



YORK UNIVERSITY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
9:00AM - 3:30PM

Looking Through the Kaleidoscope of Cannabis

Presumptions. Policy. Practice.



York Research Chair in
Youth & Contexts
of Inequity

Agenda

LIVESTREAM

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| 9:00AM | REGISTRATION, NETWORKING + REFRESHMENTS |
| 9:30AM | INTRODUCTIONS
Cyril Cromwell, Learning and Development Manager
YouthREX |
| 9:35AM | WELCOMING + OPENING REMARKS

Dr. JJ McMurtry
Dean, Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies
York University

Jamil Jivani
Special Advisor to the Premier |
| 10:00AM | KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Looking Through the Kaleidoscope of Cannabis
Dr. Oyedéji Ayonrinde
Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Psychology
Queen's University |
| 11:20AM | CANNABIS AND YOUTH CERTIFICATE LAUNCH

David Willis
Director of Strategy and Systems Management
East Metro Youth Services |
| 11:30AM | Q+A with Dr. Ayonrinde |
| 12:00PM | LUNCH |
| 1:00PM | PLAY TO LEARN: Part One |
| 1:15PM | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS |
| 2:15PM | PLAY TO LEARN: Part Two |
| 3:15PM | CLOSING REMARKS
Dr. Maurice Poon
Director and Associate Professor
School of Social Work, York University |

Roundtable Discussion Questions

01. Concerns have been raised that communities that experienced the legal consequences of the stigmatization and criminalization of cannabis are being left out of the economic benefits of this new industry.

How can youth benefit from the economic opportunities that come from the legalization of cannabis? What are the pros and cons?

02. Many youth self-medicate with cannabis in the absence of effective mental health supports. Others find cannabis use preferable to more traditional therapeutic options.

How can youth be supported in recognizing when cannabis use becomes more harmful than helpful in their lives?

03. The cannabis landscape is constantly shifting. As an industry that is driven by the goals of maximizing profit, there are several presumptions and myths that are sometimes not upheld by facts.

How do we support youth in critically analyzing the information they receive about cannabis and making decisions that are best for their wellbeing?

04. What current and emerging challenges do youth face as a result of the legalization of cannabis? What challenges does your sector face in supporting these youth?



DR. OYEDEJI (DEJI) AYONRINDE is an Associate Professor in the departments of Psychiatry and Psychology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He was the Medical Director of the Early Psychosis Intervention Programme in South East Ontario and currently works with the Providence Care Hospital ACT Team. His research interests include youth mental health, cannabis and psychosis, knowledge translation, and cultural mental health.

Dr. Ayonrinde has specialist qualifications in both psychiatry and addictions, and he has been involved in numerous cannabis knowledge translation initiatives. He has supported several Health Canada initiatives regarding cannabis literacy as well as learning programs in the UK, USA, and Australia. He has received a number of knowledge and innovation awards, including the Canadian Partners in Research, National Biomedical Science Ambassador Award (2019) for cannabis awareness initiatives, and has also worked in conjunction with the Smith's Business School targeting youth populations. Some of the cannabis literacy initiatives have involved the Canadian Armed Forces, health and educational organizations, as well as First Nation populations. Dr. Ayonrinde is involved in the development of cannabis knowledge media, games, and activities for professionals, youth, and families.

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