

# FALL 2023 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Registration for the Fall 2023 season begins Monday, September 18th at 12pm. Register online at <u>sheenasplace.org</u>.



This Fall, we'll be offering even more in-person groups and workshops. Pay close attention to the location listed under each group description.

- Click here to view the requirements for online group participation.
- Click here to view our COVID protocols for in-person groups.

For more information about accessibility at Sheena's Place, please visit our <u>website</u>.

To participate in groups, you must be age 17+ and located in Ontario.

# HOW TO REGISTER:

- If you have not already done so, you will need to create an account on our registration platform. <u>Click here to learn more.</u>
- Registration opens Monday, September 18th at 12pm, online at <u>sheenasplace.org</u>. Staff will be available by phone (416-927-8900 x 100 or 220) to answer questions. Groups are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Waitlists do not carry over from previous seasons.
- Participants may register for a maximum of two open or closed groups, one workshop, and unlimited drop-in groups per season. Some exceptions apply see group descriptions.

Sheena's Place is a support centre for people affected by eating disorders. We provide a wide range of professionally-facilitated groups that are support and skills-based. Our aim is to provide accessible, timely support and education to people at all stages of recovery, while fostering a sense of community and connection. No diagnosis or referral is required and all programs are free of charge.

# **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Join our Registrar team every other Monday to learn about our services and the registration process. Info sessions are open to individuals with an eating disorder as well as family, friends, partners, and health care providers. <u>Click here to sign up</u>!

SHEENA'S PLACE CLOSURES Groups will not run on the following dates:

Monday, October 9, 2023

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

 <u>@sheenasplace</u>

 <u>facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport</u>

 <u>@sheenasplace</u>

 <u>poutube.com/sheenasplace</u>

# **Understanding Group Codes**

**D** (drop-in): Participants can register at any time during the season. Drop-in group sessions operate on a first-comefirst-served basis **per session**, up to a pre-determined number of participants. There are no waitlists for drop-in groups.

O (open): Participants can register at any time during the season, space allowing.

**C** (closed): Registration is unavailable following the second session. Participants who miss the first 2 sessions are removed from the group so that waitlisted individuals can be invited to join. To support a trusting and comfortable group dynamic, no one joins a closed group following the third session.

WS (workshops): Single session programs exploring special topics that change seasonally.

# **SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS & LOVED ONES**

Connect with other caregivers and loved ones to learn more about eating disorders and how to support someone who has one, while surrounding yourself with much needed support.

## (D) FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND PARTNERS SUPPORT

These support sessions provide a space where family members, partners, and friends can explore the experience of having a loved one with an eating disorder, seek support, share resources, and gain new insights and information. A separate breakout room with one facilitator is used for the partners who attend this group. When: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm Offered: Oct 3 - December 19, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Margaret Powell, BScOT, Reg (ON), MEd(Psych), BCN & Kelsey Gatta (she/her), MSW, RSW

\*\*This group is made possible by Sarah's Place!

NOTE: For confidentiality reasons, we do not allow observers to participate in our groups . If you are a family member, friend, or partner of someone with an eating disorder, you are welcome to register for the Family, Friends, and Partners Support group. <u>Caregivers and loved ones are not permitted to register for any other groups</u>. If you are both a caregiver and someone with lived experience of an eating disorder, you can contact Sheena's Place to discuss which type of group would best meet your needs at this time.

# **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Connect with others facing similar challenges by sharing experiences and support. Groups are semistructured; the majority of each session is group discussion based on themes raised by participants.

# (D) ADULT SUPPORT

Adult support groups provide a non-judgmental space, where participants can seek support about the challenges of living with an eating disorder, share strategies for coping and moving towards recovery, develop new insights, and gain a sense of hope and connection through mutual support.

When: Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:30pm\*\*\* Offered: Oct 3 - December 19, 2023 Location: IN-PERSON (87 Spadina Road, Toronto) Facilitator: Kyle T. Ganson, PhD, MSW When: Thursdays, 4:30 - 6:00pm\*\*\* Offered: October 5 - December 21, 2023 Location: IN-PERSON (87 Spadina Road, Toronto) Facilitators: Aglaia Tudor, MACP (In-Progress), RP (Qualifying)

When: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm Offered: October 4 - December 20, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Maureen Mahan (she/her), RN, MEd & Sezgi Ozel (she/her), OT Reg. (Ont.)

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

 <u>@sheenasplace</u>

 <u>facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport</u>

 <u>@sheenasplace</u>

 <u>youtube.com/sheenasplace</u>

# **SUPPORT GROUPS** (continued)

## (D) ADULT SUPPORT (continued)

When: Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30pm\*\*\* Offered: Oct 5 -December 21, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Maureen Mahan (she/her), RN, MEd & Sara Desroches, she/her, MSW RSW

\*\*\*Note: In Tuesday and Thursday groups, we will continue to use new language guidelines. Participants will be able to name eating disorder diagnoses and symptoms. In Wednesday evening groups, we will use more limited language guidelines, including not naming eating disorder diagnoses and symptoms. <u>Click here for</u> <u>more information about our language guidelines.</u>

## (O) BIPOC SUPPORT

This group is designed to hold space for those who want to discuss how race and culture impacts our relationship with food and our bodies. We aim to co-create a culturally humble space, where people can feel safe navigating (often) messy conversations about systemic injustices, identity, eating disorders, and healing.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm Offered: October 3 - December 19, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Ary Maharaj (he/him), M.Ed., RP (Qualifying) & Christine Hsu (she/they), OCT

**Note**: When registering, please be mindful that this space is intended for and led by members of the BIPOC community (Black, Indigenous, and people of colour). **Also note that this group does not count towards your two group limit.** 

# (D) DROP-IN SUPPORT WITH DBT SKILLS

This group provides drop-in ED support with a DBT skill taught at the beginning of each session. The focus of this group is to have participants support each other, while learning to apply DBT skills to support recovery.

When: Fridays, 10:00 - 11:30am Offered: October 6 - December 22, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Colleen Smith (she/her), RSW & Sara Desroches (she/her), MSW, RSW

#### (D) DISABLED & CHRONICALLY ILL SUPPORT

This group is designed to provide a safer space for those in the disability community to explore their unique experiences of body image and disordered eating in an ableist society that is often preoccupied with a narrow definition of "health".

When: Mondays, 12:30 - 2:00pm Offered: October 2 - December 18, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Kaley Roosen (she/her), Ph.D. C.Psych & Zac Grant (they/them), MSW, RSW

**Note:** This group prioritizes space for persons who identify as disabled (includes visible/invisible permanent/episodic disabilities) and it is run by facilitators who identify as disabled. Please contact Sheena's Place if you require any accommodations to participate. This group ascribes to the social model of disability, and thus uses identity-first language. We also acknowledge that language is fluid and personal, and everyone has the right to determine their preferred way of identifying.



## (D) <u>TRANS, NON-BINARY, & GENDER QUESTIONING</u> <u>SUPPORT</u>

This group offers a safe space for folx to discuss the complexities and interconnectedness of gender identity and body image. Providing a supportive environment to explore topics and share insights/ strategies related to navigating the world as a Trans individual with an eating disorder.

When: Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm Offered: October 5 - December 21, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Zac Grant (they/them), MSW, RSW & Sookie Bardwell (she/they), MA, OCT

**Note**: This space is facilitated by folx who identify as non-binary and trans and is intended for anyone who identifies as part of the broader trans community.

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

O <u>@sheenasplace</u>

facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport

<u>isplacesupport</u> y <u>@sheenasplace</u>

youtube.com/sheenasplace

# **SUPPORT GROUPS** (continued)

#### (D) BIG TIME BODY LIBERATION: A SPACE TO TALK ABOUT RESISTING WEIGHT STIGMA FOR FOLKS IN **BIGGER BODIES**

This group provides a safer space for folks in fat, larger, plus-size, thick, voluptuous, rotund, corpulent, monarchsized, zaftig, chubby and fluffy bodies (or any other language you might use to describe your embodied experience moving through the world in a bigger body) to explore topics and experiences related to living life in the fat lane. Topics may include (but are not limited to) experiences with distressed and disordered eating, weight-based discrimination, addressing internalized fatphobia/sizeism, strategies for self-advocacy in relationships and in healthcare settings, and resisting diet culture through Body Liberation.

When: Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:30pm Offered: Oct 4 - December 20, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Kaley Roosen (she/her), Ph.D. C.Psych & Sookie Bardwell (she/they), MA, OCT



#### (D) NEURODIVERGENT SUPPORT

This group aims to hold space for neurodivergent folks who would like to explore the intersection of neurodivergence and eating disorder experiences. Topics may include barriers to treatment, masking, sensory experiences, executive functioning, etc.

When: Tuesdays, 2:30 - 4:00pm Offered: Oct 3 - December 19, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Sophie Raniere (she/her), RP & Minna Frederick (she/her), MSW, RSW

**Note**: This group is intended for people who identify as being part of the broader neurodivergent community, including, but not limited to, people with self-identified or diagnosed ADHD, autism, HSP, etc. This group is run by facilitators who identify as being neurodivergent.

## (O) EXERCISE?! A SPACE TO UNPACK CHALLENGING **RELATIONSHIPS WITH MOVEMENT**

Diet culture encourages us to relate to movement in some deeply problematic ways, leading to injury and self-harm, and making it difficult to access a movement practice that feels good! This group will provide a supportive, Body Liberation-centred space where we can unpack our challenging relationship with exercise including the ways in which this challenging relationship often coexists with and reinforces distressed and disordered eating - to explore more joyful and functional movement-centred alternatives.

When: Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30pm Offered: October 2 - December 18, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Christine Hsu (she/they), OCT & Sookie Bardwell (she/they), MA, OCT

**Note**: This group uses a Body Liberation framework. Language guidelines may be amended in this group to allow for relevant discussion.

## (D) NAVIGATING RECOVERY SUPPORT & **STRATEGIES**

An ongoing support group for people who feel they are in the recovery process. Each week, group members will explore challenges, share strategies, and support the changes that group members have made in a nonjudgmental space. The intention of the group is to draw on the wisdom of lived experience along with weekly facilitator-provided skill-building offerings. Building community through shared experience, we will work together to explore coping strategies and stress reduction techniques, encourage peer support, and to acknowledge barriers and facilitators to change.

When: Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm Offered: October 5 - December 21, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Maureen Mahan (she/her), RN, MEd & Miranda Pecoraro (she/her), MSW, RSW

Note: This group is designed for participants who consider themselves to be in eating disorder recovery.

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

@sheenasplace facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport

- @sheenasplace  $\square$
- youtube.com/sheenasplace

# **SUPPORT GROUPS** (continued)

## (O) PREGNANCY SUPPORT - NEW!

This group is for pregnant individuals looking to explore eating disorder support with their current reproductive experience in mind. By harnessing the power of shared experiences, the program facilitates a strong sense of community among participants. Pregnant individuals can connect with peers who have navigated similar challenges, providing invaluable insights, encouragement, and a nonjudgmental space to express concerns and strategies. Topics may include (but are not limited to) harm reduction, appetite changes, body changes, bodily autonomy, interacting with healthcare, grief, strategies for self-advocacy, and managing stress. **This group will model and practice gender-neutral language and is welcome to pregnant participants of any gender.** 

When: Wednesdays, 10:30am-12:00pm Offered: October 4 – December 20, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Raquel Griffin (she/her), CIEC MSW RSW & Aglaia Tudor (she/her), MACP (In-Progress), RP (Qualifying)

**Note:** By participating in this group, you may be invited to participate in a voluntary research project. We will reach out to you as a registrant of this group for a brief intake call, to answer any questions you may have about the group and the research component (which is completely optional). You may email any questions to Program Manager, Minna Frederick at <u>mfrederick@sheenasplace.org</u>.

Additional Note: Please be mindful that this group is intended for pregnant individuals that are ≥ 13 weeks' gestation. Depending on the timing of delivery, participants may choose to remain in the group up to the 6-weeks postpartum period. If participants are pregnant at the end of the offered session, they may reapply to the following group season.



facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport

## (O) MEN & MASCULINITY SUPPORT GROUP - NEW!

Eating disorder spaces often leave out the experiences of folks who identify as men. This group will provide support for individuals who identify as men who are experiencing eating disorders, body image issues, and disordered eating behaviors. Topics related to masculinity, emotion regulation, relationship, coping, etc may be covered during the group.

When: Thursdays, 12-1:30pm Offered: October 5 - December 7, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Kyle T. Ganson (he/him), PhD, MSW, & Steven Bowa (he/him), BA

**Note**: This is a trans-inclusive space centered around men & masculinity. People who feel that spaces centered around men and masculinity align with their personal identities are welcome to join, including cis men and trans masculine folks

#### (D) YOUNG ADULT SUPPORT (AGES 17-30)

This group provides support for young adults who are struggling with their eating and/or body image issues. There is a particular focus on issues specific to this age group, such as living independently, choosing careers, academic pressures, and relationship concerns.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm Offered: October 3 - December 19, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Minna Frederick (she/her), MSW, RSW & JDP (they/them), Peer Support

#### (D) 2SLGBTQI+ SUPPORT

(v) <u>@sheenasplace</u>

This group offers a supportive environment for 2SLGBTQI+ identified folx to give and receive support while discussing the challenges of living with an eating disorder and sharing insights, strategies and accomplishments.

When: Tuesdays, 4:30 - 6:00pm Offered: October 3 - December 19, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Sookie Bardwell (she/they), MA, OCT & Zac Grant (they/them), MSW, RSW

Note: This group is led by Queer and Trans facilitators.

youtube.com/sheenasplace

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

Omega Construction (Construction) (Construction)

# **BODY IMAGE & MOVEMENT GROUPS**

Learn skills to reconnect with your body through discussion, education, and/or gentle movement.

## (D) GENTLE YOGA

Combining gentle movement and meditation, this class offers an opportunity to get curious about being present with your body and your mind. Starting with an hour of gentle movement, we'll spend the last 30 minutes on a more restorative practice, settling into longer-held poses. For folks who would rather only practice gentle movement, there will be an option to wave goodbye as the first hour of practice draws to a close. All levels are welcome and no prior experience is necessary.

**When**: Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:30am Offered: October 5 - December 21, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Emma Baril (she/her), RYT & Minna Frederick, (she/her) MSW RSW

**Note**: This group will include gentle movement practice. Please wear comfortable clothing and come prepared with your choice of pillows, blankets and/or a chair to help make your practice more comfortable.

#### (O) TRAUMA-SENSITIVE YOGA

This trauma sensitive yoga asana class emphasizes choice making, while providing different options of forms and bringing our awareness to the present moment. There is invitational language for each person to decide how they would like to move throughout the class, so each person can decide what feels useful for them. There will also be some discussion around the five elements of trauma sensitive yoga: choice making, invitational language, noncoercion, authenticity and interoception. No experience is needed.

When: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00pm Offered: October 4 - December 6, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Nicole D'Souza (she/her), MSW, RSW, TCTSY-F & Ashley Seaman (she/her), B.Ed Educator, OCT

Note: Please wear clothing that will be comfortable to move in. You are welcome to bring books, yoga blocks, a chair, towel or blanket to make your practice more comfortable.

# **SKILL BUILDING GROUPS**

Learn new skills for coping, reducing harm, and creating change.

## (D) MINDFULNESS DROP-IN

Drop-in for a weekly mindfulness practice and discussion! In this group, we will explore mindfulness practices that we can use in our daily lives as well as reflect on the different themes that relate to our emotions and experiences, to support the process of accessing the wisdom within ourselves. The sessions start with a mindfulness practice and then we will explore a check in, read about our theme together and share our thoughts, explore a question related to the theme and end with a mindful practice.

When: Mondays, 11:00am -12:00pm Offered: October 16 - December 4, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Nicole D'Souza (she/her), MSW, RSW, TCTSY-F & Steven Bowa (he/him), BA

#### (C) DBT SKILLS

Learn and consider how to apply select Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) skills in a classroom environment. Content will include mindfulness, emotion regulation, distress tolerance, and interpersonal effectiveness skills applied to eating disorder recovery.

When: Tuesdays, 2:30 - 4:00pm Offered: October 3 - December 5, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Cynthia Shea (she/her), MSW, RSW & Zac Grant (they/them), MSW, RSW



87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001 @sheenasplace facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport  $\square$ youtube.com/sheenasplace

@sheenasplace

# **SKILL BUILDING GROUPS**

Learn new skills for coping, reducing harm, and creating change.

## (C) INTRO TO ACT (ACCEPTANCE AND **COMMITMENT THERAPY) FOR BODY IMAGE** DISTRESS

Experiencing negative thoughts about our body can feel overwhelming, often causing us to feel 'stuck' or unable to do certain things in our lives when these thoughts arise. Understandably, we commonly spend great time and energy trying to 'stop' these thoughts from happening. In this workshop series, you're invited to explore the ACT model, which instead encourages 'psychological flexibility' around negative body image thoughts. We will discuss ACT strategies of mindfulness, acceptance, and defusion, to practice engaging with our long term values when distressing body image thoughts show up for us.

When: Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm Offered: October 4 - November 8, 2023 (6 sessions) Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Lauren Drouchard (she/her), MSW, RSW & TBD

# (O) NARRATIVE APPROACHES: REDEFINING OUR **STORIES**

We all have life stories that are worth telling. We carry these stories around and they help us make sense of our experiences and define who we are. This group uses approaches from Narrative Therapy to bring new perspectives to who and what affects the stories we tell ourselves, including those about our relationship to food and the body. Come and own your stories in a supportive environment!

When: Mondays, 6:30pm - 8:00pm Offered: October 2 - December 4, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Zijia Liu (she/her), MSW, RSW & John Choi (he/him)

**Note:** Writing is not a main focus of this group.



# **EXPRESSIVE ARTS GROUPS & WORKSHOPS**

Express yourself using a variety of art forms.

Please note: For online groups, participants will be required to provide their own basic art supplies (e.g. paper and paints). If specific materials are needed, you will be notified in advance, or they will be mailed out to you. If you would like to participate in arts groups but are unable to access art supplies, please contact <u>mfrederick@sheenasplace.org</u>.

## (D) ART STUDIO (IN-PERSON)

Each week participants are led through different art projects using specific materials. The goal is to use artmaking to challenge your self-perception, build selfesteem, take risks and find your creative voice. No previous art experience required as this is heart-based art.

When: Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm Offered: October 4 - December 20, 2023 Location: IN-PERSON (87, Spadina Road, Toronto) Facilitators: Debbie Uttama Anderson (she/her), DTATI, RP & Monique Yang DTATI (Cand.), RP (qualifying)

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

@sheenasplace

**facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport g**<u>@sheenasplace</u>

youtube.com/sheenasplace

# **EXPRESSIVE ARTS GROUPS & WORKSHOPS**

Express yourself using a variety of art forms.

Please note: For online groups, participants will be required to provide their own basic art supplies (e.g. paper and paints). If specific materials are needed, you will be notified in advance, or they will be mailed out to you. If you would like to participate in arts groups but are unable to access art supplies, please contact <u>mfrederick@sheenasplace.org</u>.

## (D) ART STUDIO FOR SELF DISCOVERY

Each week you are invited to be part of this supportive art-based group with others who, like you, are on an ED healing journey. You are invited to choose paper, colour, clay, fabrics; whatever you feel inspired to use or have available to help you artsplore aspects of your experience and reflect on your feelings. Then you will have the opportunity to share your process and reactions with a caring community in a space of trust. No previous art experience required as this is heart-based art.

When: Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm Offered: October 3 - December 19, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Leanna Scheitrowsky (she/her), RP (Qualifying), DTATI (cand.) & Debbie Uttama Anderson (she/her), DTATI, RP

**Note:** Participants will be asked to provide their own basic art supplies.

## (C) <u>DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (D&D)</u> INTEGRATED ART GROUP

This group combines the classic tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons and Dragons, with art therapy. In each session, participants will journey alongside their fellow adventurers, exploring collaborative storytelling as a methodology for self empowerment and group cohesiveness. Channel your hero within and join an adventuring party that will support you in whatever stage you are in on your journey. No previous D&D or art experience necessary!

When: Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00pm Offered: October 6 - December 8, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Leanna Scheitrowsky (she/her), RP (Qualifying), DTATI (cand.) & Alex Nicholls (he/him), DTATI (cand.), RP (Qualifying)

**Note:** Participants will be asked to provide their own basic art supplies.

#### (C) ART JOURNALING

Take time to re-view and re-think personal beliefs and underlying behaviours that may be influencing your experience with disordered eating through discussion and art-making. We use markers, watercolour, collage and more in a sketchbook (our version of journal). No previous art experience necessary as this is heart-based art.

When: Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00pm Offered: October 5 - December 7, 2023 Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Debbie Uttama Anderson (she/her), DTATI, RP & Leanna Scheitrowsky (she/her), RP (Qualifying), DTATI (cand.)

**Note:** Participants will be asked to provide their own basic art supplies and sketchbook.

#### (O) IMPROV COMEDY FOR THE HEALING PROCESS

Curious about Improv, but also nervous, anxious (or completely terrified)? All feelings welcome! This group is for folks who feel like their healing process could use a boost of playful energy, permission to giggle, and perhaps a gentle & supported, judgement-free step beyond your comfort zone. There is absolutely no pressure and zero expectations to make anyone laugh, just an invitation to join a space & practice where we might let laughter happen. Each week, through (facilitator-led) group games, we explore the pillars of Improv (presence, acceptance, connection, support, play and optional laughs!). In this practice, we also offer a safe & accepting experience to the trickier parts of being human (for instance: uncertainty, imperfection, and anxiety). This is also a safe space to reflect, share and connect with one another around how we feel in our experiences. No previous experience required.

When: Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Offered: October 3 - December 5, 2023 Location: IN-PERSON (87 Spadina Road, Toronto) Facilitators: Ashley Seaman (she/her), B.Ed Educator, OCT

youtube.com/sheenasplace

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

@sheenasplace

facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport

splacesupport y <u>@sheenasplace</u>

# **EXPRESSIVE ARTS GROUPS & WORKSHOPS**

Express yourself using a variety of art forms.

Please note: For online groups, participants will be required to provide their own basic art supplies (e.g. paper and paints). If specific materials are needed, you will be notified in advance, or they will be mailed out to you. If you would like to participate in arts groups but are unable to access art supplies, please contact mfrederick@sheenasplace.org.

# (C) BIPOC EXPLORING WELLNESS THROUGH ARTS & YOGA

The group utilizes a combination of trauma sensitive yoga, meditation/mindfulness exercises, and art therapybased techniques, which are structured around a specific goal for each session. This is an experiential process that builds upon the intention for each session and allows space to explore wellness through a culturally sensitive lens.

When: Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm Offered: October 5- October 26, 2023 (4 sessions) Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Nicole D'Souza she/her, RSW, MSW, TCTSY-F, David Cho (he/him), RP, DTATI

**Note:** Participants will be asked to provide their own basic art supplies.

#### (WS) EXPRESS YOURSELF! CREATIVE WRITING FOR **SELF-EXPRESSION AND HEALING**

This workshop will offer the opportunity for participants to experiment with expressing themselves through a mix of creative writing exercises and open writing space. Laura strives to create a warm. supportive and inclusive environment where participants feel encouraged to explore writing as a transformative tool for empowerment and healing. We will explore strategies for developing a personal writing practice that supports each individual's unique healing journey.

When: Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:00pm Offered: November14 & 21 2023 (2 sessions) Location: Online (via Zoom) Facilitators: Laura Hartley (she/her), BA, MES

# **RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Connect with others and reduce isolation through fun, social, community-building activities.

## (D) HOLIDAY GAMES DROP-IN - NEW!

Remember recess? Let's take one! And when better to take some time out to play games than during the holiday season? Give yourself the gift of joy and connection in a practice of light, playful, creative games, led by a qualified Educator who is also 11+ years fully recovered. (Silliness invited but not mandatory!)

When: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm, Offered: December 13, 2023 (1 session) Location: IN-PERSON (87 Spadina Road, Toronto) Facilitators: Ashley Seaman (she/her), B.Ed Educator, OCT & Steve Bowa (he/him), BA



**REMINDER:** Participants may register for a maximum of two open or closed groups, one workshop, and unlimited drop-in groups per season. Some exceptions apply - see group descriptions.

87 Spadina Rd., Toronto, ON, M5R 2T1 | Tel: 416.927.8900 | www.sheenasplace.org | Charitable BN: 89878 8948 RR0001

@sheenasplace

- **facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport g**<u>@sheenasplace</u>
- youtube.com/sheenasplace

To participate in groups, you must be <u>age 17+ and located in Ontario.</u>

# To learn more about our group facilitators, visit sheenasplace.org/facilitators

# **WEBINARS**

Follow us on social media for updates on upcoming educational webinars! Past webinars can be viewed on our YouTube channel.

> Instagram: @<u>sheenasplace</u> Facebook: <u>facebook.com/sheenasplacesupport</u> Twitter: @<u>sheenasplace</u> YouTube: <u>youtube.com/sheenasplace</u>

# **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

Is your team interested in learning more about supporting people with eating disorders? Book a workshop or training with one of our team members. Visit our <u>website</u> for more information.



# WEBSITE

Our informational website provides an overview of our support services as well as information about eating disorders. Visit <u>www.sheenasplace.org</u>.

## BLOG

Visit <u>Sheena's Shared Stories</u> to explore works created by the SP community. You can contribute to the blog by sending your work to kmccarthy@sheenasplace.org. Posts can be shared on our website anonymously. Note: Blog content adheres to Sheena's Place language guidelines.



#### **SUPPORT**

Did you know that Sheena's Place provides all programs and services free of charge, without the support of ongoing government funding? We hope you'll consider donating today, or joining our Circle of Hope by making a monthly donation. <u>Click here to make a donation</u>.

We would like to thank Sarah's Place for their generosity in funding Family, Friends, & Partners Support.

We would also like to thank RBC and Bell Let's Talk for their ongoing support.





Foundation