

# MEET DR. TANIA DE ST CROIX

Dr. Tania de St Croix's research is grounded in an appreciation and celebration of youth work and a critical understanding of the evaluation landscape. She was a youth worker for over 20 years and 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*. She is now a Senior Lecturer at King's College London, UK where her research engages with the value and evaluation of youth work from a critical, anti-oppressive perspective. She is 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 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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