



**YTGA**

Youth Troopers for Global Awareness



# PARTNERSHIP PACKAGE



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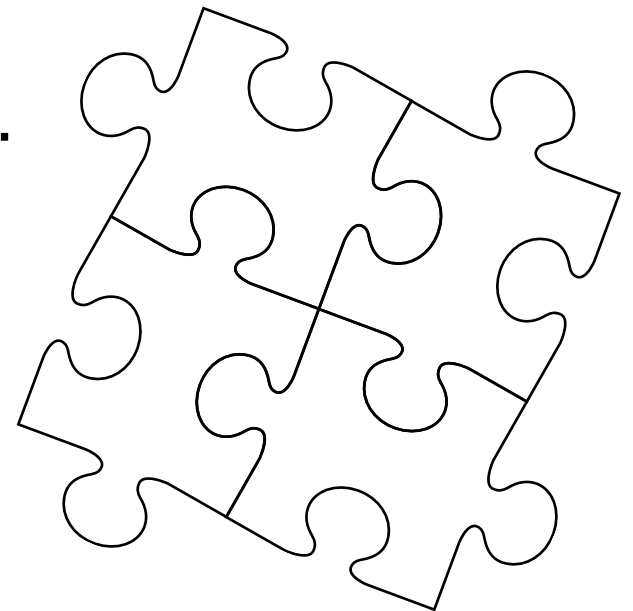
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# WHY WE PARTNER AND WHY IT MATTERS.

Creating partnerships in our community is pivotal to our success. We believe that positive social impact is based on strategic alliances.

- **To create long-term sustainable social change.**
- **To bring about effective and efficient delivery of programs.**
- **To share resources and maximize impact.**
- **To increase communication among groups and dismantle stereotypes.**



# OUR STORY



Youth Troopers for Global Awareness (YTGA) was founded in 2006 by a small youth movement at John Fraser Senior Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario. This group of young activists were passionate about combatting injustices facing humans, animals, and the planet.

The vision grew into a larger following of young people determined to achieve social change on a local level by leveraging creative means such as, art, theatre, and spoken word. Almost 8 years later, they created an accessible and inclusive social enterprise for all youth from different backgrounds to congregate.

Finally in 2014, the Youth Troopers opened what is now known to be Studio.89 Fair Trade Cafe and Community Hub. Here is where we provide opportunities for youth to take on leadership roles, engage in skill-building and inspire social and environmental change.



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# OUR MISSION



Studio.89 Fair Trade Cafe and Community Hub empowers and mobilizes youth to advocate for social justice. We encourage activism by hosting programs, events, and campaigns accessible to the public. Our aim is to encourage community dialogue and interculturalism, artistic expression, and conscious consumerism while focusing on youth leadership development.





# THE HUB

Erin Mills Community Space  
2560 Eglinton Ave West, Unit 1  
Mississauga, ON



# An Intersectional Approach to Social Justice & Youth Activism

YTGA|Studio.89 understands that social injustice is multi-dimensional and cuts across race, gender, social status and other elements such systems and structures. An intersectional approach to combating injustice means diverse approaches, collaborations, and partnerships.

... this is where we invite you to join our efforts.



# WHO WE WORK FOR

## Youth who identify as:

Marginalized

Racialized

Refugees and Newcomers

Women

Indigenous and/or First Nations

LGBTQ2S+

Youth with developmental or other disabilities

Youth struggling with mental health





# WHAT WE DO

## 1. Accessible Programming for Vulnerable Populations

Our vision is to empower through art mediums for the most vulnerable in Mississauga. Specific Program example include:

- Borders & Bridges filmmaking series for refugee youth
- Seniors & Youth Connect
- Foundations for Graphic Design
- Human Trafficking Podcast
- Art Show and Tell

## 2. Free Space & Non-profit Incubation

We provide our space for other like-minded non-profit organizations to host events. We believe in creating an inclusive and collaborative space for knowledge and learning, and further benefit the community. From SMILE, to Azeeza, to Young Gifted & Black, these community partners make a difference in the very fabric of Mississauga.

## 3. Youth Leadership Opportunities

Our social enterprise cafe provides leadership, volunteer and employment opportunities for local youth living with disabilities or other barriers to employment.

# OUR IMPACT

- Over 600 social impact events organized to date since 2016
- Over 45K in event attendance since 2014
- Volunteer network of 300 and growing
- 80 active community partnerships and growing
- 8 school partners & expanding



# We Invite You To

Collaborate with us on a project, program, campaign, or event that benefits our community.

We welcome your ideas and look forward to getting to know you!



# Together We Can

Advocate for social and environmental consciousness and justice in our community.

Increase School Partnership Programs.

Keep youth off the streets by engaging them in a meaningful, fun, and community-oriented way.

Build leadership skills for youth to nurture personal and professional development.

Promote inclusive and multi-dimensional social impact programs for underserved seniors and adults.

# Partnership Testimonials

"Studio 89 has been an essential place for our women to gather over the last several months. If it was not for this "safe space", we would not have been able to establish ourselves and the sisterhood that we have started to build. At Azeeza we are all about empowering women and encouraging them to find their voices and Studio.89 continues to be our space of choice to host our events and meetings."

**- Azeeza**

"Your team at Studio.89 has been tremendous! The space provided to us is inimitable, all our mom's feel like they are in a confidential space and feel the warmth as soon as they walk in. Studio.89 is not your average café! A non-for-profit café, who stand for something amazing!"

**- SMILE**

"Encouraging arts, activism, empowerment & conscious consumerism, Studio 89 has been among the greatest influences for Not-for-profit program, Young, Gifted, & Black. The Artademic Centre, and all of its resources, offers a safe and creative space for the children and youth of the program, to engage in the most intellectual and artistic of ways.

**- Young, Gifted  
& Black**



# THANK YOU

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