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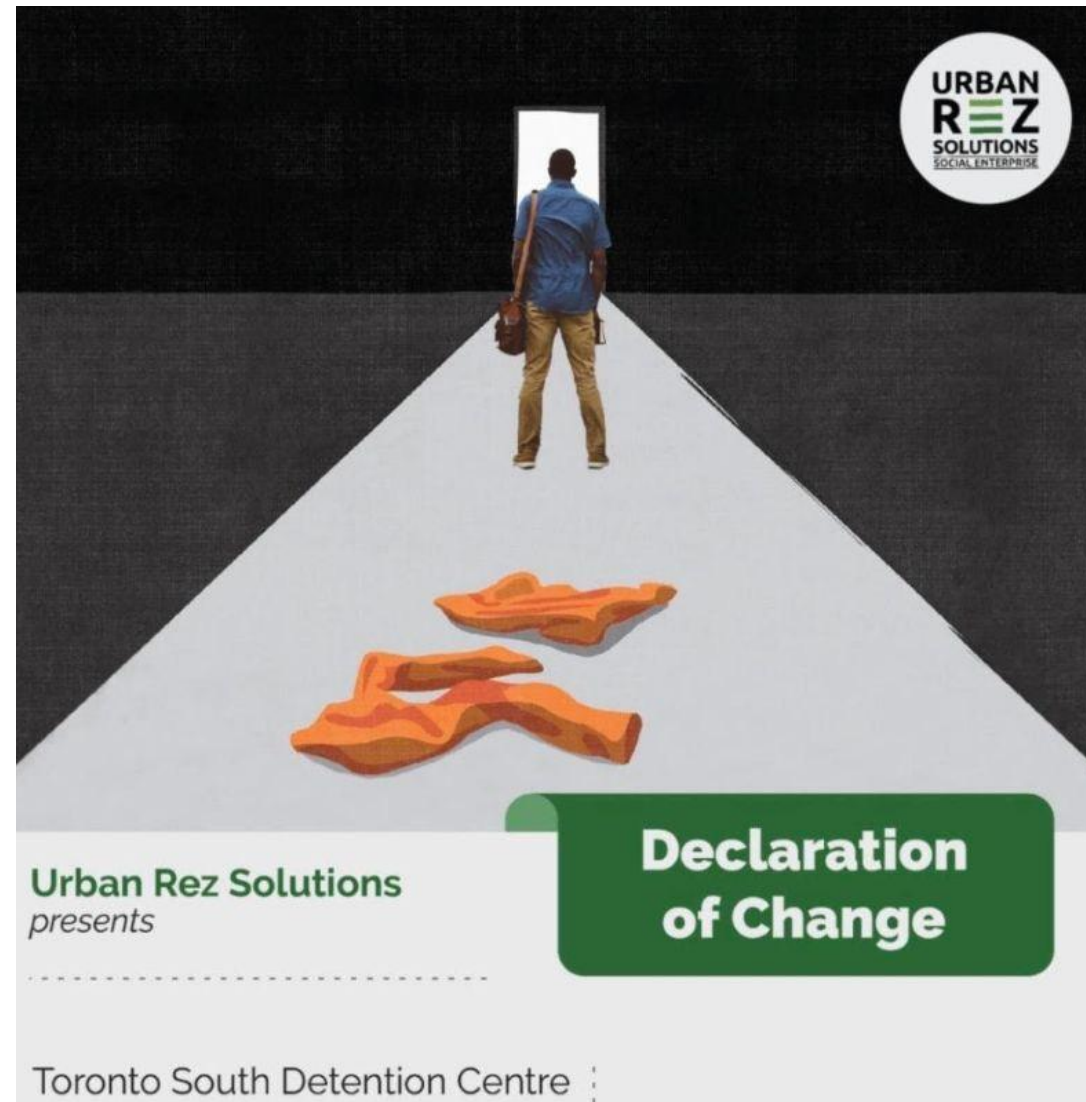
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Inside-Out is a comprehensive program initiated by Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise, dedicated to empowering individuals impacted by the criminal justice system.

The program addresses the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals reintegrating into society after experiencing incarceration. Through a combination of workshops, mentorship programs, and community partnerships, Inside-Out equips participants with the necessary skills, resources, and support networks to successfully reintegrate into society and pursue meaningful employment opportunities.

The program aims to break free from cycles of incarceration, providing individuals with second chances and opportunities for personal growth, professional development, and community engagement. Inside-Out is committed to rebuilding lives, one opportunity at a time, and bridging the gap between the justice system and a brighter future for participants and their communities.





“As a community, we must collectively work to engage and empower individuals to get optimum performance out of their potential”

***- Roderick Brereton & Farley Flex
Co-Founders, Urban Rez Solutions***

ABOUT

Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise delivers comprehensive conflict management, mental health wellness, community engagement strategies, entrepreneurship training, tools to fight anti-Black racism, and diversity and inclusion training. It also facilitates programming with service providers, corporate organizations, community groups, and individuals to bring about various aspects of positive change and pro-social development, education, and widespread community advancement.

Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Breaking Barriers: Groundbreaking Job and Resource Fair for Criminal Justice System Impacted Individuals

Urban Rez Solutions presents a Job and Resource Fair, providing invaluable opportunities for individuals impacted by the criminal justice system.

Toronto, ON - February 20, 2024 - As part of its ongoing commitment to empowering individuals impacted by the Criminal Justice System, Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise is proud to announce the upcoming "Inside-Out Job and Resource Fair. Scheduled for February 27, 2024, at the Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA) in Toronto, ON, this event serves as a pivotal platform to raise awareness, highlight the program's transformative impact, and foster meaningful community engagement.

The Inside-Out program, initiated by Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise and funded by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, addresses the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals reintegrating into society after experiencing incarceration. According to recent industry data from the Prison Policy Initiative, formerly incarcerated individuals face disproportionately high barriers to employment, housing, and education, perpetuating cycles of poverty and recidivism.

In light of these challenges, Urban Rez Solutions has developed a comprehensive program aimed at equipping participants with the necessary skills, resources, and support networks to successfully reintegrate into society and pursue meaningful employment opportunities. Through a combination of workshops, mentorship programs, and community partnerships, the Inside-Out program empowers participants to break free from cycles of incarceration and create a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

A participant in the program comments "Urban Rez Inside-Out, had been a major help to me while I was incarcerated—the conversation, lessons, and insight, as well as confidence I've gotten from you guys, has kept me on the right track while incarcerated and extremely focused on successfully completing all my goals. I have not forgotten the skills you taught me, and I'm eager to apply them in my life and business."

Roderick Brereton, Co-Executive Director of Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise, emphasizes the program's mission: "Our Inside-Out program is more than just a solution; it's a lifeline. We believe in rebuilding lives, one opportunity at a time."

Farley Flex Nwaigbo, also a Co-Executive Director, echoes this sentiment: "Join us to become a part of this transformative movement. We're here to equip, empower, and employ those who deserve a second chance."

The Inside Out Job and Placement Fair will feature engaging presentations, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, providing attendees with valuable insights into the program's impact and the opportunity to connect with key stakeholders in the field of criminal justice reform.

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Inmate "A.B." (currently a member of the Inside Out Program, soon to be released).

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WHAT TO EXPECT

DAY OF AGENDA

Time	Event Details
10:00 AM	Event Starts Land acknowledgment
	Welcome
10:05 AM	Opening Video
10:30 AM	The showcase- Journey Map Inside/Out
10:30 AM	Workforce Development Streams Video
11- 12	INVITED MEDIA
11 :30 AM	Questions/ Answer
NOON - 1PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Hiring and information fair
3:00 PM	Close



FAQs

What is the Inside-Out Program?

The Inside-Out program, initiated by Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise, is dedicated to empowering individuals impacted by the criminal justice system. It offers comprehensive support through workshops, mentorship, and community partnerships to help participants reintegrate into society and pursue meaningful employment opportunities.

Who is eligible to participate in the Inside-Out program?

The Inside-Out program is open to individuals who have been impacted by the criminal justice system and are seeking support to rebuild their lives. Eligibility criteria may vary depending on specific program requirements and partnerships with community organizations.

What types of support does the Inside-Out program provide?

Inside-Out offers a range of support services, including skills development workshops, mentorship programs, job placement assistance, and access to community resources. Participants receive personalized support tailored to their needs and goals, helping them overcome barriers to successful reintegration.

What are the benefits of participating in the Inside-Out program?

Participants in the Inside-Out program have the opportunity to gain valuable skills, build supportive networks, and access resources to support their personal and professional development. By participating in the program, individuals can enhance their chances of successful reintegration into society and pursue a brighter future.

How can I get involved with the Inside-Out program?

There are several ways to get involved with the Inside-Out program, including volunteering as a mentor or workshop facilitator, providing job placement opportunities for participants, or supporting fundraising and advocacy efforts. Contact Urban Rez Solutions Social Enterprise for more information on how to get involved.

SPOKESPERSONS



Farley Flex Nwaigbo

FOUNDER, Co-Executive Director

Farley Nwaigbo is an impresario and a pioneer in social change, garnering recognition such as the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award, induction into the Scarborough Walk of Fame, Unicef Ambassadorship, and numerous others.

His contributions to the entertainment industry are profound, having managed multiple Juno Award winner Maestro, spearheaded the launch and operation of FLOW 93.5, served as a Celebrity Judge on Canadian Idol, and much more.

Flex has consistently balanced his business ventures with meaningful community engagement.

Roderick Brereton

FOUNDER, Co-Executive Director

Roderick Brereton is a speaker, trainer, and social change agent. His leadership extends to directing national initiatives, managing projects, and offering training in diversity, equity, inclusiveness, and combating anti-black racism.

With a passion for music production, Roderick's accolades include being part of the 2007 Juno Award-winning Best Reggae Recording production team and licensing songs to EA Sports.

His multifaceted expertise bridges the realms of social advocacy and creative expression, making a profound impact on both fronts.





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