

MEET DR. TANIA DE ST CROIX

Dr. Tania de St Croix is a renowned critical youth studies and youth work scholar, author, former youth worker, and professor at King's College London, UK. Tania's work is grounded in an appreciation and celebration of youth work and a critical understanding of the evaluation landscape within youth work. She was a youth worker for over 20 years before becoming an academic. She is a founding member of *In Defence of Youth Work*, a network of critical and radical youth workers in the UK, and the editor of the open-access journal, *Youth & Policy*. Tania's primary research area is the policy and practice of children's and young people's services, with a focus on issues of equality, participation, and democracy. She is currently working with Louise Doherty to research how young people and youth workers experience evaluation and outcomes frameworks. Her book, *Grassroots Youth Work: Policy, Passion and Resistance in Practice*, draws on a three-year qualitative research project investigating how youth workers experience a working context dominated by managerialism and marketization in times of austerity. Tania is interested in young people's and children's experiences of education and everyday life in a changing policy context. Tania draws on critical theory from a number of areas, including the sociology of education policy, feminism, anarchism, and activist scholarship. She is committed to sharing her research with practitioners, young people, and other members of the public in a range of ways, including through creative workshops and collaborative discussions.

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