuring designs by talented Black creatives and a keynote speaker that will inspire and challenge perspectives, this is a night you won't want to miss🌟



SUN, FEB 9

Soundtrack to a Coup D'Etat
Time: **1pm**
Location: 120 Princess St, Kingston, The Screening Room
Hosted by: Black Studies at Queen's University
Open to: **All**
Registration: Register HERE

United Nations, 1960: the Global South ignites a political earthquake, jazz musicians Abbey Lincoln and Max Roach crash the Security Council, Nikita Khrushchev bangs his shoe, and the U.S. State Department swings into action, sending jazz ambassador Louis Armstrong to Congo to deflect attention from the CIA-backed coup. Director Johan Grimonprez captures the moment when African politics and American jazz collided in this magnificent essay film, a riveting historical rollercoaster that illuminates the political machinations behind the 1961 assassination of Congo's leader Patrice Lumumba. Richly illustrated by eyewitness accounts, official government memos, testimonies from mercenaries and CIA operatives, speeches from Lumumba himself, and a veritable canon of jazz icons, Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat interrogates colonial history to tell an urgent and timely story of precedent that resonates more than ever in today's geopolitical climate.

WED, FEB 12

Book Launch for We, the Kindling
Time: **6pm**
Location: Isabel Bader Centre, 390 King Street
Hosted by: Black Studies at Queen's University
Open to: **All**
Registration: Register HERE



A book launch for *We, the Kindling* featuring a moderated conversation between the author, Otoniya, J. Okot Bitek and Kingston's poet laureate, Sadiqa de Meijer. There will be additional readings from Queen's students and community reading excerpts of the book in different languages. A book signing and reception to follow.

THURS, FEB 13

Collage & BHM Trivia Night
Time: **5:30pm – 8pm**

Location: 101C, 1412 Princess St, Kingston –
Hosted by: Pedal Works Café & Studios
Open to: **All**
Registration: **REGISTER HERE** (Trivia is FREE/Collage is $30)

Collage and connect with new friends. Materials provided Email info@pedalworkscafe.com to preorder snack boxes. Including BHM Trivia with prizes.

SAT, FEB 15

A Night of Poetry and Music

Time: **7pm**
Location: 305 Rideau St, The Broom Factory
Hosted by: Kingston African Caribbean Collective



Open to**: All**
Registration: [Register HERE]

As part of 2025 Kingston Black History Month Celebrations, the evening will showcase three incredible acts: The Bentley Collective, a dynamic and soulful musical ensemble, Juliana Okot Bitek, a celebrated poet and writer whose work examines the intersections of culture, identity, and the African diaspora & Dj SmoothMix's unforgettable sounds.

Old School Dance Party
Time: **8pm – 12am (midnight)**
Location: 101C, 1412 Princess St, Kingston –
Hosted by: Pedal Works Café & Studios
Open to: **All**
Registration: FREE For All

Come celebrate BHM with an old school dance party! Fee includes a drink ticket and a raffle ticket for fun prizes.

WED, FEB 19

Beyond Admission: The Need for Policies and Practices to Ensure Black Students Success at University
Time: **2pm**
Location: Online
Hosted by: Office of the Vice Principal-Culture, Equity and Inclusion. Queen's University
Open to: **All**
Registration: REGISTER HERE

In this session, "Beyond Admission: The Need for Policies and Practices to Ensure Black Students' Success at University," Dr. Carl James (York



University) will highlight the need for institutions to move beyond symbolic diversity initiatives and implement comprehensive policies and practices that actively support Black students. Drawing on his extensive research, he will also examine how intersecting factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status contribute to the challenges faced by Black students in academic environments.

THURS, FEB 20

Afri-centric Drumming Wellness Workshop
Time: **5pm – 7pm**
Location: 817 Division Street, Kingston ON.
Hosted by: UMOJA, Family and Children Services Frontenac
Open to: **All**
Registration: N/A

FACSFLA will host an Africentric drumming workshop session for members of the community of all ages, led by Amadou Kienou.

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Black Writers Book Signing & Sale
Time: **6pm - 8pm**

Location: 101C, 1412 Princess St, Kingston –
Hosted by: Pedal Works Café & Studios
Open to: **All**
Registration: N/A (Free)



Come out to support Black authors within Kingston at this year's Black Writers Book signing & Sale event.

FRI, FEB 21

Step Afrika!
Time: **7:30pm**

Location: 218 Princess St. Kingston
Hosted by: Kingston Grand Theatre, Grand OnStage
Open to: **All**
Registration: **REGISTER HERE**

Founded in 1994 by C. Brian Williams, Step Afrika! is the first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping. It blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities; traditional African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a cohesive, compelling artistic experience. Performances are much more than dance shows; they integrate songs, storytelling, humor and audience participation. The blend of technique, agility, and pure energy makes each performance unique and leaves the audience with their hearts pounding.

SAT, FEB 22

Afro House Spinning Class Stretch & Social
Time: **12pm – 1pm**
Location: 101C, 1412 Princess St, Kingston –



Hosted by: Pedal Works Café & Studios
Open to: **All**
Registration: **REGISTER HERE** ($15)

Join us on an indoor cycle ride to celebrate Black History Month! Music from Tekniq, Lizwi, Ismael Lo, Sona Jobarteh and more! 30 min ride a 20 min stretch and then hang out to socialize!

Welcoming Wall Art
Time: **2pm**
Location: Central Branch, 130 Johnson St.
Hosted by: Kingston Frontenac Public Library
Open to: **Ages 4-8**
Registration: Register HERE

Ages 4-8. Join Bria Wannamaker for an inclusive art therapy workshop, crafting a boho-style wall hanging with wood and yarn in diverse skin tones to celebrate our differences.

Multicultural dinner
Time: **3pm**
Location: 1290 Wheathill, St, Kingston, ON
Hosted by: Réseau de Soutien à l'immigration francophone de l'Est de l'Ontario
Open to: **All**
Registration: N/A

Dinner is an opportunity to socialize and discover the cultural delights of participants' countries of origin.



TUES, FEB 25

Resistance in a Hostile Environment: Subnormal with Chichi Ayalogu
Time: **1pm**
Location: KFPL Central Branch
Hosted by: Black Studies at Queen's University
Open to: **Grades 5+ school groups**
Registration: REGISTER HERE (scroll to event)

In the 1960s, while young black adults were getting to grips with the struggle for black power and a long fightback against police abuse was starting, the majority of West Indian migrants in Britain were keeping their heads down. They were working hard and counting on providing better opportunities and education for their children. However, in a white-dominated country, where the politics were becoming increasingly racialised, there was a question of how society, and its teachers, saw these young black children. Before having a chance to develop intellectually, they were labelled as stupid, difficult and disruptive. This documentary reveals how black children in the 1960s and 70s were sent to schools for the subnormal, and how parents, activists and teachers came together to fight this injustice.

A screening of this documentary for school groups will be followed by a discussion with Black Studies Predoctoral Fellow Chichi Ayalogu whose dissertation "Diasporic Witnessing: Crises and the Aesthetics of the Nigerian Migratory Intelligentsia" was awarded a SSHRC doctoral fellowship.

THURS, FEB 27



Easel and Eat

Time: **6pm – 8pm**
Location: (TBD)
Hosted by: Queen's Black Premedical Association
Open to: **Open to Black-Identifying Students at Queen's**

Registration: EVENT LINK

Painting and cultural food to empower and unite Black-identifying students on campus. Motivational slideshow by QBPA Co-Presidents.

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Momodou Taal & Zubairu Wai: The Malcolm Effect
Time: **6:30pm**
Location: Queen's University Campus, Miller Hall Room 105
Hosted by: Black Studies at Queen's University
Open to: **All**
Registration: Register HERE

To have encountered Malcolm X's life is to be affected by his commitment to Justice—an effect that reverberates throughout one's life. It's so poignant an effect that one feels it over and over, always returning to those piercing questions put forward by Malcolm:

"Who taught you to hate yourself?"

"How can you thank a man for giving you what's already yours?"

In the spirit of Malcolm's piercing questions and Momdou Taal's The Malcolm Effect Revisited (now available for pre-order), Momodou Taal, host of the The Malcolm Effect podcast, author of the forthcoming The Malcolm Effect Revisited and a British-Gambian PhD student at Cornell University joins Zubairu Wai, Associate Professor of Political Science and Global Development Studies at the University of Toronto, author of Epistemologies of



African Conflicts: Violence, Evolutionism, and the War in Sierra Leone and editor of Africa Beyond Inventions: Essays in Honor of V.Y. Mudimbe, to discuss the legacy of Malcolm X's life and reflect on the role of Pan Africanism, Black Internationalism and Marxism in building the future X envisioned.

FRI, FEB 28

Célébration de clôture du Mois de l'histoire des Noirs.
Time: **6pm**
Location: 817 Division st.
Hosted by: ACFOMI
Open to: **French Speaking Kingstonians**
Registration: Register HERE (not required)

Venez participer à une soirée mémorable pour clôturer le Mois de l'histoire des Noirs, célébré cette année, sous le thème : « L'héritage et le leadership des personnes noires : célébrer l'histoire canadienne et inspirer les générations futures ». Rejoignez-nous le 28 février, de 18h à 20h, pour une soirée exceptionnelle où nous célèbrerons des personnes noires de notre communauté qui contribuent à l'intégrations des personnes immigrantes dans notre communauté. Obtenez un avant-goût de notre nouveau site web et de toutes les ressources destinées à la communauté francophone qui s'y trouveront ! L'événement aura lieu au local Service de l'aide à la famille et à l'enfance. Nous avons hâte de vous y accueillir célébrer et réseauter. ———



SAT, MAR 1

Kente Cloth Paper Weaving with the African & Caribbean Students' Association

Time: **10am**

Location: Central Branch, 130 Johnson St..

Hosted by: Kingston Frontenac Public Library

Open to: **Ages 8-12**

Registration: Event Link

For ages 8-12. Join the African & Caribbean Students' Association at Queen's University, learn about the history of Kente cloth and use paper to do your own weaving! This program is in partnership with the African & Caribbean Students' Association at Queen's University

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Carnival Headpiece Workshop with the African & Caribbean Students' Association

Time: **3pm**

Location: Central Branch, 130 Johnson St..

Hosted by: Kingston Frontenac Public Library

Open to: **Ages 13+**

Registration: Event Link

Learn about and make your own Carnival Headpieces, with the African & Caribbean Students' Association at Queen's University. This program is in partnership with the African & Caribbean Students' Association at Queen's University.

