



The Rose(s) that Grew From Concrete: Conversations with Former Gang Members about Violence, Trauma and Policy Options

The University of Toronto, Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies would like to invite you to a community forum on gangs/gang violence. In recent week's gang violence in the city has drawn the attention of law enforcement, politicians and the media/public. While there has been a lot of discussion surrounding the so-called gang problem, there has been inconsistent and often conflicting knowledge that has informed the issue. The goal of this community forum is to provide an intellectual bridge where former gang members, researchers, policy makers, law enforcement and state officials are able to discuss and explore the gang phenomena in more detail.

The forum will include:

- firsthand accounts of why youth join gangs and participate in violence,
- new and emergent knowledge/research pertaining to the root causes of gangs/gang violence,
- alternative viewpoints on gangs, including discussions with law enforcement and other community stakeholders and,
- insight into contemporary gang research that may subsequently inform policy making decisions



Thursday

October 4th, 2018

MacLeod Auditorium –
Medical Sciences
Building (6 pm – 10 pm)

Panelists will include:

Former Gang Members:
Marcell Wilson (A.V.E.
Network), Jose Vivar (25/7
Fitness/Cross-Over) & Others

Toronto Police Service:
Gun & Gang Taskforce

Academics:
Adam Ellis PhD (ABD), Vanier
Scholar, Ex-Gang Member
Dr. Scot Wortley
Dr. A. Hutchinson
Dr. Luca Berardi

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