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Beyond Gang Exit: Communities of practice, researchers and the case for a domestic peace dividend

Summer Institute for Peace in Civil Society Beyond Gang Exit: Communities of practice, researchers and the case for a domestic peace dividend

July 18 to 19, 2018
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Day 1 - July 18: Meeting and Workshop Schedule



8:15am - 8:50am	Reception <i>Gymnasium</i>	
8:50am - 9:00am	Opening Remarks: Dr. Tamari Kitossa <i>Gymnasium</i>	
9:00am - 9:55am	Keynote: "Gang": Trope, trap and youth agency Dr. Carl James. Professor, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora <i>Gymnasium</i>	
10:00am - 11:15am	Workshop 1: "Gang Exit and the Grace Foundation Philosophy" David Letele, Grace Foundation, New Zealand <i>Room 22</i>	Workshop 2: "The Challenge of finding and sustaining Peace in Liberia: Lessons from the Christian Women Peace Initiative" Vaiba Flomo Christian Women Peace Initiative, Monrovia, Liberia <i>Room 23</i>
11:20am - 12:30pm	Panel Discussion A: Education and youth gang exit: Challenges and prospects This session explores how to provide access to high school matriculation and reduce barriers into post-secondary education for Black, indigenous youth, poor and other youth. • Dr. Brenda Spotton Visano, Director, Transition Year Program (TYP) at York University • Dr. Wesley Crichlow, Fostering an Education Program, University of Ontario Institute of Technology University • L. A. Wade, Registrar, Transition Year Program at University of Toronto Moderator: Jean Ntakirutimana <i>Room 22</i>	Panel Discussion B: Demobilizing Inside-Out: Youth, gangs and carceral transition This session explores the challenges confronting gang demobilization in carceral settings and how to assist young people on probation and parole with alternatives to gangs. • Patrick Knight, principal (TDSB) • Habeeb Alli, chaplain • Juliane Martin, Chaplain at Bunton Lodge and W P. Archibald Centre Moderator: Mr. Louis March <i>Room 23</i>
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch <i>Cafeteria</i>	
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Workshop 3: "Investigating Community Engagement Alternatives to Gang Involvement" Babette Boyd, University of North Carolina, Wilmington <i>Room 22</i>	Workshop 4: "Youths and Gangs in El Salvador: Context, struggles and achievements" Pastor Juan Cabrera, Jehova es mi Pastor Church, Jayaque La Libertad, El Salvador <i>Room 23</i>
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Panel discussion C: The arts: Critical thinking, peace-building and gang exit The objective of the panel is to explore the importance of the arts for critical thinking through expressiveness and the breaking down barriers between people. • Curtis Bell • Roseanne Bailey • Arlene Roze Jardene Moderator: Dr. Maria Suescun Pozas <i>Room 22</i>	Panel discussion D: Trauma, Loss, Healing and Resilience: Communities and families The objective of the panel is to explore the ways that civil society groups can begin to intervene in breaking cycles of violence. • Zero Gun Violence Movement • Sheldon Holder • Dr. Annette Bailey Moderator: Dr. Erica Lawson <i>Room 23</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Plenary: David Letele, Babette Boyd, Vaiba Flomo, Pastor Juan Cabrera Chair: Dr. Tamari Kitossa <i>Gymnasium</i>	

Day 2 - July 19: Meeting and Workshop Schedule

8:15am - 8:50am	Reception <i>Gymnasium</i>	
8:50am - 9:00am	Opening Remarks Matthew Green, Ward 3 Councillor <i>Gymnasium</i>	
9:00am - 9:55am	Keynote: "Gang Registry and Black youth in Canada" Yafet Tewelde, Program Director, For Youth Initiative <i>Gymnasium</i>	
10:00am - 11:15am	Workshop 5: "Triumph Over Trauma: Perspectives after leaving gang-life, prison life and addiction" Jorgina Sunn, STR8 UP <i>Room 22</i>	Workshop 6: "The Other Side - supporting those walking away from gang involvement" Darren Mork <i>Room 23</i>
11:20am - 12:30pm	Panel Discussion E: Social entrepreneurialism and community economic justice: Connecting the dots This session explores strategies that will bring us along the path from gang exit and toward inclusiveness and economic justice as elements of a peace dividend along the model of Homeboy Industries. • Victor Beausoleil, Intuit Consulting • Lydia Forge • Knia Singh Moderator: Ms. Aisha Francis <i>Room 22</i>	Panel Discussion F: Youth serving organizations and gang exit This session explores the challenges and successes of youth-serving NGOs serving marginalized youth, especially those seeking to exit gangs. • Fatima Moussa, The Raft • Warren Clarke, Trails Youth Initiatives • Zya Brown Moderator: Dr. Anthony Hutchinson <i>Room 23</i>
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Lunch <i>Cafeteria</i>	
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Workshop 7: "Upstream Re-Engagement of Marginalized Youth vs. Downstream Crisis Management and Loss: Experiences from the Community Resilience Table of York Region" Scott Milne <i>Room 22</i>	Workshop 8: "Youth restorative justice practices: Conflict with the law, gang involvement and vulnerability to gang involvement" Phillip Chuck and Eliana Paredes <i>Room 23</i>
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Open Discussion: 'Where Do We Go From Here'? Policy, strategies, research and prospects for community-based truth and reconciliation Moderator: Dr. Tamari Kitossa <i>Gymnasium</i>	
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Plenary: Jorgina Sunn, Darren Mork, Scott Milne Chair: Adam Ellis <i>Gymnasium</i>	
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Closing Remarks: Dr. Tamari Kitossa <i>Gymnasium</i>	

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