

## A Critical Examination of the History of Communication in Kingston: Technology's role in Social Justice in the Kingston Community

### Abstract:

Information & Communications technology (ICT) is developing at an astounding rate. Recent developments in the field have given consumers the power to communicate with others from almost anywhere, and with greater reliability. Mainstream media and the engineering community often applaud these technologies for helping to create a more transparent, pluralistic, global, and just society. Organizations such as the International Development Research Centre collaborate with NGOs in the developing world, bringing the internet to schools, and telecentres to assist small scale entrepreneurs. However, many of these new technological developments are inaccessible and alienating to many members of the community. This paper examines the role that Information & Communications technology has played in the Kingston community with regards to anti-racist, anti-poverty, and alternative media movements. Published historical and personal accounts made by members of the Kingston community regarding ICTs are compared and contrasted with those presented in the prevailing engineering community.