

Youth FAQ

What is R.I.T.E.S:

R.I.T.E.S. is a space for young people that identify as **Black or African Canadian** (For example: Caribbean, East African, West African, Somali, Mixed). The purpose of the group is centered on exposing youth to Black history, Black excellence, culture and community resources through various activities such as art, drumming, discussion, etc.

Where does the group take place?

rites is offered at 3 locations across the GTA : Central Toronto Youth Services which is located at 65 Wellesley Street East, Suite 300 Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1G7 (Church/Wellelsley upstairs Rexall). Thistletown Collegiate Institute and George Harvey Collegiate Institute. If you attend any of the above mentioned schools please see student services for more information.

Is it free?

YES

How long is the program?

The program runs for 14 weeks starting October 15th, 2018-January 28th 2019. Each group is approximately 2 hours long. We do a variety of activities during the evening that include: discussion, art-based activities, team-building etc.

What can I expect?

You will meet other young people like yourself in a small group setting that will have no more than 15 people. Two program facilitators will also be present during group and will help to facilitate the activities for the evening.

Is there food?

Yes we provide food during each session. We also provide TTC tickets

Do I have to come by myself?

We encourage you to come out and meet other young people like yourself. We do know and understand that this can be challenging when meeting people for the first time, we are hear to talk to you before the start of group if you need support :)

Interested?

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