

Dear OPHA,

I'm organizing an upcoming event in Toronto that may be of interest to your members. It's a forum (a CIHR Café Scientifique, to be exact) on gendered stereotypes and youth sexual health, featuring presentations by Dr. Jean Shoveller (UBC), Dr. Sarah Flicker (York U.) and Jessica Yee (Native Youth Sexual Health Network). Your Toronto-based members might be interested in this event, so please feel free to pass on the event announcement to your contacts.

Best,
Zena

**** Free public event. Please distribute widely.****

CIHR Café Scientifique hosted by the Institute of Gender and Health
He's a player, she gets played: Challenging gendered stereotypes about youth sexual health
Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 5:00 p.m.
Buddies In Bad Times Theatre
Light refreshments provided
Please RSVP: ea-igh@exchange.ubc.ca

Young people of all genders and sexualities are sexually active; the average age that Canadians first have sex is 17. So why is it when a girl is sexually active, she can be considered to be easy, but when a guy is sexually active he can be called a stud? How do these gendered stereotypes affect young people's physical, emotional and sexual health? How do they intersect with race, class, and oppression? In what ways do these stereotypes influence how parents, teachers, researchers and health care providers talk and think about youth sexual health? Join us as we challenge these stereotypes in a lively discussion with experts in the field of youth sexual health.

If you have accessibility needs, please contact the organizers and we will do our best to accommodate you.

The expert speakers featured at the Café are:

Dr. Sarah Flicker, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University
Dr. Jean Shoveller, Associate Professor, School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia
Jessica Yee, Founder & Director, Native Youth Sexual Health Network

The event is moderated by Dr. Joy Johnson, Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Gender and Health.

What is a Café Scientifique?

Remember when you used to spend untold hours sitting around a table over a beer or coffee with your friends, solving all the problems of the world, debating all the "big questions" of the day? Café Scientifique is, simply put, a larger and slightly more organized version of those conversations. It's an opportunity to bring together researchers with members of the public to spark a discussion about some of the most interesting - and sometimes contentious - research currently underway in Canada.

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