

KIRK MARK, M.ED.



Kirk Mark has been involved in numerous activities and roles throughout his professional and personal life ranging from community, race and ethnic relations to sport development and business. Presently, he is the **Coordinator of Race and Ethnic Relations Multiculturalism** on the **Curriculum and Accountability Team** for the **Toronto Catholic District School Board**. His professional acumen includes a College Diploma in Social Sciences, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Sociology, a Master of Education Degree in Language, Culture and Learning, and several professional courses. His professional expertise includes social work, marketing, banking, sport administration, community and human resource development that are also organized within the context of KM Consultants.

A snapshot of his work and involvement includes:

- ❖ Community capacity development: Youth and adult programs.
- ❖ Basketball coaching and administration: Community, collegial and international levels.
- ❖ Human resource development: Student-athletic development, legal clinics, health and wellness, the arts, educational advocacy, volunteer services, race and ethnic relations, antiracist education, constitutions.
- ❖ Memberships: Board of Directors – Canadian Alliance of Black Educators, National Alliance of Black School Educators (USA), Urban Alliance of Race Relations (Canada), John D. O'Bryant Think Tank (USA).

AWARDS

- ❖ 1995 Malvern Youth Development Award of Excellence
- ❖ 1999 City of Toronto Race Relations Harmony Award.
- ❖ 2001 City of Toronto Race Relations African Heritage Award of Excellence.
- ❖ 2002, 2006 Listed in the **Who's Who in Black Canada – Black Success and Black Excellence in Canada – A Contemporary Directory**
- ❖ 2003 Human Rights and Race Relations Centre – Gold Medal of Excellence in Race Relations Award
- ❖ 2003 City of Toronto Children Services Anti-racism Award
- ❖ 2005 City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Black History Award “Heroes Seen and Unseen”
- ❖ 2008 Breakaway Relief Care Certificate of Appreciation

Mr. Mark is an advocate of equity principles and he weaves this theme throughout all his endeavors. His academic work entails research in anti-racism education at the post-graduate level with a focus on oppositional tensions in parent-schools relations from an Africa-Canadian perspective. Mr. Mark has also contributed towards the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity, the American Education Research Annual Conference and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto by presenting outcomes of his research to international delegates from Canada, the United States, Mexico, the Caribbean, the Continent of African and Europe on equity, as well a numerous community initiatives and writing projects (e.g., **An Argument for Antiracism Education for School Personnel** : see **Orbit Magazine - Anti-Racism Practices and Inclusive Schooling, Volume 33, Number 3, 2003. Edited by**

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