

# For the Love of Co-working Friendly Cafés

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Looking for a place to work with a welcoming atmosphere for entrepreneurs who want to work solo yet be surrounded by other co-workers?

That has delicious coffees and pastries?

A café where you're not given a time out for overstaying your welcome, i.e. once your coffee is finished, it's time to vamoose?

Where the music isn't pumped up to a level that overrides even your earbuds? "Darn! I was in such a hurry to get out of there I forgot to save my work! 😞"

I've been working on this list for several years and I am happy to share it with you. I've added and/or removed cafés along the way because either the locations changed, or they are no longer welcoming of co-workers like you and me.

I encourage you to check out these cafés and feel free to send me your feedback. I also welcome new additions - even cafés in a new country, because who knows I might be looking for suggestions some day.

Let's spread the word and patronize businesses that are welcoming to co-workers!

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Please note, for the most part, my tendency is to list indie cafés, but you will find a few global cafés worth mentioning.

I don't mention whether wi-fi is included (unless it's in question) because it's pretty much a given.



Do me a little favour, if you try and love a café on this list based on my recommendation, then tag me in your Instagram post **@cafelifestyleto**

As you can see, cafés are not listed in any particular order.

Click the café to link out to their website.

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## CAFÉS IN TORONTO, ON

### Dineen Coffee Company

Probably my favourite café. What's not to love about the big windows looking out onto Yonge Street.

It's listed as a heritage property and the décor has the atmosphere of bygone eras but with a contemporary flair

It's close to the Eaton Centre and busy all day. Co-workers, business people and tourists are all vying for only a few tables so waiting time is generally 20 minutes. But I love the atmosphere and the coffee is so darn good! Occasionally impatience strikes and I'll cross the street to Sud Forno.

@dineencooffee

140 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations

<http://dineencoffee.com/>

### Sud Forno Temperance

Busy cafe close to the financial district

More for business meetings than co-workers, but I would feel comfortable spending a couple of hours here working and drinking their delish coffee and a pastry or two (try one of their mini Nutella pastries)

Multiple locations and associated with Forno Cultura & Terroni

@sudforno

132 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations

<http://fornocultura.com/>

### L'Espresso Bar Mercurio

Dare I admit another one of my favourite cafés

This is a bustling café where the staff are attentive and laptops are common

Their patio is wonderful summer treat – private with lots of shade

Their trademark red mini sits just inside the front door and gets decorated for the holidays

5 Minutes from UofT and the St George subway

@lespressobarmercurio

321 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON

<https://www.lespressobarmercurio.com/>

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### Snakes & Lattes - Yonge & Eglinton location

Located in my hood so this is one of my go to cafés

Only open now at 4pm Mon-Thurs ☺

2 Levels \*\* busy at night with the 'board gamers' and parties \*\*

@snakesandlattes

45 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations

<https://www.snakesandlattes.com/location/midtown/>

### Cacao 70

Warning - you might intend to go work here and have a coffee, but in all likelihood, you'll end up ordering something chocolatey ☺

@cacao70

485 Queen St West, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations

<http://cacao70.com/en/our-locations>

### Goldstruck Freshly Roasted Coffee

They have a communal table at the back away from the hisses and sounds of the espresso machine

Conveniently located in heart of Yorkville and only a couple of blocks from both Bay and Bloor subway stops

@goldstruckcoffee

130 Cumberland Street, Toronto, ON

<http://www.goldstruck.ca/>

### We Brew Café Harbourfront

Whenever I'm in the Queens Quay area and planning to work, this is my go to spot - summer or winter

In summer, they have a big patio if you want to take a break and people watch

@lavazza.webrew

225 Queens Quay West, Toronto, ON

<http://www.lavazza.com/en>

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### Aroma Espresso Bar - Yonge & Eglinton location

Although I've worked in a bunch of their locations, my go to is their Yonge & Eglinton location. It's in my 'hood and so conveniently located opposite the Eglinton subway

Co-workers are never thrown out. Atmosphere is bustling and welcoming  
The coffee is good, and their food is healthy and delish

@aromaespresso

2300 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

They have 183 locations around the world

<http://www.aroma.ca/>

### Gladstone Hotel

Great ☐ ☐ place to work in the mornings.

Great for mornings and early atmosphere before the bar + restaurant patrons start to arrive

Located at Gladstone and Queen

@gladstonehotel

1214 Queen St W, Toronto, ON

<https://www.gladstonehotel.com/>

### Phyllo You Bakery

A tiny café serving Greek coffee & pies

The tiny bistro tables are not ideal for working on your laptop, but it is conveniently located at Yonge & Davisville, I like the atmosphere, it works and it's not a busy chain

1919 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

<https://www.phylloyoubakery.com/>

### Well and Better Coffee

Serves Italian and Turkish coffee and pastries

@wellandbettercoffee

620 Mt Pleasant Road, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations

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## Page One Coffee + Bar

Downtown – located close to Dundas & Yonge

@pageone\_cafe

106 Mutual Street, Unit 8, Toronto, ON

<http://pageonecafe.com/>

## Brioche Dorée

Sometimes I just go out of my way to work in this café

I love the ambience of a Parisian café

They offer community tables, electric plug-ins and oh, ode to the croissant!

My go to location is the King St West @ Bathurst locn

@brioche.doree.toronto

647 King Street West, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations Toronto and world wide

<https://briochedoree.us/en/>

## Early Bird Café

Nice open space with lots of light – a favourite for co-workers who appreciate a quiet atmosphere

@earlybirdbrew

613 Queen St W, Toronto, ON

<https://www.early-bird.ca/>

## Neo Coffee Bar

If you happen to be in the King St East area, this café is a welcome to co-workers  
Psst I've heard they have amazing assortment of pastries 😊

@neocoffeebar

100-161 Frederick Street, Toronto, ON

[neocoffeebar.com](http://neocoffeebar.com)

## Quantum Coffee

Not big, but a favourite with co-workers in the Bathurst & King area

@quantumcoffeeco

460 King Street West, Toronto, ON

<https://www.quantumcoffee.io/>

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### Jimmy's Coffee

If you're in the Kensington Market area, this café is a must

They have a wonderfully shaded patio in the back

Their flagship location is the 107 Portland locn

@jimmys\_coffee

191 Baldwin, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations

<http://www.jimmyscoffee.ca>

### Himalayan Coffee House

In the Midtown area – on Yonge north of Eglinton

Cosy but great atmosphere – soft music and community tables

Known for their special latte art

@himalayancoffeehouse

2552 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

### Dark Horse Espresso Bar

Exceptionally good coffee

This café set up for co-workers – beautiful community wooden tables

@darkhorsecafe

215 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations but my favourite is the Spadina location

<http://www.darkhorseespresso.com/>

### De Mello Palheta Coffee Roasters

In-house baked goods.

Community table in a separate room for a quieter atmosphere

@demellopalheta

2489 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

<https://www.hellodemello.com/>

### Odin Café + Bar

(Nordic-inspired style) with Patio

@odinus

514 King St E, Toronto, ON

<http://odinus.tumblr.com/info>



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### Rooster Coffee House

Probably not ideal for co-workers on the weekend because it's just so busy  
If you don't need the free café Wi-Fi, you could use a park bench opposite the café for your workspace and work while enjoying the best city view

Street car stop opposite the café

@roostercoffee

479 Broadview Avenue, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations

<http://roostercoffeehouse.com/>

### Istanbul Cafe & Espresso Bar

Another Yonge & Eglinton café

This café features Turkish coffee. Yumm!

Warm atmosphere and set up for business conversations with tables for 4 and a community table for co-workers

@istanbulcafe03

174 Eglinton Ave East, Toronto, ON

[www.istanbulcafe.ca](http://www.istanbulcafe.ca)

### Boxcar Social- Summerhill location

Their Summerhill location is quirky with a fun vibe

It has 2 floors and a small patio where it's lovely to work in the summer

They've added a pizza takeout just next door - so no need to leave the building for scrumptious food

They are rapidly expanding and I am making it a priority to check out their new location at Queens Quay with a view of the skating rink and the lake

@boxcar\_social

1208 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON

Multiple locations and it looks like they have just added a Halifax location.

Hmm wondering whether a Moncton location is in the works?

[boxcarsocial.ca](http://boxcarsocial.ca)

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### Creeds Coffee Bar

Nice space with lots of light and tables are nicely spaced

A community table for co-workers

Closes at 6pm so don't plan for an evening co-working session

Cashless café

@creeds.to

390 Dupont Street, Toronto, ON

<https://www.creedscoffeebar.com/>

### Green Beanery

Ambience is cool – they've kept the former bank

chic and the vault is available for private meetings

Ideal co-working spot in the Bathurst & Bloor area (& close to the subway)

They are also one of the growing number of cashless cafés

Check before you go whether they've added free Wi-Fi

@the\_green\_beanery

565 Bloor Street, Toronto, ON

[greenbeanery.ca](http://greenbeanery.ca)

### Presse Café

It's been a while, but I do enjoy working in this café

Great coffee. Friendly staff. Music isn't too loud in case you need to take client calls or listen in on a webinar

@pressecafestclair

40 St Clair Avenue West, Toronto, ON

Multiple global locations

<http://pressecafe.com/en/>

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## CAFÉS IN MONCTON, NB

### Café Codiac

If this café was located in Toronto, it would be my home away from home. There is something about the industrial style that I love and any time I am back in Moncton, I visit as often as I can.

Immediately you walk in, you just know this place loves coffee. The smell of roasting coffee is intoxicating.

It's relaxed, down to earth atmosphere and amazing staff always make me feel welcome. I gulp down several cappuccinos (small in a cute cup) in one visit

Lots of tables & close to the University of Moncton so it has a student vibe

Open only until 6pm and check the days open before you go, because I believe they aren't open on Sundays in the winter season

@cafecodiacc

666 St George Blvd, Moncton, NB

<https://cafecodiacc.ca>

### Duo Coffee

This adorable little café has only a few tables which are a touch on the small side for a laptop but workable

Conveniently located on Main Street and the coffee says 'yes, you deserve me'!

700 Main Street, Moncton, NB

<http://www.tideandboard.com/duo>