

# Visioning Transformative Youth Work: Livestream

In partnership with the York Research Chair in Youth and Contexts of Inequity held by Dr. Uzo Anucha.

Wednesday, Sep 6, 2023 10:00 AM to 11:40 AM EDT & 12:20 PM to 1:30 PM



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# Agenda

- Welcome + Land Recognition 10:00 AM Keynote Presentation by <u>Dr. Tania de St Croix</u> Visioning Transformative Youth Work: Celebrating, Reflecting, Resisting
- 12:20 PM Spoken Word Performance by Dwayne Morgan
- Insights from the Ontario Youth Sector Study 12:35 PM by <u>Dr. Uzo Anucha</u> and the YouthREX Team

\*This is a live event; exact timeframes for presentations and performances may vary as necessary.

# **Event Information**

The event is being hosted on Zoom.

The Zoom Webinar details are below:

Link: https://bit.ly/3syM1lo **Passcode:** 071236

Closed captions will be available.

Please note that the presentations will be recorded; the videos will be available with captions on YouthREX's Knowledge Hub within a few weeks of the live event.

Have any questions? If you have questions, please contact us at info@youthrex.com.













# 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 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.

Learn More about Tania's Work  $\rightarrow$ 

## Dr. Uzo Anucha Provincial Academic Director and York Research Chair



Dr. Uzo Anucha is the founding Academic Director of YouthREX. She is the York Research Chair in Youth and Contexts of Inequity and an Associate Professor at the School of Social Work, York University. Uzo's community-engaged research is focused on critical youth work. She conceptualizes her research as a community dialogue that is centred on equitable collaborations with community stakeholders. Her research projects emphasize multi-methods / multi-focal research that make space for multi perspectives. Uzo has served on a variety of boards, including being appointed by an Order in Council by the Government of Ontario to the Board of Directors of the Central Local Health Integrated Network for two terms of six years (2011-2017).

### About YouthREX

The Youth Research & Evaluation eXchange (YouthREX) is a provincial initiative based at the School of Social Work at York University primarily funded by the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services with contributions from York University and other partners. YouthREX was officially launched in November 2014 to support Ontario's youth programs with knowledge exchange, capacity building, and program evaluation support.

### About the Ontario Youth Sector Compass Research Project

The Ontario Youth Sector Compass (OYC) is a research project by YouthREX in collaboration with the York Research Chair in Youth and Contexts of Inequity. The project is focused on understanding what supports young people in Ontario need to thrive and what supports youth workers need to work with young people as healthily as possible. The OYC takes an equity-based approach in understanding the experiences of youth and youth workers and merges quantitative data from surveys and stories from qualitative interviews to provide rich insights about different groups of youth and youth workers across Ontario.

Learn More  $\rightarrow$ 

# Dwayne Morgan



Dwayne Morgan is a two-time Canadian National Poetry Slam Champion. He began his career as a spoken word artist in 1993. In 1994, he founded Up From The Roots entertainment, to promote the positive artistic contributions of African Canadian and urban influenced artists.

Morgan made the 2022 SHIFTER Magazine list of outstanding Black men in Canada, while also winning the Toronto Arts Foundation's Celebration of Cultural Life award, and the 2018 Sheri-D Wilson Golden Beret Award for Career Achievement in the Spoken Word. Morgan has received both the African Canadian Achievement Award, and the Harry Jerome Award for Excellence in the Arts.

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