



Stand Together on May 10, 2021 “Day of Action against Anti-Asian Racism”

Marking a Day of Action against Anti-Asian Racism Day is more important now than ever. COVID-19 has changed the world as we know it. It has forced us all to become more aware of our surroundings, including personal respect within ourselves and how we treat others. Canadians have a proud history eradicating and condemning all forms of hate as it creates unsafe conditions for all races and cultural communities. Our goals must continue as we align today in promoting compassion and treating one another with respect and kindness for the progress of humanity.

The National Pensioners Federation (NPF) is proud to “Stand with Asians Coalition (SWAC), a community of people in Canada who are concerned about the surge of anti-Asian racism permeating across Canadian cities.

- *Vancouver has seen a staggering increase of over 700%, Burnaby - 350% increase, and Ottawa - 600% increase in 2020. A recent federally-funded study reported 1150 cases of racist attacks in Canada last year. Forty percent were reported in Ontario and forty-four percent were reported in B.C. Sixty percent of the cases were reported by women.*

As Canadians, we must condemn all forms of hate in public spaces as it creates unsafe conditions for members of the Asian, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and Racialized Communities. Every resident in Canada deserves safe public spaces without the fear of discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada and many cities have either made proclamations or are in the process of declaring May 10, 2021, as the “Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism”. The NPF stands with our communities in support and in the promotion of a National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism.

SWAC is organizing a nationwide National Day of Action Against Anti-Asian Racism via Zoom on May 10 at 5 PM PT/ 8 PM ET. Speakers include: Speakers include: Jenny Kwan (Vancouver - Kingsway) and former MP Olivia Chow. Join us and sign up here. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8REOUWaRhNCYW9NwoYCa1-w7WMC6asOW82hrcalXMTsjZlw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>

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