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Tough Questions Café

Poverty in Peel: Is it Effectively Addressed for All?

Thursday January 26, 2017
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Promoting respect and equity within organizations and institutions for a respectful and harmonious community

Event Schedule

5:30 p.m.

Registration, Networking, Refreshments

6:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Varsha Naik, The Regional Diversity Roundtable

6:05pm

Today's Conversation

Adaoma Patterson, Region of Peel

6:10 p.m.

Dr. Uzo Anucha, York University

6:35 p.m.

Amarpreet Ahluwalia, Seva Food Bank

7:00 p.m.

Glen Harvey, Community Member

7:25 pm

BREAK

7:40 p.m.

Community Dialogue, Participant Perspectives

Adaoma Patterson

8:25 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Varsha Naik

Growing your Learning

Resources

Please find below a list of relevant resources to help you grow your learning around today's Tough Questions and resulting dialogue. The list is not exhaustive but rather a starting point to help you continue the conversations where you live, work, and play.

Please connect with the RDR Coordinator for soft copies of the following resources:

[City of Toronto](#)

[Municipal Poverty Reduction Strategies Best Practices](#)

[Greater Vancouver Food Bank](#)

[Social Innovation in Food Banks: An Environmental Scan of Social Innovation in Canadian and US Food Banks](#)

[Mowat Centre](#)

[What Works: Proven Approaches to Alleviating Poverty](#)

[Metcalf Foundation](#)

[The Working Poor in the Toronto Region: Mapping Working Poverty in Canada's Richest City](#)

[Stanford Social Innovation Review](#)

[What Have We Learned About Fighting Poverty](#)

[The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation](#)

[Cities Reducing Poverty](#)

[The Agenda, TVO](#)

[The high cost of food on First Nations reserves](#)

About the Speaker



Dr. Uzo Anucha
*Associate Director /
Professor
YouthREX & York
University*

Uzo Anucha is an Associate Professor at the School of Social Work, York University and the Provincial Academic Director for the Youth Research and Evaluation eXchange (YouthREX) – a provincial project based at York University with Regional Hubs in four universities across Ontario. She holds a PhD in Social Work from the University of Toronto and BSW and MSW from York University. Uzo's scholarship, teaching and professional activities focus on promoting equity and access for diverse communities within local, national and international contexts. Uzo conceptualizes her *applied* research scholarship as a community dialogue that must fully engage the community studied. She actively seeks to bridge the gap between knowledge production and knowledge use by translating and disseminating research findings to end users (policy-makers and practitioners) using multiple channels. From 2009 to 2014, Uzo was the Principal Investigator of the *Assets Coming Together for Youth Project* (ACT for Youth), a community-university research partnership funded through a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant that focused on youth in the Jane-Finch community. Uzo has served on a variety of community-based boards and is currently on the board of the Central Local Health Integration Network.

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About the Speaker



Amarpreet Ahluwalia
*Co-Founder
Seva Food Bank*

Amarpreet Ahluwalia is an Advanced Practice nurse, with a Master's degree in community nursing. Her professional experience is grounded in chronic disease management, and clinical instruction. She also volunteers her time in food security and civic engagement work. She is a co-founder of Seva Food Bank, and has served as vice chair for the board. Amarpreet has also been a board member for the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, and the South Asian Chapter for the Canadian Diabetes Association. She is a collaborator, leader and community builder who is passionate about improving the quality of life for vulnerable populations.

About the Speaker

Glen Harvey *Community Member*

Glen Harvey is a Peel community member, activist, spokesperson and a strong supporter of addressing poverty in the region.

Engaging

Why Engage and How?

Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives often spark hot debates, inspire thought-provoking questions and create possibilities for change. It is these aspects of DEI initiatives that the *Tough Questions Café* series captures. By creating a space for dialogue in the Peel community, we seek to challenge our perceptions and inform our understanding of the issues being discussed.

In the spirit of mutual respect and understanding we note that as participants:

- ✓ We are responsible for respectful interactions
- ✓ We value respectful listening:
 - Asking questions before expressing your opinion.
 - Providing safe space and time for others to speak without interruptions.
 - Suspending judgment.
 - Taking pause between people's stories and offerings.
- ✓ We value speaking from our own experience, telling our own stories, using "I" statements.
- ✓ We value taking risks, being honest and vulnerable.
- ✓ We value the expression of emotions, emotions are welcome here
- ✓ We value being respectfully challenged
- ✓ We value silence; you have the right to listen and "pass" on active participation

We have a shared responsibility for today's success!