

# King City SS e-Newsletter



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April 1 2021

## Public Health Reminders



Please see the reminders from Public Health on page 4 of this bulletin.

## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

Please check page 5 of this newsletter to view the April 2021 Student Mental Health and Addictions newsletter.

## Ecoteam Message: Use Reusable Containers



This April, we are encouraging the use of reusable containers!

A reusable water bottle takes less oil to produce, replaces all the plastics that you would have used and thereby reduces both your carbon footprint and helps reduce the plastic burden on landfills, oceans, streams and other places that plastic waste ends up.

Some of the benefits of using a reusable bottle include never being without a cold, clean drink of water at all times, reducing the amount of waste generated by plastic water bottle consumption, and cost.

Continue to fill your water bottle throughout the day

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## School News

### Say It Loud! National Summit



The Say It LOUD! Canada campaign is an exciting opportunity for Black youth to illustrate their brilliance and showcase their various talents while defying negative stereotypes. SAY IT LOUD! Is a national campaign for Black Youth aged 14-29 that promotes Black pride and positive cultural identity through technology, entrepreneurship, social innovation, fashion, culinary, visual, literary and performance arts. Say It LOUD! Canada is presented by Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise, Heritage Canada, the Black Business Professional Association (BBPA) and McKinsey.

Register on [eventbrite](#)  
Say It Loud [Website](#)

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday March 27, 2021. The Say It LOUD! Canada National Black Youth Virtual Summit. Guest speakers, presentations, workshops, entertainment and much more will be featured at the Summit!

Canada will also vote to determine who said it the LOUDEST!

Here's how you can support! Distribute the Say It LOUD! Canada National Black Youth promotional material on your social media and spread the word throughout your networks. This will be a historic experience not to be missed!

### Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click [here](#).

#### Tuesday, April 6th

- ☐ Teachers to share mid-term marks

#### Thursday, April 8th

- ☐ Hula day
- ☐ Rotation 1 starts (cohort A)

#### Friday, April 9th

- ☐ Hula day

#### Monday, April 12th

- ☐ Mid semester break begins

#### Friday, April 16th

- ☐ Mid semester break ends

#### Tuesday, April 27

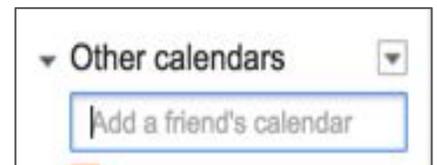
- ☐ Electronic Report Card distribution begins

#### Monday, May 3rd

- ☐ Rotation 2 starts (cohort A)

### Do you use Google Calendar?

Add our email address to add our calendar to your calendar, and never miss an event again!



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## School News

### Visit the YRDSB's New Website

YRDSB has refreshed its Board website to make it easier for families to find the important information they are looking for at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

The new website has been designed to be mobile friendly, translatable, accessible, searchable, easy to navigate and to better reflect York Region District School Board and our community. This includes:

- Built-in translation tool
- Enhanced search capabilities
- Built-in accessibility features to meet accessibility legislation
- Revised navigation based on user testing, website analytics and research
- Quick access to six of our most accessed pages, including school calendars and school transportation information.

The new website also includes:

- A [Family Resources](#) that provides quick access to online tools like Edsby, Google Classroom and School Cash Online, as well as links to information about translation tools, IT support for families and more. Use the “need help” button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- Updated [Online Student Tools](#) pages provide quick access to students to online learning platforms and resources to help with homework. Use the “need help” button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- An enhanced [newsroom](#) with access to the latest news, events and videos so you can find out what’s happening around our Board.
- Easy access to information about [supports for students](#), [elementary school](#) and [secondary school](#) programs, [adult learning opportunities](#) and more.

Information about COVID-19 and schools, including update information, screening tools and frequently asked questions can still be found at [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

We hope that the website makes it easier for families to find and access the information you are looking for. When you visit the new website, please take the time to share your feedback, so we can continue to ensure our website meets the needs of the community we serve.

# DAILY COVID-19 SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE SCREENING REMINDERS

Dear York Region parents and guardians:

Thank you for continuing to screen your children before sending them to school and childcare every day. As expected, by moving to a one symptom screen we are noticing more schools having cohorts dismissed, helping to keep COVID out of the schools and the school community safe. We want to thank you all for your commitment to these public health measures designed to keep our loved ones safe.

We still need your help though by following these important reminders which are in place to ensure children aren't bringing COVID into the school or childcare setting:

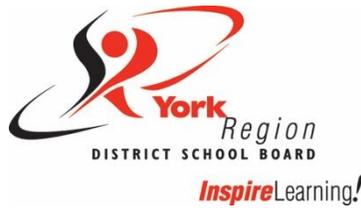
- If a student/child/staff/essential visitor is symptomatic, **or has a household member who is symptomatic**, they are required to stay home without exemption, even for essential reasons (except for medical care), until the symptomatic individual tests negative. **This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.**
- If a student/child/staff/essential visitor is in a dismissed cohort or has been identified as a high risk close contact, they are required to stay home without exemption, even for essential reasons (except for medical care), for the duration of the self-isolation period outlined in the dismissal letter, or as advised by York Region Public Health. **This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.**
- If a student/child/staff/essential visitor **lives in a household** with someone who is part a dismissed cohort or has been identified as a high risk close contact, they are required to stay home from school and child care for the duration of the self-isolation period of the affected household member. **This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.**
- If a student/child/staff/essential visitor has travelled internationally, or **lives in a household** with someone who has travelled internationally within the last 14 days, they must stay home, without exemption, from school and child care for the entire isolation period of the traveller. **This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.**

Please remember to complete the daily screen found at [www.york.ca/safeatschool](http://www.york.ca/safeatschool) and thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping schools and child care centres safe!

## PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675  
TTY 1-866-512-6228  
york.ca





## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter April 2021

YRDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel

### Social Connection and the Power of a Listening Ear

A year later, we continue to experience uncertainty with lockdowns and social distancing; we long for social interaction with peers, friends, and families beyond our immediate social circles. This month's newsletter will focus on the importance of maintaining and expanding our social connections by offering a listening ear while following Public Health guidelines.

Restrictions limiting in-person interactions have left many parents and students feeling a sense of isolation, sadness, anxiousness, and frustration, among other feelings. The importance of offering a listening ear could not be more pronounced as many feel disconnected and alone. According to [CMHA](#), 'really listening' is the key to a meaningful connection. Active listening is a part of effective communication skills that can support building a real connection with other people. It can take some getting used to, especially when behind a mask and distanced six feet apart or even behind a virtual screen.

The importance of offering a listening ear to understand what a person might be experiencing is a small act that can make a meaningful difference. [Leon F. Seltzer Ph.D.](#) explains why feeling understood is essential to our wellbeing and how it connects us to others, allowing us to feel welcomed.

Included below are some tips to build connection safely by offering a [sympathetic ear](#):

- Reach out in a manner that feels safe and follows Public Health guidelines i.e., phone call, zoom, text, and other creative ways.
- Take the time to let the other person know you are there for them. *"I am here for you. I am listening. Tell me what's on your mind..."*
- Show empathy and understanding by validating what is being said. *"I hear you, and it makes sense why you would feel this way."*
- Acknowledge their feelings.

- Be present in the moment with the person.
- Listen to understand and take the necessary time to absorb the information.
- Ask questions when appropriate. The questions should be curious, open-ended, and ones that do not contain an answer. *"Can you tell me more about what that was like for you?"*
- Pay attention to body language by facing the person to show you are listening.
- Avoid advice-giving, interrupting, making assumptions, or judgments.
- Let the conversation flow.
- Be honest about how much time you can offer to connect.

Following these tips should help you get started on building meaningful connections through the act of listening.

[School Mental Health Ontario](#) has created various resources for educators, parents and families, and students regarding supporting student mental health by developing healthy relationship skills. Check out some more tips from School Mental Health Ontario on [reaching out](#), so you can be your best to support your children.

## Mental Health COVID-19 Page

COVID-19 has presented unprecedented issues and concerns for our community, our country and the world. As we focus on keeping ourselves healthy and containing the spread of COVID-19, we must also keep ourselves mentally well.

The link below is dedicated to supporting student mental health during this pandemic. Resources for students, parents/guardians as well as community resources are listed. In addition, there are various links to YRDSB mental health supports as well as community supports available during the school closure. Please consider taking some time to familiarize yourself with the [Mental Health and Community Supports During COVID](#).

Continue to check out the [YRDSB website](#) for updated information as well as the Twitter account @YRDSB

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## **Budget Consultation Process for Families and Community Members**

Between April 7 and April 29, York Region District School is inviting families and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values public input and encourages public participation in virtual [consultation sessions](#) and an online survey. These consultation sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation.

The dates and times of the virtual consultations are:

- **Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
  - Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3150347517880291084>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
  - Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via **647-497-9368** and entering Access Code **490-736-992**.
  
- **Monday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
  - Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3227105524126939660> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
  - Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via **647-497-9389** and Access Code **149-846-166**.

YRDSB has created a survey to gather community feedback into the process. The survey will be available for completion on the Board [website](#) **April 7 - April 29, 2021**.

YRDSB values community input and is working to increase transparency and understanding of its budget process. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to [Budget20212022@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Budget20212022@yrdsb.ca).

# Nur Muslim Mentorship Program

New deadline for **all** applications is **April 13**

## What is the Nur Muslim Mentorship Program?

Nur is a Mentorship Program to support Muslim students in the YRDSB to feel valued, heard and empowered. Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive space that helps build a sense of belonging for Muslim students. **NOTE:** This is not a tutoring program.

## When will the program begin?

Nur will launch in the spring of 2021 and will carry through the entire 2021-2022 school year. Mentors and Mentees will be contacted at the end of April.

## Who is eligible to participate in the program?

- YRDSB staff and students who identify as Muslim
- Current Grade 8 students (who will be in grade 9 for the 2021-2022 school year)
- Current Grade 9 & 10 students

## How does the application process work?

- Staff may identify and recommend eligible students to this program and fill out the Mentee application **with the student, if the student is interested in participating in the program.**
- Eligible students can submit an expression of interest in the program by completing the form below
- All applicants will go through a selection process based on their own application submission.
- Once this process has been completed, all applicants will be notified of their status
- Links to Apply
  - [Mentors Applications \(YRDSB staff\)](#)
  - [Students Applications](#)

For more information about the Nur Muslim Mentorship Program, please contact:

Wahid Khan      [wahid.khan@yrdsb.ca](mailto:wahid.khan@yrdsb.ca) or 437-984-7778  
Zahra Kaba      [zahra.kaba@yrdsb.ca](mailto:zahra.kaba@yrdsb.ca)  
Rizwana Kaderdina      [rizwana.kaderdina@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rizwana.kaderdina@yrdsb.ca)

# MEMO TO INVITE INDIGENOUS ADULTS AND FAMILIES FOR VACCINATION

Friday, March 19, 2021

Dear Indigenous Peoples of York Region,

York Region Public Health invites all Indigenous adults and families who are residents of York Region to receive COVID-19 vaccination.

Indigenous residents (18 years of age and older) are identified as a first priority group for COVID-19 vaccines. First Nations, Métis and Inuit adults living in York Region (on or off-reserve) are eligible to book an appointment for vaccination at [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine)

Indigenous residents (18 years of age and older) can book an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine at any one of the four community clinics operated by York Region Public Health:

- Town of Georgina – Georgina Ice Palace
- City of Richmond Hill – Richmond Green Sports Centre
- City of Vaughan – Maple Community Centre
- City of Markham – Aaniin Community Centre – *opening Tuesday, March 23, 2021*

York Region Public Health will also be opening a community vaccination clinic specifically for Indigenous residents and their household members:

- Dates: Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30
- Clinic Locations: [Georgina Ice Palace](#) and [Richmond Green Sports Centre](#)
- Time: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A community-led initiative, York Region Public Health is collaborating with our Indigenous partners designed to provide a clinic that is timely, accurate, trauma-informed and includes culturally sensitive support. Staff at the clinic have received Indigenous cultural competency training to help provide a safe space and create a welcoming environment.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you identify as Indigenous, please provide identification when arriving for your appointment. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Status Card
- Band Membership Card
- Metis Citizen Card
- Land Beneficiary Card
- If you do not have these pieces of documentation, you can get supporting documentation from an Indigenous organization you are affiliated with OR self-identify at the time of booking/arriving at the clinic

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TTY 1-866-512-6228  
[york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine)



Local Indigenous service organizations (e.g., Native Friendship Centre) can support with identification documentation that will be accepted at the vaccine clinic. Indigenous residents should contact their support organization. See below for contact information:

- Enachtig Healing Lodge and Learning Centre: 705-534-3724
- Orillia Native Women's Group: 705-329-7755
- Georgian Bay Métis Council: 705-526-6335
- Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle: 705-326-3900
- Georgian Bay Native Women's Association: 705-527-7043
- Barrie Native Friendship Centre: 705-721-7689
- Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre: 705-526-5589
- Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin Primary Care Team Barrie: 705-721-9554
- Mamaway Wiidokdaadwin Orillia Clinic: 705-259-9520
- S.U.N Housing: 705-737-3532

Self-identification is also acceptable if you are unable to obtain documentation from a support organization.

Non-Indigenous household members (18 years of age and older) of the Indigenous person are also eligible to receive the vaccine. This is to make sure everyone living in the same home is protected.

## TO ACCESS THE COVID-19 VACCINE

- Visit [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine) and select any of the following clinic locations to book an appointment:
  - Town of Georgina – Georgina Ice Palace
  - City of Richmond Hill – Richmond Green Sports Centre
  - City of Vaughan – Maple Community Centre
  - City of Markham – Aaniin Community Centre – opening soon
- **New appointments and clinic locations are being added as vaccine supply becomes available in York Region; we encourage you to check back often**
- Each eligible individual is required to book their own COVID-19 vaccination appointment online; telephone support is available and is listed under the applicable clinic
- Vaccines are available by appointment only; do not visit a clinic site without a scheduled appointment, or if you do not meet the current eligibility, as you will be turned away
- Please bring the following items to your vaccination appointment:
  - Your Ontario Health Card (OHIP) if you have one
  - Photo identification
  - Identification of Indigenous status, if available, as listed above
  - Proof of address in York Region
- Public Health takes vaccine prioritization seriously; providing false information may result in cancellation of your appointment

## REMINDER

Continue to follow public health measures, including use of appropriate PPE (e.g., masks) and physical distancing, after you receive your vaccine.

## RESOURCES

Please find attached to this message additional information for Indigenous families from the Simcoe-Muskoka-York Indigenous Health Circle.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine program visit [york.ca/COVID19](http://york.ca/COVID19) and/or the following:

- York Region Public Health resources:
  - [COVID-19 Vaccinations in York Region](#)
  - [COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics](#)
  - [Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
  - [COVID-19 Vaccines – What you need to know](#)
  - [Vaccination Prioritization for Health Care Workers](#)
- Province of Ontario resources:
  - [COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario](#)
- Government of Canada resources:
  - [Vaccines for COVID-19: Authorized vaccines](#)

Thank you for your support and participation.

Sincerely,

**York Region Public Health**



# Indigenous COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics



## Simcoe Muskoka, York, & Durham Regions

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit community members can choose to get their vaccines at immunization clinics run by their local public health unit or at Indigenous community clinics when available.

To book through your public health unit, check their website:

**Simcoe Muskoka:** [www.smdhu.org](http://www.smdhu.org)

**York Region:** [bit.ly/IndigenousYR](http://bit.ly/IndigenousYR)

**Durham Region:** [www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment](http://www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment)

### Simcoe Muskoka Region COVID-19 Vaccines

**Barrie and Area: March 30 2021**

Holly Recreation Centre

Booking: [bit.ly/BarrieBookings](http://bit.ly/BarrieBookings)

You can also book an appointment for a different day and location at [www.smdhu.org](http://www.smdhu.org)

If you need help booking online, call a Vaccine Coordinator Monday to Friday at:

705-818-0575 (9-5pm)

705-790-9863 (11-6pm)

705-790-9986 (11-6pm Tu-Sa)

### York Region COVID-19 Vaccines

**March 29 2021 and March 30 2021**

Town of Georgina – Georgina Ice Palace

City of Richmond Hill – Richmond Green Sports Centre

Booking: [bit.ly/IndigenousYR](http://bit.ly/IndigenousYR)

You can also book an appointment for a different day and location at [bit.ly/IndigenousYR](http://bit.ly/IndigenousYR)

### Durham Region COVID-19 Vaccines

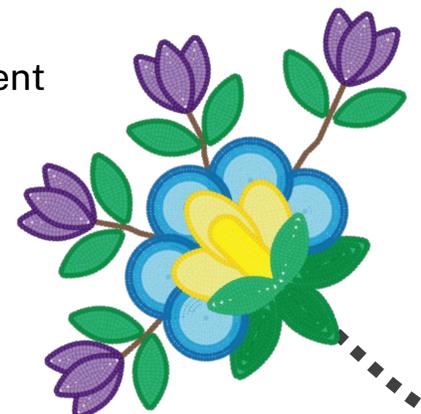
**Book an appointment online**

All Indigenous can book an online appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by visiting

[www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment](http://www.durham.ca/vaccineappointment)

or use the Call Centre Booking Line at

1-888-444-5113



Check with your local public health unit about the requirements to book a vaccine appointment in your region.

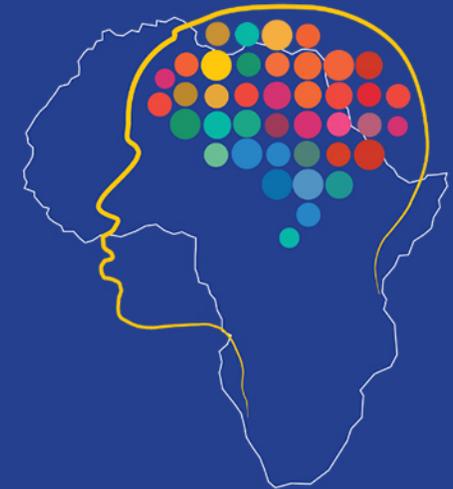
Stay in your region to receive the vaccine. Limit the spread of coronavirus by limiting travel between regions.



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**BLACK YOUTH  
LEGACY  
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**REGISTER TODAY:** [www.macca1987.com](http://www.macca1987.com)

**JOIN US ON  
APRIL 17, 2021  
AT 11:00AM**  
(Conference targeting  
ages 14-24 yrs)

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# Generational Wealth

The Design Your Future Black Youth Legacy Conference is taking place on **Saturday, April 17th, 2021**. The panel guests and contributors will consist of community leaders and influencers who will share their pathways to success. This year our central theme is the multiple dimensions of Generational Wealth. This is not your average conference! The conference gives youth an opportunity to have a lasting impact on the communities which they call home. We believe that using the design thinking approach will put young people in a position to use their innate problem solving potential to create innovative ideas. Youth will explore the multiple dimensions of individual and community wealth.

Youth will spend time tackling real life challenges and strategizing solutions. These ideas will be collated into a comprehensive report and shared with the community. In May 2021, we will be launching our Design Your Future Summer Internship where youth will meet with politicians, decision makers and stakeholders to implement ideas cultivated at the conference. We are excited to have you join us for this venture!

Please indicate your interest by reaching out to our program manager, Dobijoki Emanuela at [kinnectyouth@macca1987.com](mailto:kinnectyouth@macca1987.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Claudette Rutherford**

President

Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association

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# Keynote Speaker

## ISAAC OLOWOLAFE

President & CEO of Dream Maker Corp

Mr. Olowolafe is an award-winning real estate entrepreneur, angel investor and philanthropist. His corporation, Dream Maker Inc., successfully operates multiple divisions including a real estate development, wealth management, private equity and insurance. The Development division celebrated the completion of the first major mixed-use development (condos, townhomes, retail) called Dream Residences at Yorkdale, located directly across from Yorkdale Mall, and has more developments underway across the GTA. Through his love of sports, Dream Maker Developments became the jersey sponsor of Canada's Men and Women Senior National Basketball Team (2018-2020).

Mr. Olowolafe is the recipient of the Arbor Award from the University of Toronto, Toronto Board of Trade Award for Business, Harry Jerome Business Award, Enterprise Business Award by Planet Africa, Business Leadership Award by Leadership and Governance Canada Inc. and featured in City Mogul 2019 list.

Mr. Olowolafe also funded the launch of the 1st Black Tech Incubator out of Ryerson DMZ, and joined the board of DMZ. In 2019, Mr. Olowolafe launched Dream Maker Inc. Fellowship in Sickle Cell Disease at SickKids in partnership with Dream Legacy Foundation. And joined Board of Directors of SickKids Foundation in June 2020.

DreamMaker  
[www.DreamTO.ca](http://www.DreamTO.ca)



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## Host

### KARLENA WAUGH

Recipient of the Top 100 Black Women to Watch in Canada 2020 and Nominated for the Young Women in Business “Favourite Local Women Entrepreneur’s List”, Karlena is a millennial entrepreneur who is passionate about community building and collaboration. With a diverse background in residence life, student affairs and community building, Karlena utilizes these skills to effortlessly build rapport with clients, create a sense of community, and nurture strong business relationships. As an event producer, Karlena creates spaces for entrepreneurs, small business owners and women to showcase their businesses, learn from fellow entrepreneurs, and build relationships across industries. When Karlena isn’t producing and managing events, she is an influential member with a charity organization, Girls of Destiny, whose aim is to provide mentorship and personal development to teenage girls within the community.





## TROY CROSSFIELD

President & Chief Executive Officer  
of Crossfield House Productions

Troy Crossfield is the founder of award winning collective Crossfield House Productions (CHP), a production group that brings to the world the stories of Black Canadians through the art of theatre and film. CHP started in 2016, and since then has had over 9 sold out shows performed in front of thousands of audience members. 2020 will continue to see the growth of CHP with its upcoming feature length film, *A Little White Lie*, a new theatrical piece called *Ninety Four*, both written and produced by Troy (and his writing partners Sheronna Osbourne, and Tazia Harris) and the final play in the "Lies" trilogy – *The Last Lie*.

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## QUEEN KUKOYI

International Artist (Artist/Activist)

Queen Kukoyi (pronouns: She/Her/They/Them), is an award winning Black, queer mother, scholar, author and recent international artist with 20 years experience as an art educator, artist, and mental health advocate. She possesses 10+ years doing youth advocacy and justice work mentoring and assist Black youth in priority neighbourhoods in the GTA, specifically in Scarborough and the downtown core. Queen uses visual arts, mindfulness and story telling to facilitate discourse that decolonizes the Black identity and affirms all intersections of Blackness.

All Social Media: @QueenKukoyi  
[www.QueenKukoyi.com](http://www.QueenKukoyi.com)





## COURTNEY M. CHARLES

Vice-President of Basketball &  
Franchise Operations for MLSE

Courtney Charles is the Vice President, Basketball & Franchise Operations. He oversees business operations, basketball affairs and long-term strategic planning for the NBA G League affiliate of the Toronto Raptors.

A Toronto native, Charles brings over 15 years of NBA experience to his role. He began his career in the Raptors front office in 2006, starting as an intern, and has held a variety of roles that helped him build a strong reputation for understanding the needs of the team. For the past five seasons Charles has served as Director, Basketball Operations and Player Development focusing on player on-boarding, financial planning, team marketing, community initiatives and sponsorships.

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## HANNAH FLORES

Hannah Flores is a grade 12 honours student at Markham District High School. She recently turned 18 years old, and is already an award-winning spoken word artist, filmmaker and podcast host. In March of 2021, she received a Canadian Viola Desmond Award to recognize her dedication to the arts community, youth advocacy and social justice. Hannah is planning for a career in medicine and global health policy, while continuing her activism through the arts.

**PERFORMER**

## BORELSON

Borelson is a multi-disciplinary artist based in Toronto. His particular music is mostly hip-hop/spoken words infused, mixed with other music influences (afrofusion/afrobeats, jazz, classical music, etc.). After a mixtape (2014) and an EP (2016), Borelson has released his debut album in May 2020 titled 'As Far As Eye Can See', to show the continuous expansion of his universe and vision while giving hope and empowering people. He also directed a docuseries featuring the success stories of immigrants and first-generation Canadians, titled 'This FAR'. Borelson has performed at venues and events such as SXSW, Afrochic Ghana (Year Of Return), Afrofest Toronto, Toronto Biennale, Nuit Blanche Scarborough, Tdot Fest, and so on.





# CONFERENCE GOALS

1. Allow for youth to use an equity lens to develop innovative human centred solutions through team building and collaboration
2. Develop leadership skills and encourage civic engagement
3. Provide youth with an opportunity to be change-makers and influencers

# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Attracting students from the GTA, London, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax
- Opportunity to engage with community organizations and thought leaders
- Guest Panel Discussion
- Prizes and giveaways

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# AGENDA

TIME	SCHEDULE ITEM
10:30AM	Meet & Greet - Open Interactive Virtual platform
11:00AM	Welcome and Introductions and Opening Remarks
11:30AM	Keynote Address: Issac Olowolafe
11:45AM	Break Out Sessions: IDEA LAB
12:30PM	Panel Discussion: GENERATIONAL WEALTH: Dimensions & Intentions
1:30PM	Presentation of Prizes
2:00PM	Networking
2:00PM 3:30PM	Virtual Community Village Fair and Market Place

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