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Celebrate with us at this year’s Power Youth Spring Exhibition & Performance Showcase: ACTIVATE

On Tuesday, 7 May 2019 from 12-8 PM at the Harbourfront Centre, The Power Plant presents ACTIVATE our fourth annual Power Youth Spring Exhibition and this year we are excited to present a performance showcase featuring spoken word, hip hop, music, and dance!

Meet the creators and artists behind The Power Youth outreach program, which connects local contemporary artists-in-residence with youth in priority neighbourhoods. From September to April, Power Youth provides youth who attend partnering Boys and Girls Clubs with new tools for self-expression. Through artist-led programming selected by youth, they gain skills in creativity, communication and collaboration. 2018/2019 Power Youth artists-in-residence include: Grivanni Bringer aka “Gene One”, Asia Clarke, Matthew Jones aka “Testament”, Ekow Nimako, Lee “Lethal” Pham and Chelsea Woolley.

Visit the exhibition to view all of the 2018/2019 visual art creations including jewellery, wearable art, LEGO sculpture and urban art on display in the Marilyn Brewer Community Space at 235 Queens Quay West.

Join us as at our FREE Public Opening Reception and Performance Showcase from 5 – 8 PM in the Brigantine Room.

Details about the exhibitions and programs are below.
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Power Youth 2018/2019: ACTIVATE

During the second year of our Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant, we provided four programs to the St. Alban’s Boys and Girls Clubs communities in Weston-Mount Dennis and Lawrence Heights at the Humber and Neptune Clubhouses. Programs also were provided at the Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Clubs Communities at the Spruce Clubhouse in Regent Park and the TP Loblaw at St. Mary’s Catholic School Clubhouse in the Alexandra Park area.

This year youth engaged with performing arts and hands-on art making. In Fall 2018, youth at all clubhouses worked together to dance, act and perform musical and poetic compositions that responded to their shared experiences and culminated with a performance in their communities. During Winter 2019, youth selected to work with a variety of mediums including Lego, wearable art, graffiti and beat making. Artists-in-Residence provided youth with examples of ‘art as entrepreneurship’ to activate and create sustainable communities and futures. As a result, the overarching theme has been: ACTIVATE.

Director: Gaëtane Verna

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Providing as many people as possible with access to these programs and events remains the gallery’s top priority. The initiative leading these efforts is a renewed partnership with BMO Financial Group, whose support of the ALL YEAR, ALL FREE initiative is vital to expanding and diversifying audiences by eliminating the cost of admission to The Power Plant’s exhibition program.

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