

Resources for Accessing Space

List of Tools to Help Access Space

- **Toronto Community Outreach Coordinator contacts**
These people can help you find and book space in TDSB and TCDSB schools
<http://spacecoalition.ca/resources/space-resources/permits-and-accessing-school-space/>
- **Ministry of Education, School board and/or community websites**
Find an Ontario school, community use of school information, community outreach coordinators outside the TDSB and TCDSB
Find a School or a School Board: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/sbinfo/>
Ontario Community Information Centres <http://www.web.net/ohc/docs/cic.htm>
Ontario Municipal Home Pages <http://www.amo.on.ca/YLG/yig/ontario.html>
Ministry of Education Community Use of Schools
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/community/>
- **Provincial sport organizations**
<http://www.sportalliance.com/content/home.asp>
<http://www.cscontario.ca/>
- **Local Member of Provincial Parliament**
Setting up meetings to advocate for space across the province
http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/members/members_current.do?locale=en
- **Toronto Business Development Centre**
To advocate for businesses to support youth and to seek mentors
<http://www.tbdc.com/index.php>
- **Contact organizations willing to act as mentors**
Ex. Schools Without Borders, Grassroots Youth Collaborative, The Loft, SPACE Coalition, Social Planning Toronto, and other social service organizations with a youth focus
<http://www.grassrootsyouth.ca/grassroots-youth-collaborative/>
<http://www.swb.ca/>
The Loft
http://www.conccommunity.org/index.php/loft/programs/youth_innovation_centre/
SPACE Coalition
<http://spacecoalition.ca/>
Social Planning Toronto
www.socialplanningtoronto.org

Community Hubs/Space in Toronto

The following are examples of meeting and event space in the City of Toronto. This is by no means a comprehensive list.

Note: spaces are not all be youth-focused space and prices vary – be sure to ask for youth and/or non-profit rates

City of Toronto

Community Centres

Libraries

Independent Space

School Boards

Toronto Community Housing

University Space

Other Resources and Ideas

* If you have any further additions for this resource please contact Lesley Johnston, Social Planning Toronto, ljohnston@socialplanningtoronto.org / 416-351-0095x.216

City of Toronto

- **Metro Convention Centre**
Contact Person: KRIS KNOX, Sales Manager, Canadian Corporate & Government Sales Manager,
Canadian Corporate & Government , Sales Manager
Tel: (416) 585-8129
Email: kknox@mtccc.com
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.mtccc.com/home.cfm>
- **Metro Hall, Council Chambers, City Hall & Civic Centres**
55 John Street, Toronto M5V 3C6
Contact Person: Customer Support
Tel: 416-397-7220
Email: facilities_customer_support@toronto.ca
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.toronto.ca/311/locations.htm>

Community Centres

- **City of Toronto Recreation Centres**
Toronto community recreation centres can be different things for different people. They are a place to work out, to swim, and to have fun. They are also where you can learn new skills, get information, and meet new friends. Our recreation centres offer a wide range of facilities such as gymnasiums, pools, weight rooms and meeting rooms. Make your local centre the heartbeat of your neighbourhood.
www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/recreationcentres/index.htm
- **City of Toronto Parks**
<http://www.toronto.ca/parks/>
- **Toronto Neighbourhood Centres**
Toronto Neighbourhood Centres is an association of non-profit multi-service organizations dedicated to strengthening local neighbourhoods and enabling diverse communities to work together to promote justice and a healthy life for all.
<http://neighbourhoodcentres.ca/>
- **Association of Community Centres (AOCCs)**
The Association of Community Centres (AOCCs) is comprised of 10 volunteer board-run multi-purpose facilities providing a broad range of community, recreation and social service programs to residents in the local community. The AOCC model is a hybrid between a City agency and an independent, not-for-profit, community-based organization. The core administration activities are funded by the City and treated like a City agency. The program component is funded through fees, donations and grants, and is treated like an independent not-for-profit community-based organization.
<http://www.toronto.ca/abcc/spc-community-centres.htm>

Community Health Centres

Community Health Centres (CHCs) are non-profit organizations that provide primary health and health promotion programs for individuals, families and communities. A health centre is established and governed by a community-elected board of directors.

CHCs work with individuals, families and communities to strengthen their capacity to take more responsibility for their health and wellbeing. They provide education and advice on helping families access the resources they need from other community agencies. CHCs work together with others on health promotion initiatives within schools, in housing developments, and in the workplace. They link families with support and self-help groups that offer peer education, support in coping, or are working to address conditions that affect health. As such, the Community Health Centre Program contributes to the development of healthy communities.

Community Health Centre Programs for Youth

There are 101 Community Health Centres (CHCs) in Ontario. Each centre is an incorporated, non-profit agency, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. CHCs provide primary care services with an emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention. CHCs also work with local residents to build the capacity of the community to improve its general health. Typical CHC primary care teams include physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, health promoters, community health workers and often chiropractors, nutritionists or dietitians.

All CHCs offer primary care services for youth, ages 14-24. A wide range of programs based on local needs are offered to this age group. Examples of youth programs offered by CHCs include addressing risks associated with poverty and teen pregnancy through prenatal/postnatal support programs, sponsorship of community kitchens and food buying co-operatives, self-help groups related to family violence, drop-ins for street youth, support to find employment and family counselling.

There are four community health centres that focus their services specifically on youth. They are The Barbara Black Centre for Youth in Pickering, **The SHOUT Clinic in Toronto**, Planned Parenthood of Toronto and the Teen Health Centre in Windsor.

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/contact/chc/chcloc_mn.html

Community Hubs

Each of the following community hub initiatives varies in its governance, program mix and clients focus. Hubs are emerging across a range of sectors, from arts, to business/economic development, to community, to social and recreation services. Private partners are also participating in community hub development and funding.

http://www.icecommittee.org/Community_Hubs_in_Toronto.pdf

http://www.icecommittee.org/Community_Hub_Profiles.pdf

- **AccessPoint**
3079 Danforth Avenue United Way
416-693-8677x430
http://www.unitedwaytoronto.com/whatWeDo/accessDanforth_story.php

- **Artscape**
<http://www.torontoartscape.on.ca/>
- **Bathurst Finch Community Hub**
550 Finch Ave West
416-787-1676x328 (Flemingdon Office)
416-653-5400 (Keele Office)
<http://unisonhcs.org/locations-maps/bathurst-finch/community-services/community-hub-at-bathurst-finch.html>
(to open Spring 2012)
- **Centre for Social Innovation**
(3 locations: Annex, Regent Park, and Spadina)
<http://socialinnovation.ca/>
- **Chester Le Child Care & Community Hub**
201 Chester Le Boulevard
- **Community Service Alliance**
1652 Keele Street
Contact: Yasmin Haq yhaq@socialplanningtoronto.org
- **Dorset Park Community Hub**
1911 Kennedy Road
416-321-6912x231
(to open Fall 2011)
- **East Scarborough Storefront**
4040 Lawrence Avenue East
<http://www.thestorefront.org/index.php>
- **Jane Street Hub**
1541 Jane Street
416-645-7575
jhub@unisonhcs.org
<http://www.unitedwaytoronto.com/whatWeDo/janeStreetHub.php>
- **Maison de la Francophonie**
TBD
- **Mid-Scarborough Hub**
2660 Eglinton Avenue East
416-284-5931
<http://www.schcontario.ca/programs-and-opportunities/participation-and-inclusion/the-hub-mid-scarborough>
http://www.unitedwaytoronto.com/whatWeDo/mid_scarborough.php

- **North West Scarborough Youth Centre**
747 Warden Ave
Telephone: 416-967-1773
info@youthlink.ca
<http://www.youthlink.ca/nwsyc>
- **ProTech Media Centre - Eglinton East Kennedy Park**
2380 Eglinton Avenue East
- **ProTech Media Centre - Malvern / The Spot**
30 Sewells Road
- **ProTech Media Centre - Weston Mt. Dennis**
5 Bartonville Avenue
- **Regent Park Arts & Culture Hub**
591 Dundas Avenue East
- **Regent Park Children & Youth Hub**
40 Regent Street
- **Regent Park Recreation Centre - Employment & Enterprise Hub**
440 Shuter Street
- **Rexdale Multiservice Community Hub**
21 Panorama Court
416-740-3704
416-744-0066x225
http://vincentcrisanti.ca/?page_id=284
(to open Spring 2012)
- **Scarborough Village Community Hub**
3600 Kingston Road
- **Steeles-L'Amoureux Community Hub**
TBD
- **Victoria Park Hub**
1527 Victoria Park Avenue, 2nd Floor,
416-750-9600,
space@victoriaparkhub.org
- **Victoria Village Community Hub**
1527 Victoria Park Avenue
416-532-2824x33
<http://www.workingwomencc.org/programs-services/community-hub/>

- **York Woods Arts Hub**
http://www.livewithculture.ca/artsinthehood/projects_2010/6.html

Independent Space

- **Christie Street Refugee Centre**
<http://christiestreetc.com/>
- **Enoch Turner School House**
106 Trinity Street
Contact Person: Event Coordinator
Tel: 416-314-4914
Email: linda.mclean@heritagetrust.on.ca
Capacity: 150
Website: <http://www.enochturnerschoolhouse.ca/>
- **The Loft Youth Centre for Social Enterprise and Innovation**
www.loftycsei.org
- **Maison de la Francophonie**
TBD
- **Metro YMCA**
20 Grosvenor Street
Contact Person: Greg Green
Tel: 416-975-9168 x511 or x 404 Saarah
Email:
Capacity: up to 300
Website: <http://www.ymcagta.org/en/find-ymca/toronto/central-toronto/health-fitness-rec-ctr/metro-central-ymca.html>
- **Ontario Bar Association**
20 Toronto Street, Suite 200 Toronto M5C 2B8
Contact Person: Annette Wing
Tel: 416-869-1047 x 321
Email: awing@oba.org
Capacity: 300
Website: http://www.oba.org/new_conferencecentre/home/home.aspx
- **RAY (Rathburn Area Youth LAMP Community Health Centre)**
<http://www.lampchc.org/content/rathburn-area-youth>
- **St. Lawrence Hall**
157 King St. East
Contact Person: Special Events Co-ordinator
Tel: (416) 392-7130
Email: market@stlawrencemarket.com,
Capacity: various 200

Website: <http://www.stlawrencemarket.com/hall/hallrent.html>

- **Studio 109**
109 Dufferin St.
(Manifesto Community Projects, Schools Without Borders, Grassroots Youth Collaborative)
<http://themanifesto.ca/>
<http://www.grassrootseyouth.ca/grassroots-youth-collaborative/>
<http://www.swb.ca/>
- **Tapestry New Opera**
55 Mill Street, Building 58
Contact Person: Amber Ebert, Outreach & Education Director
Tel: 416-537-6066 x 224
Email:
Capacity: 150
Website: <http://www.tapestrynewopera.com/studio-rentals/>
- **The Advocates' Society Education Centre**
1700 – 480 University Avenue
Contact Person: Johanna O'Brien, Event Coordinator
Tel: 416-597-0243 ext. 113
Email: johanna@advocates.ca
Capacity: 160
Website: <http://www.advocates.ca/new/about-the-society/Rental-Facilities.html>
- **Tranzac Club**
292 Bunswick Avenue
Contact Person:
Tel: 416-923-8137
Email: booking@tranzac.org
Capacity: 15-150
Website: <http://www.tranzac.org/rentals/>

Libraries

- **All Libraries**
Contact Person:
Tel: 416-397-5969
Email: roombookingunit@torontopubliclibrary.ca
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/using-the-library/room-theatre-rentals/meeting-rooms.jsp>

School Boards

Conseil scolaire Viamonde

- **Conseil scolaire Viamonde**
Contact Person: Jocelyne Blais

Tel: (905) 732-7811
Email: blaisjo@CSViamonde.ca
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.csviamonde.ca/csviamonde/>

Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud

- **Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud**

Contact Person:
Tel: (416) 397-6564 x73655
Email: nmbaki@csdccc.edu.on.ca
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.csdccc.edu.on.ca/>

Toronto Catholic District School Board

- **Toronto Catholic District School Board Schools**

Contact Person:
Tel: 416- 222-8282x.4370
Email:
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.tcdsb.org/services/permitsandrentals.html>

Toronto District School Board

- **Toronto District School Board Schools**

Community use of Schools is an initiative that supports access to school space outside of school hours for not-for-profit community groups. The Toronto District School Board is committed to providing all of its communities with reasonable access to public schools when [facilities](#) are not being used for regular school activities. In order to ensure that communities have fair and equitable access, groups seeking the use of school [facilities](#) must first [obtain a permit](#). Permits will be issued depending upon the [availability](#) of space and caretaking staff and/or other Board approved personnel. Permits are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Fees will be charged according to an established schedule.

Tel: 416-395-7666

Email: Permits@tdsb.on.ca

Capacity: various

Download application form:

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/wwwdocuments/about_us/permits/docs/Application_%20for_%20Permit.pdf

- **Community Use of Schools**

The Community Use of Schools is anchored on existing TDSB parent and community involvement policy. The project funded by the provincial government provides reduced or free equitable access to the use of school space and facilities for programs that strengthen the bonds within the community.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=214&menuid=1805&pageid=1386>

- **Focus on Youth**

The 2011 Focus on Youth program provides quality summer program opportunities for children and youth in our neighbourhoods by offering free school space to local community agencies. Focus on Youth offers school space during the summer. Community agencies can apply through an on-line application form by clicking on the button below. Priority will be given to agencies who are best able to sustain an effective summer program and to those who offer free summer programs.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=10209&menuid=13132&pageid=11591>

- **Priority Schools Initiative**

The Priority Schools Initiative is a joint project between the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and the Ministry of Education aimed at making TDSB school spaces more accessible to the community. The objective is to improve overall student achievement by providing quality, affordable, after-school programs for students, parents and their community. With funding provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education, TDSB has opened the doors of 77 schools to provide not-for-profit organizations and groups, free after-hours access to school facilities in communities that need it most. After-hours access starts on weekdays from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=214&menuid=23382&pageid=20267>

- **Full Service Schools**

Full Service Schools would see the coordinated delivery of education, health, prevention and other social services designed to improve the quality of life for students, families and communities.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=10521&menuid=29573&pageid=25334>

Elementary Schools

- Alexander Muir/Gladstone/Grove
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=5200>
- Chester Le
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=4389>
- Dixon Grove JMS
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=2035>
- Duke of Connaught
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=5220>
- Elmbank
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=2066>
- Lambton Park CS
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=6161>
- Mason Rd.
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Schools/index.asp?schno=4654&schoolId=1203>
- Pineway
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=3228>

Middle Schools

- Joseph Brant MS
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/SchoolWeb/site/viewitem.asp?siteid=10276&pageid=13960&menuid=15779>

- Oakdale Park MS
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=3209>

Secondary Schools

- Bendale
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Schools/index.asp?schno=4112>
- Central Tech
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=5610>
- Lester B Pearson
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=4134>
- Monarch Park
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=5535>
- Northview Heights
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=3440>
- Westview Centennial
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/schools/index.asp?schno=3448>

Toronto Community Housing

Many Toronto Community Housing buildings have recreation rooms, craft rooms, meeting rooms and gyms. Many are wheelchair accessible. **Tenants, tenant groups and non-tenants** can book any of these rooms for meetings, parties and other events. There is no charge to book rooms for any events open to all tenants, or for tenant meetings. There are fees for private functions (and fees may be higher for non-tenants). To book a space and to find out more about the **Use of Space** policy, contact your CHU office or call **416-981-5500**. For single events, space must be booked, and any fees paid, two weeks before the event. You can also book space for continuing programs, such as an after-school program or weekly dinner. Tenants and guests must follow the Use of Space policy.

University Space

- **Hart House, U of T**
Contact Person: Paul Templin, Director of Events & Catering
Tel: 416-978-2449
Email: paul.templin@utoronto.ca
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.harthouse.utoronto.ca/>
- **Oakham House, Ryerson University**
63 Gould Street
Contact Person: Michelle Bianchi, Events Coordinator
Tel: 416-979-5000, Press 1, ext 2352.
Email:
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.ryerson.ca/calendar/2009-2010/pg1483.html>
- **Ryerson University**
240 Jarvis Street, Suite 202

Contact Person: Conference Service office
Tel: (416) 979-5241
Email: meeting@ryerson.ca
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.ryerson.ca/illc/conference/index.html>

- **Trinity College, U of T**

Contact Person: Reservations Office
Tel: 416-978-8680
Email: bookings@trinity.utoronto.ca
Capacity: various
Website:
http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/Booking_Your_Event/Meetings_and_Conferences.htm

- **University of Toronto, all locations**

Contact Person: Yvonne Palkowski, Events & Communications Coordinator
Tel: 416-978-3160
Email: yvonne.palkowski@utoronto.ca
Capacity: various
Website: <http://www.uc.utoronto.ca/content/view/28/80/>

Other Resources and Ideas

- Local arenas, recreation centres in local communities
<http://www.crfc.ca/>
- Business office space
(*Yellow Pages*)
<http://www.yellowpages.ca/search/si/1/office+space/Toronto%2C+ON/rca-00919200-Office-Desk-Space-Rental>
- Local church/synagogue/mosque/temple, etc.
- Meeting rooms in town offices and other public buildings
- Community/recreation rooms in apartment buildings/condos/housing developments
- Activity areas in senior complexes or retirement facilities
- Meeting rooms in supermarkets
- Empty store space
- Low traffic aisles/community rooms in malls
- Meeting rooms in fire/police stations
- Lunchrooms in office buildings or banks
- Meeting/board rooms in community centres
- Banquet rooms in family-style restaurants
- Open air space at the park/beach/playground
- Service clubs/community organizations/places of worship