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# Youth Inspire CommUNITY Day Impact Report

November 9, 2022



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# Youth Inspire Community Day Overview

## #Big Picture

On November 9, 2022, from 4:30pm-8:30pm, Dare To Be Youth Charity (DTBY) hosted the second annual Youth Inspire CommUNITY Day. This year's free event for high school students was hosted at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre, with a virtual participation option available for students who were unable to participate in person.

The event was built around the theme of UNITY, with the goal of facilitating intercultural dialogue, building community, and instilling in youth the importance of inclusion. Participants heard from inspiring keynote speakers, including 3x Olympian Miranda Ayim, engaged in a Q&A session with equity and inclusion experts, and were empowered to develop their own Equity Action Plans to take back to their schools and communities. A post event virtual discussion was lead by Halton Black Voices following the event to continue the conversation.



# Our Hosts, Community Youth Council and Youth Guests



# Event Speakers

#Inspiring

We were thrilled to have an amazing and inspiring lineup of speakers for the event.



## Tia Kennedy - Pre-Event Speaker

Tia Kennedy is an experienced speaker, consultant, and coach. She carries both Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Teachings from Oneida Nation of the Thames and Walpole Island First Nation. She has experience in various leadership roles in anti-racism, the not-for-profit sector, sales, municipal and federal government, and cultural education.



## Waabs Altiman

Waabs Altiman is an advocate for decolonization and indigenization, a community leader, and a member of her community's Youth Council, where she aims to engage youth in cultural and social programming. Waabs is a talented public speaker whose passion for social justice and equity is fierce.



## Leena Sharma Seth

Leena Sharma Seth is a racialized settler ally, a daughter of Punjabi, East Indian immigrants, and Founder of Mending the Chasm. She is an experienced facilitator, coach, trainer, and speaker, with over twenty years of experience in various leadership roles in non-profit, consulting, education, philanthropy and supplier diversity spaces.



## Kale Black

Kale Black is a lead facilitator at Mending the Chasm and an award-winning Environmentalist and Community Organizer. Kale is passionate about building community and brings over a decade of experience working as a Youth Network Facilitator within the eco-conscious movement.



## Miranda Ayim

Miranda Ayim is a three-time Canadian Olympian and founder of Cultivate Co., a social enterprise that champions an intentional & integrative approach to wellness and performance. Miranda retired from professional basketball in 2021 and had the honour of ending her career as Opening Ceremonies co-flag bearer for Team Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.



## Mustafa Dossajee

Mustafa Dossajee is a Community Leader, accomplished businessman, and Partner at SB Partners, a leading full-service accounting firm in Southern Ontario with a culture for giving back to the community. Through SB Partners' charitable efforts, Mustafa has supported many community organizations across Southern Ontario.

# Presenting Sponsor Speakers - RBC



## Hyelnaya Wuranti

Hyelnaya Wuranti is a Digital Banking Advisor at RBC with a passion for personal finance, credits, and investments, and financial literacy in youths. She enjoys working with students on professional and personal development, sponsorships / scholarships, and collaboration with different communities of interest.



## Jeff Bradley

Royal Bank of Canada, Regional Vice President, Halton. Jeff leads RBC's retail banking teams across Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills who are dedicated to living RBC's purpose of helping clients thrive and communities prosper.

# Event Performers

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## Amber Kakiishway

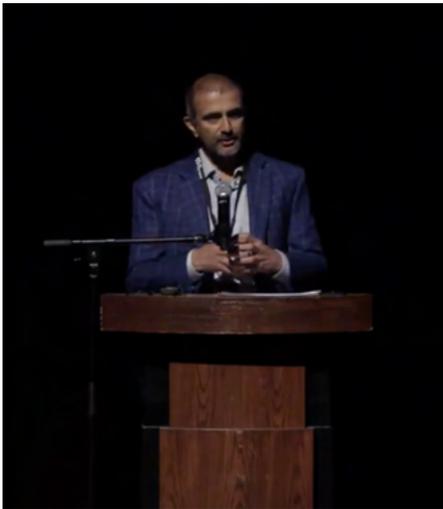
Amber Jane is a local Urban Indigenous performing artist in Burlington Ontario. She is a 60s scoop survivor. Her art and message surround amplifying and spreading awareness of the social challenges that First Nations people face. Her most recent art installations include, "RedDress", a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's awareness initiative and "Hope for Healing" a giant strawberry with children's shoes representing the 215 Kamloops children. Amber is a professional singer and music teacher. She holds the honour as a drummer and Jingle Dress dancer.



## Sage Harris

Sage is an up-and-coming Canadian musical artist. Sage's broad vocal range, unique writing style, and love for dancing makes him a triple threat! He has performed at the Harry Jerome Awards for the Mayor of Toronto and Prime Minister of Canada, in addition to selling out his first headlining concert with Red Bull Canada and ICON Events, followed by a performance at the collision tech conference on behalf of BMO Canada and so much more.

# Event Speakers & Performers



# Stats At A Glance

#ByTheNumbers

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**411**

Students in attendance

**38**

Number of high schools represented at the event

**30+**

Number of community organizations partnered with

**12**

Number of partners at community resource fair

**18**

Number of event sponsors

**595**

Total volunteer hours received by high school students

**10**

Youth Facilitators for event

# What Participants Are Saying

#YouthVoices

Following the event, youth were asked to provide feedback on their experience, and also completed a post-event survey measuring the outcomes of the event, with the exact same questions as a pre-event survey that they had filled before the event.

For the pre-post survey, youth were asked to respond to the following statements on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being strongly disagree, and 5 being strongly agree. The average scores reported by the youth changed from pre- to post- survey as follows:

| Question   | Pre-Survey Average | Post-Survey Average | Change |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|--------|
| I have a strong understanding of the concept of resilience.  | 3.7                | 4.4                 | +19%   |
| I believe community is an essential part of one's overall wellness.                                      | 4.4                | 4.6                 | +4.5%  |
| I feel inspired be the best person I can be.   | 4.3                | 4.6                 | +6.7%  |
| I feel connected to my community.  | 3.4                | 4.1                 | +21%   |
| I have a strong desire to be involved with my community.   | 4                  | 4.4                 | +10%   |
| I have a strong understanding of what it means to be an ally.  | 4.1                | 4.4                 | +7.3%  |
| I have a strong understanding of the steps I can take to build a more inclusive and equitable community. | 3.7                | 4.3                 | +16%   |
| I believe that there is more I can do to build an equitable and inclusive community.                     | 4.3                | 4.4                 | +2.3%  |



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| Question   | Pre-Survey Average | Post-Survey Average | Change |
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| I have a strong understanding of the issues of systematic racism that exist in my community. | 4.1                | 4.4                 | +7.3%  |
| I feel confident in my ability to engage in meaningful conversations around race and racism. | 4                  | 4.3                 | +7.5%  |



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"It was a wonderful experience participating in the event! I would undeniably recommend it to all youth, as inspiration from peers and successful individuals can hint at all the possibilities there are for you to absolutely excel in your own space."

"I LOVED Youth Inspire Community Day as it taught me so much about resilience and community, and how we can create a safe space within our own communities. I wish everybody could hear what the speakers had to say, because I learned a lot and the whole event was very insightful!"

"Youth Inspire Community Day showed me that I can make a difference in my school community by stepping up into leadership roles and listening to the needs of my community."

"I feel inspired for the first time in a long time. I am no longer stressing over my future and career path. I am slowly letting myself accept that this is something that is interchangeable and not set in stone. It really opened my eyes to concepts that I thought I understood already. Hearing these real life examples from these amazing incredible people who were able to do so much and hearing their stories were just, overall life-changing."

"The DTBY Youth Inspire Community Day event is one that helped me recognize that there are so many other like-minded individuals in our community who want to help create a more equitable environment for the future. The speakers were phenomenal and inspired us as audience members to take action."

"As the president of my schools student council, i feel passionately about making a difference in my school and the community surrounding; to try and help students get on the right path and bring forward important conversations that students are usually left out of. Being apart of Community day was a great and empowering experience for not only me but everyone who attended. being able to listen to the stories of important activity and motivational speakers hashelped me open my eyes to better ways i can be involved with my community and with the students as well. it was a night to remember!"

"It really inspires me to see just how many people truly care about our community and want to make positive change, and that really motivates me to make change."

"People often say that youth hold the key to create a better future. Youth Inspire Community Day has taught me that not only can we create a better future, young people also have the power to fight for a better present. Unified, we are stronger."

# Thank You!

A huge thank you to our community partners, donors, as well our selfless volunteers. It takes a community to create massive change. We couldn't do what we do without you!

