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**Brampton celebrates National Youth Week virtually May 1 to 7**

BRAMPTON, ON (April 27, 2021) – The City of Brampton will celebrate National Youth Week with virtual events from May 1 to 7. National Youth Week is dedicated to celebrating youth and their active participation in our community.

Youth are invited to join us and our partners for nearly 40 free virtual events throughout the week, including the Kick Off Event on May 1 from 1 to 5 pm. Hear from and engage with inspirational speakers on leadership, mental health, entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and much more.

Register for virtual sessions, including workout classes, a self-care workshop and discussions on mental health and youth advocacy. Join Sheridan College's Accessing Post-Secondary Education event; participate in Punjabi Community Health Services' Hiring Event, and even learn how to make Pakora with Chef Rick Matharu, a past winner of the Food Network Canada's Recipe to Riches.

Featured events include the Kick Off Event on May 1, We Play Too - Girls and Women in Sports Leadership Conference on May 3, and a Virtual Dance on May 7. Those who attend featured events will receive a coupon code for a free medium one-topping Domino's pizza, and the chance to win great prizes like EB Games gift cards, a Nintendo Switch console prize pack, and a Domino's Pizza Prize Pack. Domino's prizes are redeemable at Brampton locations only.

Registration is required for each event! [Click here for the full schedule and to register for these free sessions.](#)

Don't miss out! Dance, move and celebrate with our National Youth Week playlist on Spotify. [Click here to listen.](#)

**Brampton Fire's Virtual Fire Station Tour**

Have you ever wondered what it's like inside a fire station? Join Brampton Fire and Emergency Services for a virtual fire station tour on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Brampton firefighters will give you the grand tour, from the tools they use, to the gear that keeps them safe while responding to emergencies! Bring your questions for a Q&A. Register [here](#).

**Centre Stage Conservatory at The Rose**

Throughout National Youth Week, The Rose Brampton will shine a social media spotlight on participants of the 2020-2021 Centre Stage Conservatory, a training and professional development program for young Brampton artists. Participants are preparing for their final performance this spring. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Instagram Live Chat for Youth**

In celebration of National Youth Week, join Mayor Patrick Brown, City Councillor Charmaine Williams, and City Councillor Harkirat Singh to hear about upcoming virtual activities, discuss the latest COVID-19 restrictions, and more on April 30 at 6 pm! The conversation will be hosted on Mayor Brown's account, [@patrickbrownont](#).

**COVID-19 Youth Support Task Force**

The City of Brampton COVID-19 Youth Support Task Force is co-led by City Councillor Charmaine Williams and City Councillor Harkirat Singh. The task force supports the needs of Brampton's youth, ages 14 to 29, during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing resources and supports, liaising with more than 40 youth-serving local organizations, keeping youth engaged online at home, and more. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Youth Friendly Community Designation**

In 2020, the City of Brampton received the Platinum Status Youth Friendly Community designation from Play Works, a program supported by Parks and Recreation Ontario. This was the third time the City was recognized for its outstanding commitment to growth and development opportunities for youth, and is one of three communities to receive the top platinum designation in 2020. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**Quotes**

"We are excited to celebrate Brampton's youth for National Youth Week from May 1 to 7! Brampton is one of the youngest cities in Canada, home to more than 130,000 youth ages 14 to 29. I encourage all youth to register for events during the week, and join my Instagram live chat for youth with Councillor Williams and Councillor Singh on April 30."

- *Patrick Brown, Mayor, City of Brampton*

"Happy National Youth Week! Brampton's young people are our leaders of tomorrow, and we are dedicated to creating events and opportunities that will help them succeed. Join one, two, ten, or all of the nearly 40 events brought to you by the City and its community partners from May 1 to 7!"

- *Rowena Santos, Regional Councillor Wards 1 & 5; Chair, Community Services, City of Brampton*

"Brampton is a Healthy and Safe City and a City of Opportunities for young people to learn and grow. Our youth are an important part of our community, and we aim to inspire their civic participation, increase leadership opportunities, and promote their well-being. Be sure to register for the fun National Youth Week events all week long."

- *Charmaine Williams, City Councillor Wards 7 & 8; Vice-Chair, Community Services; Co-lead, Youth Support Task Force, City of Brampton*

"City staff are committed to celebrating Brampton's youth with vibrant virtual events and activities for National Youth Week from May 1 to 7. While we cannot gather in person to celebrate this year, our team has put together an exciting lineup for the week. I encourage everyone to sign up and join in on the fun!"

- *David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton*

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**As one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada, Brampton is home to more than 700,000 people and 75,000 businesses.** People are at the heart of everything we do. We are energized by our diverse communities, we attract investment, and we are embarking on a journey to lead technological and environmental innovation. We partner for progress to build a healthy city that is safe, sustainable and successful. Connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). Learn more at [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca).

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