

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 24th, 2019
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Where: Toronto Central Grosvenor St. YMCA Centre, Grosvenor Room.
20 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 2V5

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:

- **Erin Boudreau** - Manager, Government Relations, Policy and Community Engagement, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario
- **Dr. Suzanne Archie, MD, FRCP** – Clinical Director, Cleghorn Early Intervention in Psychosis Program and Scientific Advisor, SSO
- **Jordana Rovet, MSW** – Harm Reduction Project Coordinator, Skylark Children Youth & Families
- **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:

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