

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS



York announces 2022 Top 30 Alumni Under 30

At home and abroad, graduates of York University are not only entering the workforce prepared to put their education into practice, but to enact positive, real-world change. Representing every faculty at the University, the 2022 Top 30 Alumni Under 30 are applying the education, skills and experiences they received at York to meaningful careers and community service endeavours, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to the public good. [Learn more about how these alumni are righting the future.](#)



Complete the alumni survey for a chance to win!

Your opinion matters - take 10 minutes to complete our alumni survey and enter a draw to win one of ten \$250 Mastercard gift cards. Your survey responses will help shape the communications, programs and services offered to you.

[Learn more about the survey.](#)



York releases inaugural report on Black inclusion

The report comes one year after York released the guiding documents *Addressing Anti-Black Racism: A Framework on Black Inclusion* and the accompanying *Action Plan on Black Inclusion: A Living Document for Action (2021)* to the University community for consultation and review. [Read the Black inclusion report.](#)



York to establish \$5.45M mental health research and training platform

York Circle Academic Chair and Faculty of Health Professor Rebecca Pillai Riddell will lead the Digital, Inclusive, Virtual, and Equitable Research Training in Mental Health Platform. [Learn more about the revolutionary mental health research and training initiative.](#)



Provide your feedback on York's Draft EDI Strategy

The Draft EDI Strategy reflects York University's long-standing commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, and aims to lead to further development of equitable, diverse and inclusive communities, creating a place where everyone feels they belong. [Alumni and members of the York community are invited to provide feedback by April 29.](#)



Alumni Spotlight: Anna-Kay Russell du Toit (iBA '15)

Top 30 Alumni Under 30 recipient Anna-Kay Russell du Toit is a public policy professional and community builder on a mission to right the future by bridging the gap between policy, equity, and sustainability, to ensure Canada's future is liveable and socially just for all. [Read more about how Anna-Kay is creating positive change.](#)



Sound decision making can benefit from cues

Researchers led by Faculty of Health Professor Shayna Rosenbaum are investigating the science behind how individuals make health care decisions, such as whether or not to receive a vaccine, and the connection to the individual's ability to put off instant gratification for a better reward later. [Learn more about their research.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



Stratford Festival early bird pricing

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ALUMNI EVENTS



Apr. 9 | 7:30pm ET | The York University Gospel Choir

Directed by Professor Karen Burke, the York University Gospel Choir presents a concert of works by Hezekiah Walker, Edwin Hawkins, Kirk Franklin and other gospel greats. The choir is backed by a rhythm section directed by Corey Butler. This is a hybrid event. Tickets are available through the [AMPD Box Office](#) or by calling 416-736-5888.



Apr. 13 | 12pm ET | Scholars' Hub | Small town, short work week: Evaluating the effects of a compressed work week pilot in Zorra, Ontario, Canada

Two years ago, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the township of Zorra, ON, began a compressed work week pilot project designed to add flexibility for the municipality. York Professor Zachary Spicer will discuss the program's design and implementation and the findings of a survey designed to gauge the attitudes of workers towards the pilot.



Apr. 22 | 12pm ET | Scholars' Hub | Rough seas: Working conditions in the fishing industry and the impact on sustainability

York Professor Peter Vandergeest will discuss some of the problems for workers in fishing and explain why the industry is particularly difficult to monitor and regulate. He will also outline emerging initiatives to improve these conditions and what Canada can do around human rights and sustainability in seafood supply chains.



May 25 | 6pm ET | Markham Open House

The future of learning is coming to York Region. Connect with York University's diverse community of changemakers at the Markham Open House from 6pm to 9pm at the Markham Pan Am Centre. Preview the new programs and all that York's Markham Campus will have to offer when it opens in Fall 2023.

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