

2023 Communities Ending Poverty National Gathering - Summit for Strength

*Empowering Youth Leaders in
Community Changemaking*



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin this webinar by acknowledging that we are meeting on Indigenous land.

As settlers, we are grateful for the opportunity to meet and we thank all the generations of Indigenous peoples who have taken care of this land.



COMMUNITIES BUILDING
Youth Futures
OXFORD COUNTY

CBYF Oxford County

A Youth-Led Collective Impact Initiative

Oxford County

- ▶ Ontario, Canada
- ▶ Two-Tier municipal government system
 - ▶ 8 municipalities
- ▶ Total population: 121,781
 - ▶ 64% of population lives within Woodstock, Ingersoll, and Tillsonburg



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Engaging Local Youth

YOUTH COUNCIL

- 20 local youth
- Either live or work in Oxford County
- Diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives
- Current membership from 6 of 8 municipalities
- Select priority areas and guide creation and implementation of CBYF efforts

LEADERSHIP TABLE

- Representatives from 15 local youth-serving organizations
- 4 representatives from the Youth Council
- Organizations from multiple sectors
- Support the implementation of Youth Council-identified priority areas, projects, etc. through sharing of resources
- Provide guidance around legislative and liability considerations



Challenges & Addressing Them

1. Barriers to youth participation

- ▶ Address barriers on an individual basis - transportation, internet, food, access to technology, etc.
- ▶ Environment and meeting formats - make it safe, make it fun
- ▶ Boredom - meeting with volunteers and interns regularly to discuss learning and growth goals

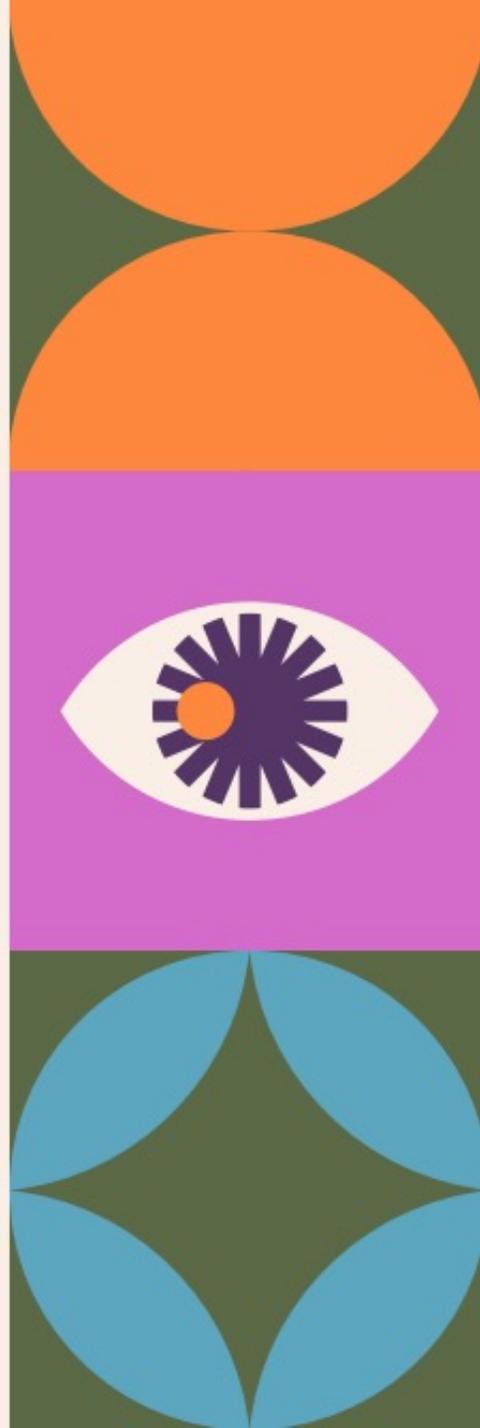
1. Addressing conscious and subconscious biases between youth and adults

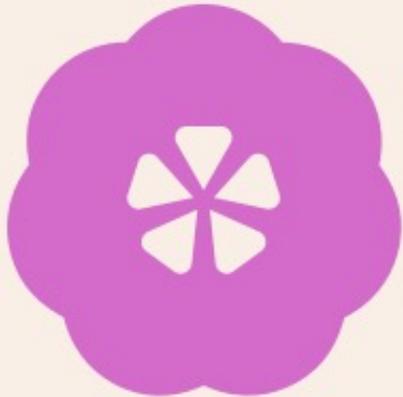
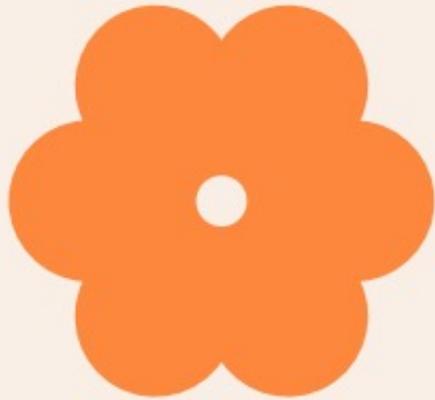
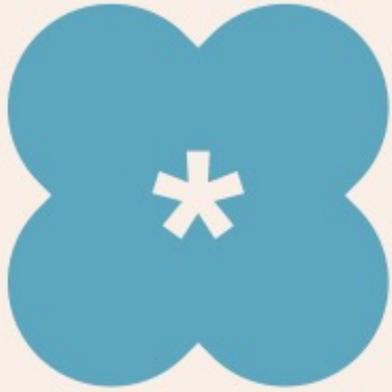
- ▶ Training - Youth-Adult Partnerships Training, youth engagement resources, etc.
- ▶ Developmental evaluation - incorporating questions around how we are doing related to collaboration
- ▶ Open discussion - normalizing challenging each other and doing reflective practices
- ▶ Practices - giving experiences that challenge their own mental schemas about the other groups



Greater Than County Youth Collective

EMPOWERING YOUTH TO LEAD AND CREATE CHANGE





The County

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY ♦ ONTARIO



Population: 25,704

Under 30: 3,940

Over 55: 23,090

Work We Are Doing



2021

- Created Leadership Table
- Formed Connections with Local Youth
- Established Backbone Team

2022

- Launched our Youth Truth Series
- Pride In The Park
- Bursary For Graduating Students

2023

- Established Steering Committee
- Shifted Processes to Create Youth Led Events
- Engaging Youth In All Capacities

Barriers We Face In Prince Edward County



- Transportation
- Housing
- Accessible Education
- Food
- Engaging Youth in Meetings



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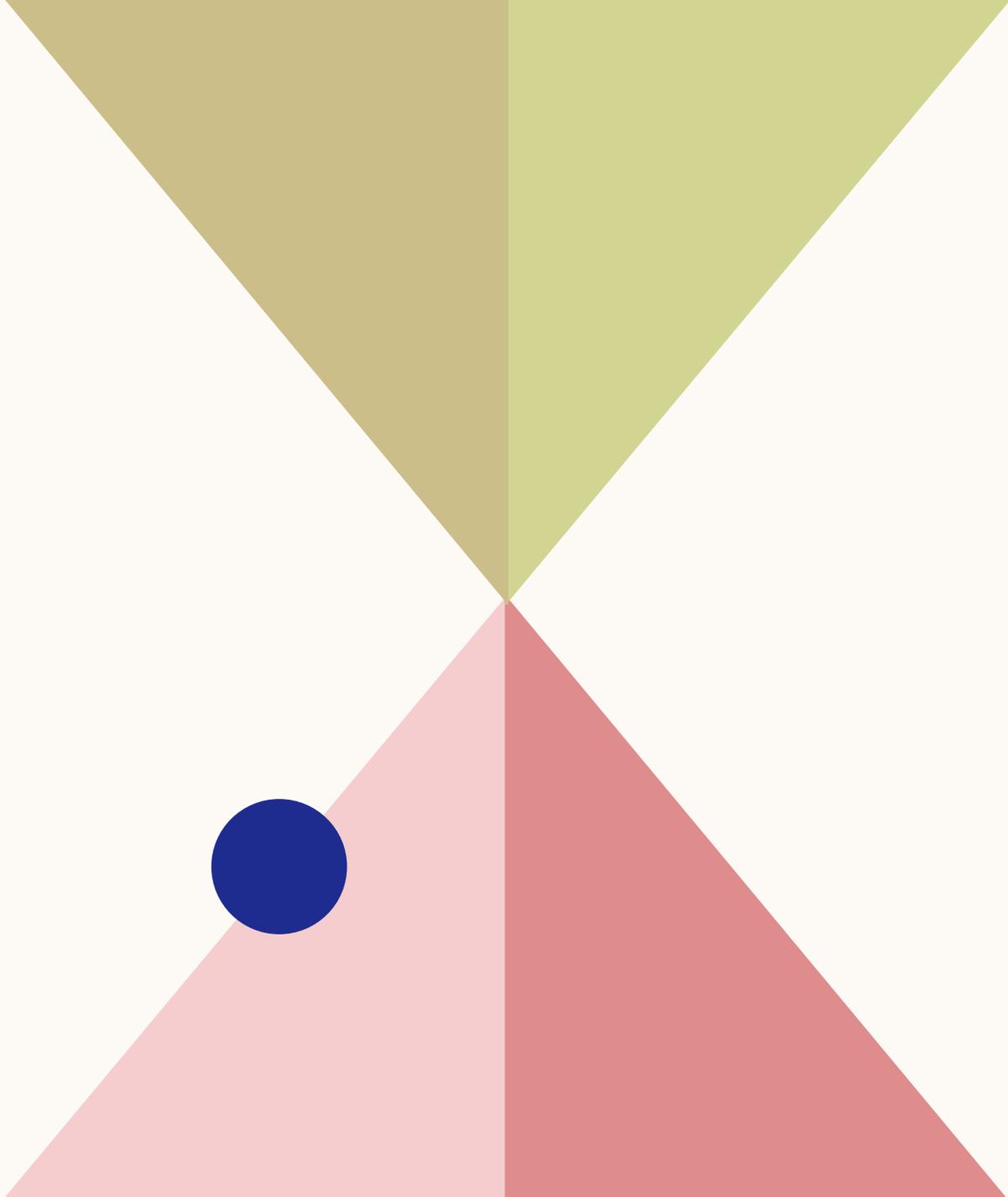


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- 13 MEMBERS ON OUR LEADERSHIP TABLE THEY ALL BRING SO MANY AMAZING GIFTS OUR INITIATIVE, CBYF REGINA WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE AMAZING YOUTH VOICES THAT HAVE BROUGHT THE WORK TO LIFE WITHIN THE LAST YEAR.



THE BARRIERS THAT WE HIGHLIGHTED WITHIN YOUTH AGED 15-25 IN REGINA

- Adult Readiness and feeling
unprepared.
- Access to supports and resources
through service navigation
- Cultural and Identity connection
and reclamation
- Expanding Skill Training for
their career path

IN LATE DECEMBER, LEADERSHIP WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY HAD ASSISTED US WITH CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR AN EARLY INTERVENTION 6-WEEK PROGRAM TO HELP YOUTH FIND SERVICES WITHIN REGINA.



- EACH WORKSHOP INCLUDED VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR 25 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS.**
- YOUTH FROM 5 DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS WERE IN ATTENDANCE**
- YOUTH WERE SURVEYED AFTER EACH SESSION ON OF UNDERSTATEMENT OF TOPICS, AS WELL AS LIKELINESS OF FINDING THE SERVICES IN REGINA**
- ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE**
- GROWTH WITHIN THE GROUP**

DISCOVER YOUR PATH: A WORKSHOP SERIES FOR YOUTH

Communities Building Youth Futures Regina is pleased to present a series of six free workshops aimed at supporting young people aged 16-20 in discovering their paths. These workshops will cover topics such as employment, education, reconciliation, identity, financial literacy, and mental health. Workshops are 2 hours long with snacks provided. Deadline to register is Jan 25, 2023. Spaces are limited & will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A
\$20 HONORARIUM
FOR EACH HOUR OF THEIR ATTENDANCE.



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SOME OF THE ACTIVATES INCLUDED WERE GROUP BASED, WE ALSO HAD MANY DIVERSE YOUTH FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS COME AND SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND RELFECTIONS.

LEADERSHIP MEMBERS WERE INCLUDED BY FACILITATING WORKSHOPS AND CONNECTING US WITH GREAT ORGAINZATIONS

