



**Community Action Network Black
Leadership Training Program**



Winter/ Spring 2023

The PRC is pleased to announce a **Black Leadership CAN Program** for Spring 2023! The PRC is explicitly committed to supporting the capacity and leadership of those with lived and living experience of poverty in all we do. We recognize the deep and specific impacts of poverty and systemic racism on the Black community across the lower mainland. With this program, we aim to support the development of Black and racialized leadership for change in the progressive advocacy sector.

Workshop Summary for Black Leadership Lab: Spring 2023

Workshop 1: Feb 10th	Listening Session, Frameworks & Root Causes
Feb 15th 6:30- 8:30pm	<i>Optional Field Trip to Black History Month event at Douglas College (700 Royal Ave, Room N2201, New Westminster)</i>
Workshop 2: Feb. 17th	PRC Training + Linking Experience
Workshop 3: Feb 24th	Voices for Change: Public Speaking
Workshop 4: March 3rd	What's next? Organizing for Social Change
Workshop 5: March 10th	Media Training: Storytelling to Build Solidarity
Workshop 6: March 17th	Community-Based Leadership, & Wrap up - Graduation Lunch & Celebration Event

Program Features

- Focus on **public speaking** and **media spokesperson** skills for activists
- Introduction to the provincial anti-poverty advocacy work of the B.C. Poverty Reduction Coalition
- Opportunity to explore the potential to impact change with a personal

story

- Focus on public speaking and organizing skills for advocates and people who want to impact change for their communities, on the issues that matter to them
- Education on the root causes of poverty as well as human rights frameworks, laws that create policy, and how to change 'stigma' around poverty.
- Participation-focused program: many opportunities to share, listen and bring personal ideas, thoughts, and experiences to the program & discuss a wide array of issues impacting participants and their community.

Entrance requirements

- This program is specifically for people of African descent who have lived or are living experiences of poverty, and/or homelessness
- Participants must be able to commit to the entire program
- 12 spaces available: spots filled at the discretion of PRC staff
- No previous education or training is required
- CAN can be offered in English or French. ASL interpreters can be available.

Meals, Childcare, Transportation & Accessibility

- Hot meals will be served at all workshops, plus coffee and tea. Workshops include breakfast, snacks, and lunch.
- Childcare subsidy for at-home childcare is available for all workshops.
- Transportation costs are covered for all workshops if need be.
- Workshops will be held at 312 Main St, Vancouver, BC on the main floor. The space is accessible for those with mobility issues.

Thank you so much to 312 Main for hosting the program and partnering with us to ensure an accessible space, and to the Social Justice and Outreach team in Langley at the United Church for helping us reduce barriers to participation with their generous directed funding.

To join or learn more: email Lama Mugabo at lama@bcpovertyreduction.ca or call 604-715-9565.

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The Community Action Network (CAN) aims to increase civic engagement for those most disadvantaged or excluded in Metro Vancouver. CAN provides leadership development for people in poverty through a facilitated and structured training series providing transferable skills to participants

and promoting resiliency and empowered involvement in anti-poverty advocacy, focusing specifically on skills and training for those who will engage as public spokespeople. Connecting personal experiences to structural issues through targeted training, participants will come out of the initiative with confidence, skills and ongoing support to provide media commentary, give public presentations, engage in consultation processes with government and other decision-makers, and meet other opportunities. The process will be focused on community benefit through positively impacting participants and providing strength to the poverty reduction movement.

The CAN learning continuum is framed around charity to justice, a human rights approach to ending poverty, and the need for upstream change versus the need for an entrenched 'downstream' charitable response.