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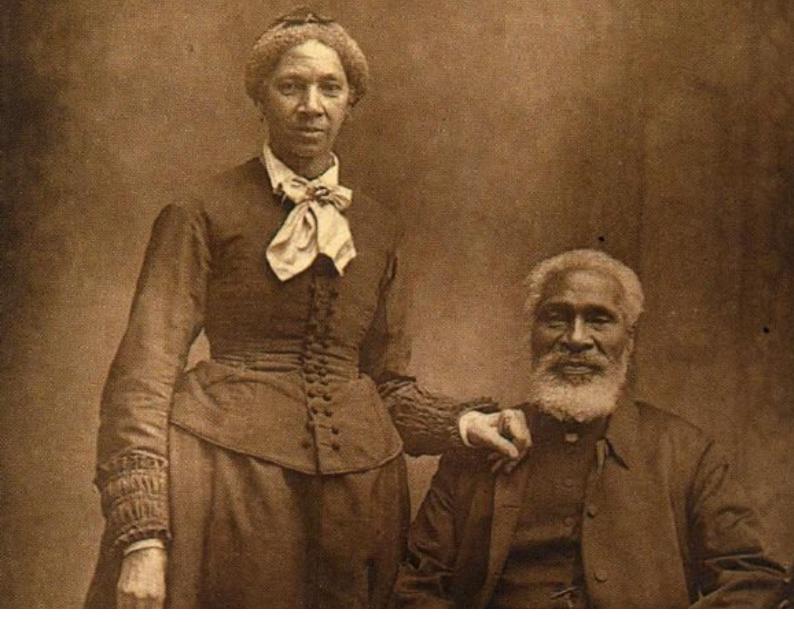
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## DIVERSITY EQUALITY INCLUSION



The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.

What's the goal here? Reducing inequalities, policies should be universal in principle, paying attention to the needs of disadvantaged and marginalized populations. Despite some positive signs toward reducing inequality in some dimensions, inequalities are also deepening for vulnerable populations in countries with weaker health systems and those facing existing humanitarian crises. Refugees and migrants, as well as indigenous peoples, older persons, people with disabilities and children are particularly at risk of being left behind. And hate speech targeting vulnerable groups is rising. For more information about the Sustainable Development Goals visit: <u>https://sdgs.un.org/goals</u>



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH ~ DID YOU KNOW?

At a bend in the Sydenham River near the town of Dresden stands Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site. Today, thousands of people make pilgrimages to Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site to discover more about our past. Henson's own story is told in his autobiography, first published in 1849.Josiah Henson was born into slavery on June 15, 1789 near Port Tobacco in Charles County, Maryland. As a slave, Henson experienced horrifying conditions. He was separated from his parents, sold twice and maimed for life after being beaten. In 1829, Henson arranged to purchase his freedom with money he earned by preaching to Methodist congregations. Betrayed by his master, Henson was taken to New Orleans to be sold. Henson escaped slavery by fleeing northwards with his wife and four children using the Underground Railroad, eventually crossing the Niagara River into Upper Canada (now Ontario) on October 28, 1830 <u>Click here</u> to learn more:

https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/en/properties/uncle-toms-cabin

## YOU BELONG HERE

St. Lawrence College is committed to cultivating an institutional culture that values, supports, and promotes belonging, equity, human rights, respect, and accountability among faculty, staff, and students.

The College has identified "Belonging" as its fifth core value and mandate as an educational institution.

The SLC EDI and Belonging Task Force has developed the College's first Equity Census and invites all SLC members (students, staff, faculty, administration, both part-time and full time at all of our campuses to share information about themselves especially related to equity and belonging.

The SLC Equity Census is a voluntary, anonymous, demographic data collection initiative that involves a set of questions, all of which are voluntary and include a "prefer not to answer" response option. T

The SLC Equity Census is available to complete using Microsoft Forms between February 2-26, 2021.

<u>Click here</u> to open the SLC Equity Census in Microsoft Forms. You will need your SLC credentials to log in.

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