

I hope to create spaces
where empowered
youth can explore
identity, gender, and
intersectional experiences
while learning from their
challenges and triumphs,
and at the same time
expanding my own
imaginings of an opengender world.

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Through articulation of our story we gain ownership of identity and strength of self. Fueled by this principle, this initiative seeks to help young transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth harness the power of their own stories through art-based workshops. The workshops will be run by other TGNC artists and community leaders, helping youth solidify community connections and envision brighter futures.

I work with TGNC youth at the Meraki Health Centre, where healthcare practitioners are dedicated to providing safe and supportive spaces for young TGNC people to explore their identities without persecution or judgment. I am thrilled to apply lessons from this work with a handson approach which will expand opportunities for such exploration to happen organically and artistically.

