

# ANNUAL REPORT FACT SHEET 2017-2018

## VISION

EVERY YOUNG PERSON CONFIDENTLY PURSUES A FUTURE RICH WITH OPPORTUNITY.

## MISSION

TO MENTOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR ARTISTIC AND ASPIRATIONAL PASSIONS IN AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.

## FASHION

Our fashion program provides youth with the technical skills to construct garments as well as the networking opportunities and confidence for them to start their careers in the fashion industry.

## DJ

Our DJ program provides youth with the skills to spin on both classic turntables and modern controllers, as well as, entrepreneurship skills and landing gigs in the community.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Our Photography program teaches youth how to use professional cameras, equipment, lighting techniques and standard editing programs in addition to obtaining mentorship on how to start a career in any style of photography.



## Workshops in the 6ix

These drop-in workshops provide youth with an opportunity to meet new mentors, many of whom are industry professionals and emerging artists. In 2017-2018, UforChange provided workshops such as: branding & social media, networking skills, public speaking, storytelling and grant writing. Through these workshops UforChange engaged 72 young people from the Greater Toronto Area.



## DJ Master Class

With the support of the Toronto Arts Council, UforChange was able to offer an advanced DJ program. This program allowed ten DJ alumni to develop the business and artistic skills they need to begin their career over the duration of ten weeks. The Intermediate DJ Master Class was being lead by DJ L'Oqenz who is a prominent Toronto female DJ understands that mentorship is a key component to the development and enrichment of the lives of young people.

## IMPACT

**467** Total Youth Served

**44** Paid Employment Opportunities

**58** Volunteer Opportunities

**30** Industry Mentors

**25** Core Arts Program Graduates

## FROM OUR YOUTH

The UforChange photography program helped me expand my skills and develop at a personal level. By the time I joined UforChange, I was unemployed, broke, uninspired and frustrated. The UforChange program, staff and my peers, all gave me the space to explore and push myself through photography, which built my self-esteem and led to the great opportunities that I have now!

Siona, Cycle 13 Photography

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## THANK YOU!

Thank for supporting Uforchange. Your contribution is helping us fund the next generation of young creatives in Toronto! All proceeds from this event will go to running our programs, providing professional workshops and supporting our youth for their artistic journeys!