

PopUP Summaries: Celebrating the Commons

Anti-Violence Youth Initiative/St. Stephens Community House

The Anti-Violence Youth Initiative is a group of youth who are dedicated to ending the cycle of violence, crime, and gangs within their respective communities. Working to connect with marginalized young people, this project is an opportunity to take youth outside their familiar surroundings and enable them to access parts of Toronto that they have never experienced, including the Ripley's Aquarium.

Bengali Information and Employment Services (BIES) Placemaking Project

The Bengali Information and Employment Services Placemaking Project will develop an art installation for the Crescent Town Community to promote inclusion and ownership for local youth. The mural will be designed by local youth over 1 week of activities followed by a celebration after the completion of the art.

Blackwater Arts Collective Mural Project (haven't received final agreement)

Blackwater Arts Collective Mural Project aims to revitalize the downtown environment and encourage youth to take advantage of the space and resources offered to them in the neighbourhood. The project will support youth to practice with spray-paint to produce a large space mural on a donated wall in the community.

Blossom Abundant Vision Sports Foundation (Haven't received signed agreement)

Blossom Abundant Vision Sports Foundation aims to teach boy and girls 6-16 in the Jamestown community about teamwork, unity, self-control, patience and hard work through sports and afterschool program. This project creates opportunities for youth to access spaces they wouldn't be able to otherwise.

CanTYD's Community Unity Games

CanTYD's Community Unity Games is a one-day event where youth will be able to explore various community organizations and services in the Scarborough area with the aim that youth understand the resources available to them. The event will acquaint youth with organizations and institutions such as the local community gardens, recreation centres, libraries and police stations.

Do Learn

DO Learn is a one-day neighbourhood event that provides a friendly, fun learning environment where youth can learn new skills from their local community members and become involved and engaged with the neighbourhood's economic, social and cultural life. The event will take place on Manning Avenue between Dundas West and 192 Manning Avenue.

Enables Me

Enables Me aims to give 14 families with children with disabilities, a 3-year membership to the Easter Seals Canada Access 2 entertainment card and a chance to have fun and learn about accessibility at Toronto Zoo.

Feminist Canada

Feminist Canada is a grassroots organization which aims to celebrate, and support intersectional feminist advocacy through providing free or low-cost digital media management and events assistance to women-lead/focused initiatives. The event will be focused on the histories and experiences of racialized, immigrant, and otherwise prioritized young women, and identifying barriers and solutions for their civic engagement. The event will be held in partnership with the Toronto Youth Cabinet, who will help with the programming and logistics, as well as awareness raising.

Gap-Gen

Gap-Gen is a community organization in Richmond Hill that's taking 10 youth participants on a group excursion to Vango Toronto Fencing Centre, where they will get a chance to try a new sport at an equal skill level as one another.

Hong Fook Youth Drop-In (Final signed and scanned agreement did not include description)

The Hong Fook Mental Health Association will host a major field trip to expose youth experiencing mental health challenges to community events and new public spaces in order to improve the diversity of their learning and facilitate their discovery of new interests, hobbies or skill.

I AM Feminist Art/Sexual Assault Centre London (haven't received signed agreement)

Girls Creating Change is holding an 'I Am Feminist Art' workshop for young women to take up space with their beauty, by hosting an event that enables young women to take up physical and visual space in a local art studio in London. Through this workshop, two main points are being highlighted: the objectification of women's bodies and the underrepresentation of diverse body types, particularly of larger women. During the workshop, approximately 20 girls will be photographed at the gallery individually so that they can take up visual space and take home their own photographs.

Indigenous Arts Showcase (haven't received final agreement)

The Indigenous Arts Showcase is a safe inviting space for indigenous youth to reclaim their voice through art and poetry. The event aims to organize several arts projects that focus on a specific discipline that indigenous youth excel in such as song dance, visual art and poetry. The event will allow youth to showcase their talent and create professional network connections.

L.I.G.H.T. (haven't received signed agreement)

The Change Starts Today Leadership Conference is a social justice conference that will be held over the course of one day at a venue in York Region. The conference will raise awareness and empower high school students on different issues such as: racism, feminism, LGBTQ2S+ mental health, disabilities, environmental issues, and homelessness. The main goal of the conference is to help delegate create a personal action plan on the issue areas identified above.

North BurLINKton/3 Things for Burlington Community Development Halton

3 Things for Burlington is a youth-led group that is working to empower other youth to become positive leaders in their community, to bring about positive change and to connect all citizens of Burlington. They are hosting an all-ages neighbourhood walk and community celebration that connects young people to youth friendly spaces in Burlington.

Out at the CNE/Egale Canada Human Rights Trust

Youth OUTreach (EYO) provides peer-led support services to LGBTQI2S youth who are at-risk, home lessor in crisis. Many of the youth who utilize EYO do not have the resources to meet their basic living needs let alone participate in the recreational events and aspects Toronto has to offer. These projects will take 15 at-risk lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer/questioning, intersex, Two Spirit (LGBTQI2S) youth to the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in August.

Out at the Island/Egale Canada Human Rights Trust

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OUT 'N' ABOUT (haven't received signed agreement)

OUT 'N' ABOUT will host a fun competition where participants produce cupcakes with the most artistic icing designs. The event will host LGBTTIQQ2SA youth from the norther portion of York Region who tend to feel excluded from activities and spaces due to their sexuality or gender identity and lack peer support and venues when they can safely socialize together.

Outside the Box

Outside the Box is a group of girls 13-18 years old in Flemington Park and Thorncliffe Park, that come together and learn about leadership, health, issues affecting women and around the community. The group aims to promote inclusion, access and equity by getting participants to learn about different spaces in downtown Toronto that are outside of their community.

PIECE OF MINE Festival (haven't received signed agreement)

Established in 2013, PIECE OF MINE runs an annual festival that platforms work in development by emerging to senior level play creators. The collective has since expanded to provide a youth program, Living Black Genius, that highlights and connects students to a variety of prominent Black Canadians. A group of youth from Toronto will travel to Stratford Ontario to watch a theatre production starring a diverse cast for the first time in the festivals history.

Save our Somali Youth

Ball 4 Keeps is a 3-day tournament #SaveOurSomaliYouth is planning where the group will purchase a permit from the Toronto District School Board to organize the event in a school gymnasium. In response to losing a youth in the Somali community to gun violence the group is organizing this safe space to gather and learn valuable life skills and build a stronger sense of community.

sitTO

#sitTO is a group of urban enthusiasts who engage in public space interventions across the City of Toronto. They have conducted public space interventions that promote more places to sit within the City. The group has identified that there is low public use of the green roof at Toronto City Hall and will be addressing barriers of access to shade, seating, signage and art to encourage public engagement.

Springtide Resources

The Springtide Resources Youth Team is hosting an "All Bodies Wildspaces Excursion" for queer and trans youth to have freedom to enjoy summer without the fear of being ostracized or experiencing violence. This project will take 10 youth to Kelso Conservation Area in Halton to hike, swim, access nature and explore wildspaces in an environment that creates safe space for trans, queer and gender non-conforming young people.

Summer In The City (haven't received signed agreement)

Summer In The City is an event that takes youth from Parkdale to various parks, communities and youth events across the city. The event also aims to build relationships with diverse youth from across the city by planting a small Youth Peace Garden at Cowan Park to make sure youth know they are always welcome.

Surprise the World/Life Change Adventures

Life Change Adventures is hosting a trip to Toronto's Centre Island for their volunteer camp leaders as a reward for their hard work during the summer. The trip promotes unity among the camp leaders and provides them an opportunity to explore new public spaces.

Surveillance of the Body: A Public Drawing Class For Body Conscience LGBTTIQQ2SA Youth

Surveillance of the Body: A Public Drawing Class For Body Conscience LGBTTIQQ2SA Youth is a public drawing class happening outside at Toronto's Hanlan's Point. The goal of this project is to combat stigma about negative perceptions of body image by inviting young people 18-29 to question and be critical of their perception of their own body image and others. This project is an inter-sectional investigation between mental health, body image, physical health and identity, specifically targeting LGBTTIQQ2SA young people who want to challenge preconceived ideas of identity through public drawing.

Tattoo Stories (haven't received signed agreement)

Tattoo Stories is a project that offers an outlet for young marginalized people to express themselves in a non-invasive and creative way. The project is an opportunity for youth to be part of a professional photoshoot and interview highlighting young people and their tattoos.

Trinity Theatre

Leadership for Life is organizing a wilderness stewardship project for newcomer Canadian youth who have limited access to and experience of wilderness parks and the natural environment beyond Toronto's green spaces. Through a camping trip to MacGregor Point Provincial Park, young people explore the natural beauty of rural and wilderness Ontario.

Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre (haven't received signed agreement)

This project reaches recently immigrated and multi-cultural diverse youth in the community of Welland and exposes youth to the arts through community/public events they have not yet experienced. It supports a full day field trip to the Shaw Festival, complete with behind the scenes tours and performances.

You Are What You Eat (Description was not included in scanned and signed agreement)

You Are What You Eat aims to engage low income and underserved communities in eating healthy, organic and fresh farm-picked foods. Youth and residents from the Willowdale community will be traveling to 3 farms in Ontario to pick vegetables, herbs and fruit to share with the community at a potluck held at the end of September.

YouthSpeak Performance Charity

The Big BAM Challenge, organized by YouthSpeak Performance Charity, is an event in Aurora for youth facing bullying, mental health and addiction challenges that connects them to peers and safe space through recreational activities, sports activities and networking. Youth and families will be provided with opportunities to try a range of challenges and obstacles courses of varying skill level and interest, as well as Zumba, Yoga, Pound classes, beach volleyball, bike course, baseball tournament and more.