



2025 Windsor-Essex Black History Month Activity Schedule

Essex County is rich in Black history. Canadians of African descent have played important roles in the cultural, political, social, and economic progress of our communities. Our region has been populated by people of African descent from the 18th century, when free Black Loyalists as well as enslaved Africans were among the area's early residents; to the 19th century when formerly enslaved African Americans and free people of colour streamed into this area by the thousands, fleeing either bondage or oppression; to the modern era when immigrants from the continent of Africa and the Caribbean made this region their new home.

Here are some of the Black History Month events happening around our region... a combination of in-person and virtual activities this year.

"Dem Ole Boring, Wutless Records?" Critical Records Management for Work, Home and Play – January 30th

Description: Records – whether current, semi-current or permanent – are evidence, footprints or talking pieces. Management of records at work, home or elsewhere is often taken for granted but is critical, given the evidential nature of records. This interactive session makes recordkeeping all about the participant in an engaging, stress-free manner. Participants are guaranteed to leave with an appreciation for how critical proper records management is. This interactive session makes recordkeeping all about the participant in an engaging, stress-free manner. Participants are guaranteed to leave with an appreciation for how critical proper records management is.

To Register, please contact Antoinette Seymour, Archivist/Librarian/Faculty at 519-235-3000 ext. 3129

WHAT TO BRING: From your infancy, childhood or youth (and they must be very dear to your heart or of immense sentimental value): 1 paper photo, 1 paper record, e.g., letter, postcard, school report card, award, ticket, receipt, bank book, membership card, another photo – You name it! *Note: No artefacts/objects, please. Just paper.*

Date: January 30th, 2025

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: BSI, UWindsor CAW Centre

Joint Windsor-Essex Black History Month Kick-Off

Description: The annual Joint Windsor-Essex Black History Month Kick-Off will be happening on Friday, January 31st, at 7:00 pm. at the Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Avenue, Windsor. Featuring Black history highlights, poetry and music from across the African Diaspora, with a focus on stories of Black activism, this free event is hosted by the Essex County Black Historical Research Society, the Amherstburg Freedom Museum, and the Windsor West Indian Association. We will publicly recognize the importance of Black History Month as well as encourage the community to participate in the array of Black History Month events hosted locally this year. Thanks to the sponsors and patrons who enable this to be a free event, including the University of Windsor Black Scholars Institute, Arbor Memorial, Women's Enterprise Skills Training, Black Women of Forward Action, W.E. Ride and Dine, and private donors. For information, contact ecbhrs@gmail.com.

Date: Friday, January 31st, 2025

Time: 7pm

Location: Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Avenue, Windsor

Activities and Resources at the Windsor Public Library

Description: Windsor Public Library offers collections that celebrate Black heritage, encourage diverse and unique voices, and consider the historical significance of Black activists from around the world. Many books, ebooks, audiobooks, and DVDs are available! Also, in honour of Black History Month, WPL is offering several events and activities, geared to adults, children, and youth around the city, from Black history-related story time to film screenings to arts and crafts and much more. Visit <https://www.windsorpubliclibrary.com/> to see what's happening at various Windsor Public Library branches.

Date: February 2025

Location: Multiple Windsor Public Library branches. Click on the "Calendar of Events" for details.

Celebrate Black History – READ UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND.

Description: Adults and Seniors join us every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. as we read, learn and discover amazing people with powerful stories. Let's continue to READ UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND. Borrowing the title from a book written by Farah Jasmine Griffin, many books on various topics will be available for you to check out and enjoy at home. Come in and receive a great book list of materials available at your Windsor Public Libraries along with great discussions and presentations. February 6th, MAYA ANGELOU AND BOB MARLEY, February 13th, LOCAL HEROS AND SHEROES CONSTABLE MATTHEW DAVIS we will be talking about his family history and contributions. Come and tell us about your local heroes and sheroes, February 20th, Scientists, Artist, Musicians, Activists and more, and February 27th Power of Art and Poetry.

Date: Every Thursday in February 2025

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Location: John Muir Library 363 Mill Street, Windsor

AfroFest at the University of Windsor: 2025 Event Schedule

Description: Join students at the University of Windsor for a robust schedule of events, including the Art Exhibit with Art-ology x BSSC x BLX x ASA x CAOS on February 6th, Game Night on February 13th, Movie Night on February 27th, Winter Market with BLX on March 5th, and Paint Night with PRS x BSSC on March 20th. Follow the University of Windsor Students' Alliance website and social media for further details.

Date: January 31st – March 20th, 2025

Time: Variable, please visit UWSA socials for a complete schedule.

Location: CAW Student Centre Commons, University of Windsor

Black History Month Flag-Raising

Description: The University community is invited to gather outside Chrysler Hall Tower on Friday, Jan. 31, for the ceremonial raising of the Black History, Black Futures Month flag. The event begins at noon with a program featuring African drumming, the singing of the Black National Anthem, poetry, and addresses from campus leaders, including Clinton Beckford, vice-president, people, equity, and inclusion; Shetina M. Jones, associate vice-president, student experience; Black Scholars Institute director Camisha Sibblis; Kaitlyn Ellsworth, Black student support co-ordinator; and Afrofest co-ordinator Victoria Odubunmi. Following the flag-raising ceremony, attendees are invited to a cultural food celebration in the Black Scholars Institute lounge, located on the lower level of the CAW Student Centre.

Date: Friday, January 31st, 2025

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Outside Chrysler Hall Tower, University of Windsor, 401 Sunset Avenue

Buy Black Twenty Eight Day Challenge

Description: Join the 5th annual Buy Black 28 Day Challenge organized by Black Business Can! This month-long initiative encourages consumers to consciously seek out and support Black-owned businesses in your community. Learn about and visit a diverse range of Black-owned businesses across Windsor and Essex County. Recognize the entrepreneurial spirit and excellence of Black business owners. Make a positive impact by injecting resources directly into the Black community.

Date: February 2025

Location: Visit blackbusinessontario.ca, <http://facebook.com/blackbusinesscan> or <http://Instagram.com/blackbusinesscan>

Black History, Black Futures Month at the University of Windsor

The University of Windsor maintains its own calendar of University-affiliated on- and off-campus events for Black History – Black Futures Month. Black History – Black Futures Month, every February, is an opportunity to normalize discussions about the accomplishments of people, not only in the past tense. It is essential to speak to the present and the future. We all stand on the shoulders of those trailblazers who came before us, who paved the way for many who thought the impossible was not possible. Remaining in the past is deficit thinking which limits mobilization. These rich histories do not focus only on the trials but also on the triumphs.

Date: February 2025

Location: Visit <https://www.uwindsor.ca/vp-people-equity-inclusion/377/black-history-black-futures>

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum Hosts The Artists of Colour Exhibit: “The Never-Ending Quest for Inclusion.”

Description: The Amherstburg Freedom Museum Hosts The Artists of Colour Exhibit: “The Never-Ending Quest for Inclusion.” The Never-Ending Quest for Inclusion is the second portion of The Artists of Colour’s “Journeys Project” created by and featuring works of The Artists of Colour. This special presentation is a fine arts-based project displaying a combination of paintings, images, artifacts, and history information panels. QR codes on each information panel create a seamless way to engage further and increase the learning experience. The informative exhibit will educate visitors about the Black Presence in Canadian history and the progress and achievements Blacks attained while establishing their culture into the fabric of Canadian society. This project was created through the funding of The Arts, Culture & Heritage Fund Program.

Date: Saturday, February 1st, 2025 to March 2nd, 2025

Time: Tuesday – Friday 12:00pm to 5:00pm, and Saturday – Sunday 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Amherstburg Freedom Museum, 277 King Street, Amherstburg, ON

Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island – CROSSROADS Black History Month

Description: Celebrate Black History Month in Windsor Essex with the CROSSROADS Guide to Black History in Windsor Essex, a complimentary addition to the CROSSROADS Historical Guide. Register for FREE and be lead through significant attractions and landmarks highlighting the rich Black heritage of our region. This guide offers an immersive journey into the pivotal role Windsor Essex played in the Underground Railroad and the enduring contributions of the Black community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Amherstburg Freedom Museum for their invaluable information and resources in the creation of this guide. Embark on this enlightening exploration to deepen your understanding of our shared history. PLUS: Explore and Win! Check in at one or more spots between now and February 28th to be entered into the draw for \$50 to Stelly’s Cuisine & Catering, a pair of books chronicling Black History in Windsor Essex and admission for four to the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Every check-in will give you another bonus entry into the draw. Register here

<https://www.visitwindsorsex.com/crossroads/>

Date: February 2025

The Fabric of Our Being

Museum Windsor is excited to announce a new installation, "The Fabric of Our Being," on display now at the Chimczuk Museum. Conceptualized and birthed by Jamaican-Canadian Poet and Author, Nadine Williams and her Collective, "The Fabric of Our Being" seeks to bring awareness and celebration to the United Nations proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024). A second decade for people of African descent was proclaimed by the UN in Dec. and adopted by Canada (Jan. 2025-Dec. 2034). "The Fabric of Our Being" will be on display at the Chimczuk Museum through March 31, 2025.

Date: Through March 31, 2025

Time: Visit <https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/culture/windsors-community-museum/chimczuk-museum> for admission fees as well as dates and times of availability.

Location: Chimczuk Museum, 401 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor

Deanna Bowen: Black Drones in the Hive

Curated by Crystal Mowry. Originally produced by the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, the exhibition *Black Drones in the Hive* unfolds in a series of visual chapters to reveal the strategic erasures which have enabled Canadian canons such as the Group of Seven to exist without question or complication. The exhibition draws its title from a racist assessment of William Robinson, a Black journeyman, as written by a city official in Berlin, Ontario (now Kitchener) in the records of the Waterloo County House of Industry and Refuge (1869–1950). This sentiment echoes the centuries-long project of devaluing Black labour and the promise of autonomy. Combing historical texts, petitions, and archives ranging from the local to international, Bowen weaves together narrative threads of migration, power networks, and hierarchies of remembrance.

Date: Through February 16, 2025

Time: Visit <https://artwindsor-essex.ca> for admission fees as well as dates and times of availability.

Location: Art Windsor-Essex, 401 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor

InTheBlack: Canada – The Windsor Project

AWE is proud to present InTheBlack: Canada - *The Windsor Project*. A vital part of AWE's collection since 2017, this work amplifies the voices, experiences, and perspectives of Black Windsorites. *The Windsor Project* features participants ranging in age from the mid-20s to the late 80s. And while each voice is distinct, a pattern emerges as participants describe their personal journeys; they speak about overcoming adversity, mourning loss, finding means to empowerment, expressing love for the city of Windsor—and their pride in being Canadian. This major work was commissioned by Dr. Kenneth Montague, an art collector and curator based in Toronto, and the founder and director of Wedge Curatorial Projects.

Date: Through February 23rd, 2025

Time: Visit <https://artwindsor-essex.ca> for admission fees as well as dates and times of availability.

Location: Art Windsor-Essex, 401 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor

Yuri Dojc: North Is Freedom: Descendants of Freedom-Seekers on the Underground Railroad

Curated by Dorothy Abbott. This evocative photographic essay celebrates the descendants of freedom-seekers who escaped slavery in the United States in the years before the American Civil War. Some came entirely alone and unaided; others found their way to Canada with the help of a clandestine network of "conductors" and "stations" called the "Underground Railroad." Approximately 30,000 men, women and children fled north to freedom, settling from the Maritimes as far west as the Manitoba border. Most came to what is now Ontario, to places such as Windsor, Chatham, Buxton, the Niagara Peninsula, Owen Sound, and larger cities like Hamilton and Toronto.

Date: Through June 22nd, 2025

Time: Visit <https://artwindsor-essex.ca> for admission fees as well as dates and times of availability.

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Date: February 3rd, 2025

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Leddy Library – Room 302W

Department of History hosts Dr. Kyle T. Mays for a public lecture, “Reparations & Decolonization: A Critique”

Description: On the evening of February 4 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Armouries Building, Dr. Kyle T. Mays (@mayskyle) will be presenting a public lecture titled “Reparations & Decolonization: A Critique.” This event is being hosted by the Department of History as part of the Department’s Black History Month celebrations. All are welcome to attend!

Date: February 4th, 2025

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Location: Windsor Armouries - School of Creative Arts, University of Windsor, 353 Freedom Way, Windsor

Rosa Parks: Race, Religion, and Resistance

Description: This year marks the 70th anniversary of Rosa Parks’ refusal to be seated in a segregated section of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Ms. Parks’ refusal and subsequent arrest helped to bring attention to race issues in the United States and around the world. This panel is comprised of Ms. Erica Thedford, Elder Lana Talbot, Dr. Shetina Jones, and Mr. Michael Brown. The panel will be moderated by Dr. John Cappucci.

Date: February 4th, 2025

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Location: Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Ave. Windsor, ON

Beauty is Me Fundraising Luncheon

Description: We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Fundraising Luncheon 2025! The funds raised from this event will be instrumental in bridging gaps in the services we provide to parents, caregivers, guardians, children, and youth. Keynote Speaker: Nicole Bonnie: An advocate for systemic change, she’s spent over 15 years of her professional career dedicated to helping leaders and organizations address the complex challenges associated with organizational, cultural change, crisis management, and capacity building. Tickets can be purchased online <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/beauty-is-me-fundraising-luncheon-2025-tickets-1082859555079>.

Date: February 6th, 2025

Time: 11:30am – 1:30pm

Location: St. Clair College Centre for the Arts, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, ON

Author Visit and Book Signing with Craig Shreve, author of the acclaimed *The African Samurai*

Description: The Amherstburg Freedom Museum and River Bookshop are pleased to present Craig Shreve, author of *The African Samurai*. Craig Shreve was born and raised in North Buxton, Ontario, and is a descendant of Abraham Doras Shadd, the first Black person in Canada to be elected to public office. His debut novel *One Night*

in Mississippi (Dundurn, 2015) has been optioned for film by Birchall Entertainment, and *The African Samurai* (Simon & Schuster Canada, 2023) has been translated into twelve languages. The critically acclaimed historical novel is based on the true story of Yasuke, the celebrated Black Samurai who lived a remarkable life in 16th century Japan.

Date: Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Location: Amherstburg Freedom Museum, 277 King Street, Amherstburg, ON

Exhibit Opening - “The Never-Ending Quest for Inclusion”

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Date: Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Time: 2:30pm – 5:00pm

Location: Amherstburg Freedom Museum, 277 King Street, Amherstburg, ON

Annual Black History Month Brunch

Description: Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids under 14. For information and to purchase tickets, please call (519) 945-0213 or visit the Caribbean Centre.

Date: Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 5:00pm

Location: Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Avenue, Windsor

“The Improv Show” Improv Workshop

Description: Join The Improv Show for a one-of-a-kind improv workshop that combines universal principles like “Yes, And...” with a unique African twist. Zimbabwe is a country rich in oral traditions, storytelling, and resilience—embodied by their national motto: “Make A Plan.” Whether you’re a seasoned improviser or a curious beginner, this workshop offers a fresh, dynamic perspective on comedy and storytelling. Let the Zimprovisors guide you through an engaging journey that blends traditional improv techniques with the spirited creativity of Zimbabwean culture. Spaces are limited—reserve your spot now to experience the magic of The Impro Show and discover the joy of improv like never before. Tickets: Pay what you can – cash at the door but please register by e-mail, info@actwindsor.com.

Date: Tuesday, February 11th, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Arts Collective Theatre, upstairs at All Saints’ Windsor, 330 City Hall Square West

Black Scholars Institute Virtual Think Tank

Description: This February, we are excited to collaborate with the Black Scholars Institute at the University of Windsor, making this session an especially unique opportunity to engage in impactful discussions and foster inclusive innovation. You should join us if you: enjoy hearing about new ideas, like to solve problems, would like to make new connections, or want to support other researchers move their projects forward. Topics include The Mental Health Hour (MHH) Initiative: A Holistic Approach to Men’s Health, Exploring the Impact of Chess as an Educational and Mental Health Tool, and Post Partum Breast Cancer: Bridging Biology and Early Detection

Strategies to Improve Patient Outcomes. Register here for this free event: <https://www.wesparkhealth.com/conferences-and-workshops-168/think-tank-february-14th-2025>

Date: Friday, February 14th, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 3:00pm

Location: Virtual

Windsor Symphony Orchestra Concert: Celebrating Black Composers

Description: In partnership with the River Bookshop, and the Amherstburg Freedom Museum Windsor, the Windsor Symphony Orchestra celebrates Black composers, performing **Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Four Novelettes**. He was a British composer of mixed-race heritage, a descendant of an African-American soldier. A late 19th Century Romantic powerhouse, Coleridge-Taylor wrote in the style of Dvorák. **Adolphus Hailstork's** work, **Sonata da Chiesa** (Church Sonata), represents his African, Native-American, and European roots. Geoffrey Larson, conductor, Doors open at 6pm, concert generously sponsored by Richard and Colleen Peddie. Tickets: \$35 at windsorsymphony.com

Date: Friday, February 14th, 2025

Time: 7pm

Location: Nazrey A.M.E. Church @ the Amherstburg Freedom Museum and

Date: Saturday, February 15th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Location: Sandwich First Baptist Church, 3652 Peter Street, Windsor

Artist Nadine Williams Speaks at Museum Windsor

Museum Windsor is excited to announce a new installation, "The Fabric of Our Being," on display now through March 31st, 2025 at the Chimczuk Museum in celebration of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent. On Saturday, February 15th at 1:00 p.m., artist Nadine Williams will be on site to talk about her installation. There will be free admission on February 15th.

Date: Saturday, February 15th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Location: Chimczuk Museum, 401 Riverside Drive West, Windsor

Unifor BIWOC Black History Month Social Mixer

Join the Unifor Windsor Regional BIWOC Committee comprising Black, Indigenous, and Workers of Colour representing Locals 195, 200, 240, 444, and 2458 for a Black History Month Social Mixer, Saturday, February 15th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Unifor Hall at 3400 Somme Avenue, Windsor. Enjoy an evening of reflection and guest speakers focusing on creating pathways and opening doors. Light refreshments will be provided.

Date: Saturday, February 15th, 2025

Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Unifor Locals 195, 240, and 2458, 3400 Somme Avenue, Windsor

The Spirit of Harriet Tubman

Description: Experience the incredible journey of Harriet Tubman, brought to life by Leslie McCurdy. This powerful, one-woman show will take place on Sunday, February 16th beginning at 3pm in the Southfield Pavilion. This performance is sure to be a memorable experience for all ages. Admission is free, thanks to the generous support of program sponsors: Royal Enterprise Solutions, The Style Guru w3r Consulting, Marygrove Consulting, McDonalds and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Psi Delta Omega Chapter. Admission is free and open to all ages. Call (248) 796-4620 for more details.

Date: Sunday February 16th, 2025

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield MI

Black History Month Trivia!

Description: Join us at Phog Heads for Black History Month Trivia, February 17th, 2025, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Presented by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Hosted by TeaJai Travis. You may organize into teams of 2-4 or play solo. Celebrate Black History Month, test your knowledge of Black history and culture, and compete for prizes. \$20 per person. Space is limited! Advance registration is encouraged; registration with cash will be accepted at the door provided seats are available.

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Amherstburg_Freedom_Museum/events/black-history-month-trivia/ or bit.ly/3CBpAYn

Date: Monday, February 17th, 2025

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Location: Phog Heads, 157 University Avenue West, Windsor

Art Windsor-Essex and the Essex County Black Historical Research Society Present AWE at Night

Tour the exhibitions at Art Windsor-Essex including North Is Freedom: Descendants of Freedom-Seekers on the Underground Railroad and InTheBlack: Canada – The Windsor Project. Hear interesting presentations. Enjoy drop-in art workshops, music, and light refreshments available for purchase. Visit <https://artwindsor.essex.ca> for more information.

In Conversation with Dorthey Abbott, curator of North is Freedom 6:00-6:30pm

Community Conversation: Toxic Allyship 6:30-7:00pm

In Conversation with Susan Washington: North is Freedom 7:00-7:30pm

Jamie Greer, Wrestlers of African Descent in Windsor's Wrestling History 7:30-8:00pm

Date: Thursday, February 20th, 2025

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Location: Art Windsor-Essex, 401 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor

Black Resistance – Changing the Status Quo

Description: Celebrate Black History Month with the weCHC SAPACCY team! Join us for dinner, give aways, a local art display, and to honour Black Changemakers in our community.

This event is open to anyone; pre-registration is required. <https://forms.gle/c4butHXmuHAK1kF5A>

Date: Thursday, February 20th, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Fogolar Furlan Club, 1800 N Service Rd, Windsor

Black Diplomacy Global Summit

Description: The 4th Annual Black Diplomacy Global Summit will take place from February 21 to 23, 2025, at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. This event celebrates Black excellence in diplomacy and leadership while featuring critical conversations on international trade, human rights, and economic development. Guests include The Honorable Wanda Thomas Bernard, Dr. Gaynel Curry, and Andrew Daher. The event concludes with a gala on February 23rd. For tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/black-diplomacy-global-summit-tickets-1096321229309>

Date: February 21st, 2025

Time: 9:30am – 11:00pm

Location: St. Clair College Centre for the Arts, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, ON

W.E. Ride & Dine - A Windsor Black History and Culinary Bus Tour

Description: A 4-hour bus tour of Windsor historical sites, learning about local Black history, and our part in the Underground Railroad. "Ride & Dine" - delight in authentic Black cuisine, including a mix of African, Caribbean, Jamaican and American Soul Food. Our guests will sample flavours from a minimum of 3 restaurants that tell stories of culture and heritage. Guests are taken on a coach bus tour around Windsor, guided by noted Black historian Irene Moore Davis, including stops and photo ops at the historic Jackson Park Bandshell, the Tower of Freedom Underground Railroad Monument and more. Savour the Journey that blends culinary adventure with a profound connection to Windsor's Black history—an experience that celebrates both the palate and the past! The tour is held on Saturday, February 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., lasting four (4) hours. Food samples and bottled water will be provided. Beverages will be available for purchase at each restaurant. The bus tour travels rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. \$99.00

Register at https://gotellsomeone.com/store/we-ride-dine-a-windsor-black-history-guided-bus-tour?fbclid=IwY2xjawIG2VFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHbbzpVuzGZGC6381dfB3RGhjHSgiyOV69DBO-ufIQ8EEA53cSGRC-DrkLw_aem_tTslYn9VpPN9b5pxMrNFLA

Date: Saturday, February 22nd

Time: 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Location: Starting location in downtown Windsor TBA

Omoluabi Black History Month Two Day Celebration

Description: Join the NCCEEP for a two day celebration of Black History Month on February 22nd, and 23rd. DAY ONE: tour of Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Please meet at Walker Road (3176 Walker Rd, Windsor, ON) 12-12:30pm, departure 12:30pm. Please register at info@ncceep.com. DAY TWO: Black History Month Celebrations Windsor at 1356 Tecumseh Road West from 2-4pm. Join us for Dancing, drum sessions, spoken word, and presentations. For more information visit www.ncceep.com

Date: Saturday, February 22nd, and Sunday February 23rd, 2025

Annual Black History Afternoon Tea

Description: This annual event will feature guest speakers Chris Ramsaroop and Evelyn Myrie. Admission by donation. For information, call (519) 945-0213 or e-mail secretary@wwia.club.

Date: Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm

Location: Caribbean Centre, 2410 Central Avenue, Windsor

Ujima Initiative Black History Celebration

Description: A uniquely special student-led celebration of Black History. There will be songs, dance, spoken word, art displays, and savory dishes from the islands and the Continent.

Date: Wednesday, February 26th, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Hungarian Cultural Centre, 790 Hanna St E., Windsor, ON

***The Price of Freedom* – School Show**

Description: We are excited to extend an invitation to students in Grades 7-12 to attend a school show performance and panel discussion on Thursday, February 27, at 10:15 AM at the Capitol Theatre. About Set against the turbulent backdrop of 1860s Canada, *The Price of Freedom* tells the gripping story of John Anderson, a freedom seeker accused of killing a bounty hunter in self-defence. Pursued relentlessly across borders, Anderson's case becomes a flashpoint for Canada's moral and legal identity as the United States demands his extradition. Supported by abolitionists from the Underground Railroad and allies within a powerful fraternity, Anderson's journey unfolds through tense courtroom drama, haunting memories of escape, and the collective

fight for dignity and justice. We encourage teachers to bring their students to this impactful performance. Please confirm your attendance by emailing info@actwindsor.com. The program is \$10/student and \$10/Teacher.

Date: February 27th, 2025

Time: 10:15am-2:00pm

Location: Capitol Theatre, Windsor, ON

World Premiere: The Price of Freedom

Description: Arts Collective Theatre in collaboration with The Amherstburg Freedom Museum presents ***The Price of Freedom***, an original play by Carlos Anthony and Directed by Chris Rabideau. Tickets \$33/adults, \$30/Senior/Students. Set against the turbulent backdrop of 1860s Canada, *The Price of Freedom* tells the gripping story of John Anderson, a freedom seeker accused of killing a bounty hunter in self-defence. Pursued relentlessly across borders, Anderson's case becomes a flashpoint for Canada's moral and legal identity as the United States demands his extradition. Supported by abolitionists from the Underground Railroad and allies within a powerful fraternity, Anderson's journey unfolds through tense courtroom drama, haunting memories of escape, and the collective fight for dignity and justice. As the trial challenges Canada's role as a sanctuary for the oppressed, *The Price of Freedom* explores the enduring cost of liberty, the bonds of brotherhood, and the fight for dignity in the face of systemic injustice. *The Price of Freedom* is a play created to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Amherstburg Freedom Museum.

Date: February 28th, March 1st, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Date: March 2nd, 2025

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Capitol Theatre, Windsor, ON

Black Kids in Action Present "Our Story, Our Journey Black History production"

Description: Join Us for a Powerful Black History Month Celebration! Step into an evening of history, culture, and inspiration as Black Kids in Action proudly presents "Our Story, Our Journey" — a captivating production honoring Black history, resilience, and achievements. For information: Marcia, 519-566-8791, or e-mail bkiayouths2019@gmail.com.

Date: March 7th, 2025

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6pm)

Location: Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor

Note: This activity schedule is a living document. Check out our online/social media channels for the latest, most up to date information!

Keep up to date on 2025 Black History Month events happening in our region!



Visit <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/bhm/> for the latest and most accurate information.



Look for updates on the **Amherstburg Freedom Museum** and **Essex County Black Historical Research Society** Facebook pages.