

R.I.T.E.S.

Youth FAQ

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

R.I.T.E.S. is a space for young people who identify as **Black or African Canadian** (For example: Caribbean, East African, West African, Somali, Mixed). The purpose of the group is centered in 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 school administration for more information.

Is it free?

YES

How long is the program?

The program runs for 27 weeks starting in October 2019-April 2020. Each group is approximately 2 hours long. We do a variety of activities during the evening that include: discussion, art-based activities, outings, retreats and skill building etc.

What can I expect & do I have to come by myself?

We encourage you to come out to meet other young black youth. You will meet in a small group setting that will have no more than 15 people. We do understand that it can be challenging meeting people for the first time. We are here to talk to you before the start of group if you need any supports. Two or three program facilitators will also be present during group and will help to facilitate the activities for the evening. We encourage you to come out and meet other young people like yourself. :)

Is there food?

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

Interested?

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