



Daily Migration Virtual Art Workshops: Call for Participation

Daily Migration is a community-engaged arts project offering creative engagement and social connection through a series of virtual art workshops that will lead to an exhibition and inform the production of a mural in Toronto's Parkdale community.

Do you have a personal connection with the Parkdale neighbourhood of Toronto?

Do you self-identify as a newcomer and are between the ages of 18-35?

Want to contribute to a co-created mural?

Interested in creating artwork that explores stories of belonging, home, travel and migration?

[The STEPS Initiative](#) and visual artist [Shalak Attack](#) invite you to apply to be part of a unique virtual workshop series that explores the stories and experiences of newcomers in the Parkdale neighbourhood of Toronto. Up to 20 Participants will have the opportunity to work directly with Shalak Attack, while connecting with others and developing art techniques in watercolour, collage and mixed media approaches. The workshops will culminate with each participant creating a final artwork that will be presented as part of a *Daily Migration* exhibition in August.

We may be physically distanced, but our desire to create, share and learn brings us together.

Through *Daily Migration*, we seek to:

- **create** space for sharing, exploring, and growing,
- **inspire** each other to **develop** new skills and modes of expression,
- **build** new networks and connections through a collaborative art process.

How to register - it's super easy!

1. Fill out our [online application form here](#) by **Friday, June 12, 2020 at 4pm**. Please respond to the following questions:
 - a. What interests you about the *Daily Migration* project and why do you want to be involved?
 - b. What is your connection with Parkdale?
 - c. Do you self-identify as a newcomer? If so, could you share a bit about your story?
 - d. Have you participated in a virtual art workshop before?

2. Participants in this workshop series commit to attending two workshops, each 1.5 hours in length (BOTH workshops in Group 1 or BOTH workshops in Group 2). Which of the following groups are you able to attend? Please select one or both groups.

Group 1: Tuesday, July 7 4pm-5:30pm AND Friday, July 10, 4pm-5:30pm

Group 2: Tuesday, July 14 4pm-5:30pm AND Friday, July 17, 4pm-5:30pm

The STEPS program team will review submissions the week of **June 15, 2020** and select up to 20 participants to take part.

What happens if you're selected?

- STEPS will notify successful participants by end of the day **June 19, 2020**.
- Phone or video calls will be arranged to chat further about the project.
- Workshop materials and additional project information will be delivered directly to participants following a video call and confirmation of participation.

Questions? Please feel free to reach out to Program Coordinator, Renee Castonguay at renee@stepsinitiative.com by **June 10 at 4pm** and we'll be happy to respond. We look forward to hearing from you!

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About STEPS

The STEPS Initiative is a Canadian-based public art organization that develops one-of-a-kind art initiatives and engagement strategies that transform public spaces. We are responsible for Canada's largest and most community-engaged public art initiatives. Our record breaking portfolio includes over 100 complex projects executed within scope and budget.

Together with our partners, we transform urban areas into vibrant public spaces, helping artists, community organizations, BIAs, and developers push creative and technical boundaries - breathing new artistic energy into our public spaces.

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