

Marginalized Youth and Contemporary Educational Contexts

Save the Date:

May 13th, 2009 ~

MaRS Discovery District, Toronto, Ontario

*Sponsored by the Community Health Systems Resource Group,
Hospital for Sick Children ~ Collaborative Research Symposium Series*

Symposium goals:

- What are the main dilemmas facing marginalized youth and schools?
- What do we know about young people in their emerging global contexts and how have we come to know it? (our theories, disciplines, evidence and methods)
- What do we know about youth in contemporary education and how have we come to know what we know about (our theories, disciplines, evidence and methods)
- Where do the intersections of youth culture and education occur?
- What is still to be known? How shall we come to know it?
- How has story telling and narrative allowed deeper understanding of these issues?

Marginalized Youth and Contemporary Educational Contexts is part of a series of events focusing on collaborative community research as a systemic approach to changing front-line practice hosted by the Community Health Systems Resource Group (CHSRG) at The Hospital for Sick Children. This will be an interactive and dialogue-based public symposium. The three main key note discussions will include experts in marginalized youth culture, education as it relates to the lives of young people, and researchers/practitioners who work with and for young people in narrative and art-informed ways.

Key Note Panel and Discussions will include leading experts from Canada and United Kingdom including:

Dr. Andy Furlong - Sociologist of Youth Cultures, University of Glasgow

Dr. Bruce Ferguson - Director, CHSRG, Sick Kids and University of Toronto

Ms Penny Milton - Canadian Education Association

Dr. George Dei – OISE/ University of Toronto

Dr. Michael Chandler -University of British Columbia, Distinguished CIHR & MSFHR Investigator

Dr. Molly Andrews - Centre for Narrative Research, UK

Dr. Katherine Boydell - Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto

Dr. Ardra Cole - Centre for Arts-informed Research and University of Toronto

Dr. Joanna Anneke Rummens – Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto

Dr. Jean Mitchell – University of Prince Edward Island

The symposium will be hosted by Dr. Kate Tilleczek, Canada Research Chair in Child and Youth Cultures and Transitions at the University of Prince Edward Island and Research Scientist with the Community Health Systems Resource Group at The Hospital for Sick Children.

Youth Narratives

Young people will be invited to submit narratives (poetic, story, visual) to be presented at the conference. These narratives will be selected for publication and performed at the conference. Young people will also be invited to participate in a story telling workshop.

Who should participate?

The discussions will be of relevance to researchers, educators, practitioners in public health and mental health, youth workers, policy makers, administrators, and graduate student trainees. The presentations will enable information sharing and discussions around the experience of marginalized youth in education. The conference will incorporate the lives of youth through their stories and experiences through photographic and oral narratives.

Call for Posters:

We will be accepting abstracts for graduate student poster presentations. Abstracts will be selected according to scientific merit and relevance to the symposium. Selected students will also be invited to contribute their findings to an edited book.

- Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words and include: title, objectives, brief description of methods, principal results (if applicable) and conclusion (if applicable).
- Accepted abstracts will be allocated poster space at the symposium. Students are expected to present their posters during the lunch hour.
- Deadline for abstracts is: **March 1st, 2009**
- Please note, poster presenters will be required to register for the meeting at the student rate
- Please submit posters to Sarah Bovaird at: sarah.bovaird@sickkids.ca

***For more information and registration, visit:
www.chsrgevents.ca***