



YouthHACK 2017 - Youth and Community Collaboratively Creating Solutions

February 27th, 2017

London, ON – King's University College welcomes YouthREX for YouthHACK on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. This event brings together students, design thinkers, youth workers and youth sector community members to work collaboratively on issues affecting youth in the community. There will be five different challenges for groups to “hack” in the Southwestern Ontario region, including real issues from the Windsor Youth Centre (WYC), mindyourmind, Fusion Youth Centre, Twelve Canada and the Boys & Girls Club. The groups will have the day to work together to find viable solutions and one winner will be picked at the end of the day. The Executive Director of Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU), Steve Cordes will be the keynote speaker .

WHAT: YouthHACKS - Youth and Community Collaboratively Creating Solutions

WHEN: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 9:00am – 4:30pm

WHERE: Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, King's University College.

WHAT ELSE: Groups will be collaborating in various rooms around campus including the Spriet Learning Commons, King Centre rooms 218, 214a/b, 203, 204, 205, and Dante Lenardon Hall room 112.

Number of Attendees: 80

Names of 5 participating organizations: Windsor Youth Centre, mindyourmind, Boys & Girls Club, Fusion Youth Centre and Twelve Canada.

YouthREX is a province-wide initiative based at York University with five regional hubs across Ontario that promotes the integration of research evidence and evaluation in the development and delivery of Ontario's youth programs. “King's is proud to be the home for the South-Western Hub of YouthREX, with the School of Social Work taking a lead role. We are very excited about YouthHACK 2017, as it will bring together youth serving organizations, youth workers, students, and youth themselves to find creative solutions for the challenges facing our youth sector. For the School of Social Work, this project exemplifies the theme for Social Work Week this year, - ‘Social Workers: Real Expertise. Real Life. Real Impact,’” says Dr. Peter Donahue, Director of the School of Social Work and Academic Director for the YouthREX Southwest Hub.

King's is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954. King's provides general and honours degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally-autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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