

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Let's Talk Cannabis! Free Youth Education Forum

Schizophrenia Society of Ontario hosts free youth event to expose mental health risks associated with cannabis

What: Let's Talk Cannabis! Youth Education Forum

When: April 8, 2019
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: Peterborough Public Library, Friends of the Library Community Room.
345 Aylmer Street North, Peterborough, ON L8L 8C1

Why: Cannabis is legal ... but is it safe to use? Early and regular marijuana use have been associated with an increased risk of psychosis and schizophrenia. Youth are especially vulnerable. Join us to understand the facts and risks, and ask questions about your health.

About the event:

The event will include presentations followed by questions from the audience.

Our speakers:

- **Gordon Langill**
Director of Programs and Services, CMHA
- **Tanya Kowalenko**
Educator, CMHA
- **Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, MD**
Medical Officer of Health, Peterborough Public Health
- **Kaelen Boyd, MSW**
Policy Analyst, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario
- **Ilyas Khamis**
Youth advocate who will share his personal experience with psychosis

All media are welcome to attend.

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About the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario (SSO) The Schizophrenia Society of Ontario is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of people, families and communities affected by schizophrenia and psychotic illnesses. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.schizophrenia.on.ca/>