

Jane and Finch Centre – Community Engagement



Overview:

The Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre (also known as the 'Jane/Finch Centre' or JFC) is a multi-service, community-based organization with a strong focus on poverty reduction through resident engagement, capacity building and anti-oppression. JFC is driven by passion, innovation and a strong commitment to leadership, social justice, community engagement and collaboration. We have a long history of innovation and response to community needs and priorities. For over 49 years, the organization has been strategically building the health and well-being of Jane and Finch in collaboration with residents, community leaders, community groups, organizations, and partners from within the local community and beyond. With a resident-led Board of Directors, the Centre has always been a passionate and strategic organization which has won numerous best practice awards.

The placement:

We are a neighbourhood agency that focuses on localized issues facing residents within Black Creek/Jane-Finch. We offer various programs and services to residents that are created in direct response to community needs and priorities. As community needs shift, we adapt. Our programs, services, projects, and advocacy initiatives are developed through on-going community analysis, resident engagement, and collaboration. Our programs and services run out of multiple locations across Jane-Finch and provide social supports to community residents as a solution to the existing systemic inequities and lack of social services offered in the area. Our goal through our service delivery and advocacy work is to foster a healthy Jane-Finch community by strengthening and building the capacity of our residents.

<https://www.janefinchcentre.org/>

The position:

Students will work closely with the JFC's Community Development and Action Coordinator and other team members, focusing on anti-poverty initiatives, advocacy, and grassroots organizing. This includes engaging with residents, resident groups, and community partners. Students will be specifically involved with resident-led initiatives and grassroots groups such as Jane Finch Education Action Group, Jane Finch Community Research Partnership, Jane Finch Action Against Poverty, Jane Finch Political Conversation Café, and other resident-led and community organizations, and working groups. Areas of focus will include workers' rights, education, food justice, housing, racism, poverty, and broader civic engagement and community organizing.

The role requires availability for one to a maximum of two evening meetings per week (typically Monday to Thursday until about 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.). We are committed to being flexible in accommodating students' schedules. Some meetings will be held via Zoom and other online platforms.

The opportunity:

As a Community Engagement Student, you will support the Centre's mission by assisting in the delivery and promotion of community programs. Your responsibilities will include:

- Assisting in organizing and facilitating community workshops and events.
- Providing administrative support to program staff, including data entry and document preparation.
- Engaging with community members to gather feedback and assess program effectiveness.
- Supporting outreach efforts to increase program participation and awareness.
- Collaborating with team members to ensure the smooth operation of daily activities.

The ideal candidate:

A reliable, compassionate individual with strong communication skills and a passion for community work. They thrive in diverse environments, take initiative, and are eager to support programs that promote equity and social justice.

How to apply:

For information about the application process, go to: <https://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/cel-courses/cel-how-to-apply/>

Application deadline: Wednesday, July 2, 2025

For more information about the course, please visit: <https://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/cel-courses/>

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