

From Adversity to Confidence: Young people and practitioners speak out

Programme

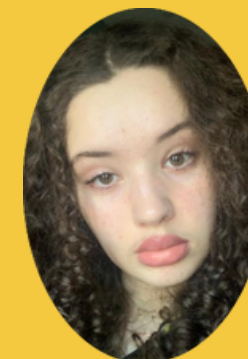
- 6.30** Welcome Greetings & Introductions
- 6.35** Inspiring resilience and personal change
Building positive conversations and mutual support
Derek Williams and Keyion Cook
Working together towards personal change and preparing for achievement
Michael Clarke and Grace Deasy
- 7.05** Polylogue Q&A & Reflections
- 7.15** Towards system change
How to move forward? Who needs to grasp the situation?
Can London lead the way?
Keyion Cook, Grace Deasy, Derek Williams & Michael Clarke
- 7.30** Coming together Q&A & Reflections
- 7.50** Final Remarks
- 8.00** Closure

For registration, visit [click here](#).

Special Guests



Keyion Cook



Grace Deasy



Derek Williams



Michael Clarke

Facilitators
Koya C. Conteh &
Cassandra Vitalis

Special Guests' Bios

Keyion Cook

Keiyon Cook is a 15 year-old pupil at one of the leading performing and creative arts schools in the UK. He has starred in the popular television crime drama, Top Boy. He has also appeared in Sticks of Fury and featured in the movie The Mourning Bird. Keiyon is keen to set a positive example for other young people to follow.

Grace Deasy

Grace is an A-Level student and a youth ambassador of Awaken Genius. She admires the work of the community-led organisation which aids children who have endured psychological trauma to build inner confidence and resilience by turning their 'undesirable traits' into their gifts and helping them find their purpose.

Michael Clarke

Michael has worked in mainstream education with KS3 and KS4 children in a pastoral remit for over 14 years. Michael is passionate about building a safe community. He is a school governor and has regularly volunteered at his local Food Bank. He has also managed to use the concept of community in education to create an early trauma-informed intervention, called Awaken Genius. As a result, an amazing fledgling community of selfless professionals and next generation leaders have joined him to address the injustice of school exclusion, particularly among black children.

Derek Williams

Derek Williams is a Wellbeing Practitioner, activist, community leader, and former heavyweight boxing champion. He created the Champion Mindset Programme to empower young people.

Derek is the Chairman of The Pedro Youth Club, which is one of the oldest clubs of its type in London, and the President of the Diversity and Equalities Boxing Forum, which advocates for boxers who are under-represented and was formed following the killing of George Floyd and the rise of the Black Lives Matter campaign. Derek is also the Co-Lead of the London ACEs Hub Racial Justice Workgroup.