



King's Alumni Lead the Fight Against Hate and Discrimination in London

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LONDON, ON – As the world marks the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, two King's University College alumni are at the forefront of a transformative movement in London. Zahra Khawaja '22 and Kinga Lamphier '16 are leading the City of London's **Stop Tolerhating** campaign, a bold initiative tackling hate and discrimination while fostering allyship and community support.

Supported by a \$500,000 investment from the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the campaign launched in October 2024 in collaboration with over 60 community organizations. It responds to a stark reality: since 2019, reported hate crimes in London have surged by 270%.

"These aren't distant issues—they're happening right here in our city," says Khawaja, who serves as the Anti-Hate Project Coordinator for the City of London. "This campaign challenges perceptions, encourages conversations, and provides tangible resources for action."

Lamphier, whose career in municipal equity and inclusion is deeply rooted in her Social Justice & Peace Studies background at King's, emphasizes the importance of moving beyond awareness to action. "Hate and racism are not abstract issues—they exist here in London, and they deeply affect the lives of equity-denied communities," she says. "Real change happens when people come together to challenge injustice and build solutions."

The campaign has received an outpouring of community support, with organizations, leaders, and residents embracing the initiative. It is driving conversations that challenge biases, build understanding, and empower bystanders to become active allies.

Both Khawaja and Lamphier credit their education at King's for equipping them with the tools to create meaningful change. "From classes exploring equity and intersectionality to experiential learning opportunities, King's gave me the knowledge and confidence to lead this work," says Khawaja. "Having King's as a partner in this campaign is a full-circle moment."

As London moves toward a future free from hate and discrimination, these King's alumni exemplify what it means to be ethical changemakers—individuals who take their learning beyond the classroom and into the heart of their communities.

For more information on the Stop Tolerhating campaign, visit <https://london.ca/stoptolerhating>

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