

UNITED FOR ALL

Together we can overcome
hate and violence

United For All coalition stands in solidarity with the Black community

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In the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd by a former Minneapolis police officer, the **#UnitedForAll** coalition, representing 40 Ottawa organizations committed to action against racism, bigotry and hate, expressed its solidarity with Black communities across Canada and North America, and support for these communities as they call for justice, and an end to the killing and brutalization of Black people.

Speaking on behalf of [United For All](#) on #Blackout Tuesday, Ottawa City Councillor Rawlson King said: *“We are committed to ensuring that our communities are safe and inclusive for everyone, which includes ensuring that our institutions are transparent, accountable, and have the required training to address anti-Black racism, as well as racism against other people of colour and Indigenous Canadians, and discriminatory attitudes within their structures.”*

“Ottawa residents must have full confidence in their institutions and be assured that they will be treated fairly and without discrimination due to race, ethnicity, creed, sexual orientation, gender, identity or any other characteristic,” Councillor King added.

The partner organizations of United For All acknowledge that the death of George Floyd and other Black people at the hands of police is a symptom of the systemic anti-Black racism to be found in our society, and that it is not unique to American police organizations. Anti-Black racism, which is rooted in the days of slavery in Canada, continues to persist because it benefits certain privileged groups over others. Consequently, we are committed to challenging ourselves to examine our own privilege, and to helping others to examine theirs. We are also committed to working with all racialized communities to make the necessary changes and put in place the mechanisms to prevent all forms of discrimination.

As a coalition of public, community and activist organizations we will continue working to build social resilience, support education, advocacy and research, and work to ultimately overcome violence originating from the ideologies of hate, bigotry and racism. We are resolved to mobilize individually and collectively to ensure that hate in all its forms is eradicated. **#BlackLivesMatter**

About United for All: United for All is a coalition of 44 organizations representing 150+ partners who are all committed to overcoming hate-based violence, racism, and extremism in East Ontario. Since 2016, this growing partnership has brought together social service agencies, faith-based organizations, policymakers, human rights groups, health providers, school boards and post-secondary institutions, grassroots social justice groups, criminal justice professionals, cultural groups and more – all with the common mission to build safe, compassionate, resilient communities for everyone.

United for All and our partners acknowledge the privilege to be operating on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg. We recognize the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island who have been thriving on this land since time immemorial.

For more information on United for All, visit unitedforall.ca.

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