



DR. INTERESTED IMPACT REPORT 2025

“Honestly, most days I just wanted to go home and chill. But having someone to talk to who actually gets it and can guide me made me feel like I could actually do something with my future. **Office Hours** isn't just advice, it's real mentorship. And I really want to thank my mentor for all the support they've given me". -

Demographics: Under 18, (Racialized Group(s), Low Income), Canada

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Dr. Interested

ABOUT US



WHO WE ARE?

Dr. Interested is a **youth-led global** community empowering young people to explore healthcare, research, and advocacy. Guided by the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC), including the right to development, and aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 4 on quality education, **we help youth discover their unique “spark” in wellness** through mentorship, interactive programs, publishing opportunities, and leadership development.

In Canada alone, there are over **4 million youth** aged 10 to 19, yet **nearly half are unaware of their rights**. We are talking about children’s rights, particularly the right to development, ensuring that young people not only understand their entitlements but also have the guidance, mentorship, and opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive as future leaders in healthcare and beyond.

WHAT WE DO?

INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS

Dr. Interested offers a range of interactive programs designed to give students meaningful, early exposure to the healthcare field. Through workshops, panels, and speaker events led by healthcare professionals, researchers, and student leaders, participants gain insight into diverse medical pathways and real-world experiences. Our skill-building sessions focus on essential areas such as research fundamentals, healthcare advocacy, leadership, and professional development. By prioritizing discussion, collaboration, and hands-on learning, we create engaging spaces where students can explore their interests, ask questions, and begin shaping their future in medicine.

PUBLISHING & RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

We believe research and publishing should not be limited to students with institutional access or prior experience. Dr. Interested provides accessible research and publishing opportunities that allow youth to transform curiosity into credible academic work. Engaging in research helps students develop critical thinking, scientific literacy, and confidence while strengthening their academic and professional profiles. By offering mentorship, structured guidance, and beginner-friendly pathways, we remove traditional barriers to entry and empower students to contribute meaningful ideas to healthcare discourse, often for the first time.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Leadership is at the core of Dr. Interested's mission. Students take on executive and team-based roles across departments such as research, media, advocacy, and community engagement, gaining real responsibility and impact. Our leadership model emphasizes growth, accountability, and purpose, ensuring students leave not only with experience but with the confidence and skills to lead change in their schools, communities, and future careers.

MISSION

To empower students with meaningful exposure to wellness as a whole and equip them with the tools to turn curiosity into impact.

VISION

A world where every young person, regardless of background, has the support to discover their passion in wellness and drive change through innovation and advocacy.

PURPOSE

To bridge the gap between interest and action in youth healthcare leadership by offering accessible resources, mentorship, and research opportunities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

Dr. Interested started as an idea when I was just 14 years old. Looking back now, it's incredible to see how much it has grown and the impact it has made. I want to take a moment to thank everyone who believed in this vision and helped bring it to life. Your support has made it possible to reach over 160K youth, each gaining career guidance and education that can help build a more equitable future.

As we look toward 2026, our plan is to scale the program. There are still so many young people who don't have access to the mentorship and resources they need, and we're committed to making it easier to bring Dr. Interested to new communities, expanding our reach, and creating more opportunities for youth everywhere. One of our main focuses for the upcoming year will be ensuring that this program is not only accessible but impactful wherever it goes.

It's amazing to see what started as a simple idea grow into a movement that empowers young people to explore medicine, research, and advocacy, and this is just the beginning. - [Adil Mukhi](#)

STATEMENTS:



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We respectfully acknowledge that our work takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of Indigenous Peoples. We recognize the enduring presence and deep-rooted connections of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities to these lands and waters. **This acknowledgment is more than a formality; it is a commitment to truth, reconciliation, and action.** We encourage all members of our community to educate themselves, engage meaningfully with Indigenous histories, and support Indigenous-led initiatives wherever possible.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:

At Dr. Interested, we understand that opportunities in education, research, and leadership are not equitably accessible. Structural barriers often limit access for youth from marginalized, low-income, or racialized communities. We recognize our responsibility to challenge these inequalities and actively create inclusive spaces where all youth, regardless of background, ability, gender identity, orientation, or geography, can participate fully and be heard.

We are committed to anti-racism, equity, and mental wellness in everything we do. Our programs are designed to minimize financial and social barriers, with free access to workshops, mentorship, and community support. We are continually listening, learning, and improving our practices to better serve diverse youth, including those who are at-risk or underrepresented in academic and professional spaces.

FUNDING AND CONFLICT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

While we have received funding from for-profit entities, we maintain full independence and declare no conflicts of interest. We acknowledge that some of our team members, particularly those in academic or medical fields, may be affiliated with institutions or funding sources. We work diligently to avoid conflicts and uphold transparency. We also recognize that lived experiences can shape perspectives, **and we take steps to ensure neutrality in our work.**

DEDICATION TO GREEN OPERATIONS:

In 2025, Dr. Interested committed to minimizing our environmental impact. For the first six months of the year, we were carbon neutral, offsetting emissions from events, operations, and programs. While we are no longer fully carbon neutral, we remain dedicated to sustainable practices and continue to explore ways to reduce our footprint as we grow.

The Dr. Interested [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms & Conditions](#) can be found on our [website](#).

We have committed to making these as child-friendly as possible.

OUR TEAM:

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OUR TEAM OVERVIEW:



MEMBERS OF THE MONTH: 2025 RECOGNITION

"Dr. Interested showed me that being a leader isn't about being loud; it's about being reliable and making sure everyone's voice gets heard."

Member of The Month of May - Akeer Kuol Malual Nyok

Coordinator, Finance (Grants)



"I come from a country where the education is sometimes unpredictable ... Joining [Dr. Interested] was less about boosting a resume and more about finding a space to belong, where I could listen, learn, and maybe contribute."

Member of The Month of August - Adhvaidh Ammanath



Deputy Director, Publications (Podcasts)

"Being part of the Dr. Interested team has helped me step outside of my comfort zone and **develop as a leader**. I have learned how to guide others, improve my organizational skills, and build confidence by adapting to the needs of students I have worked with."

Member of The Month of June - Shaza Ali



Project Lead

"I came across Dr. Interested through an online post, and it immediately caught my attention. The mission felt authentic, and it seemed like a space that valued curiosity, growth, and **real connection**."

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

Our members gain tangible benefits that directly translate to their future academic and professional careers:

- **Policy Impact:** Youth-led insights contribute to national and international policy discussions, including references within United Nations-related health and human rights processes.
- **Benefits**
 - Discounted and complimentary conference tickets
 - Travel grants to support participation
 - Access to microgrants, workshops, and mentorship through GLOCAL and the Student Innovation Lab
 - National Service Recognition Certificate after 120 verified hours, signed by the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages of Canada

We are very thankful to:



GLOCAL
FOUNDATION OF CANADA

**For their
support of our
volunteers!**

JOIN OUR TEAM:

Org Ambassador

Represent Dr. Interested in your community and help us grow our reach.

[Apply Now](#)

General Executive

Join our core leadership team and help shape the future of Dr. Interested.

[Apply Now](#)

Podcast Team

Help create engaging podcast content and share healthcare stories.

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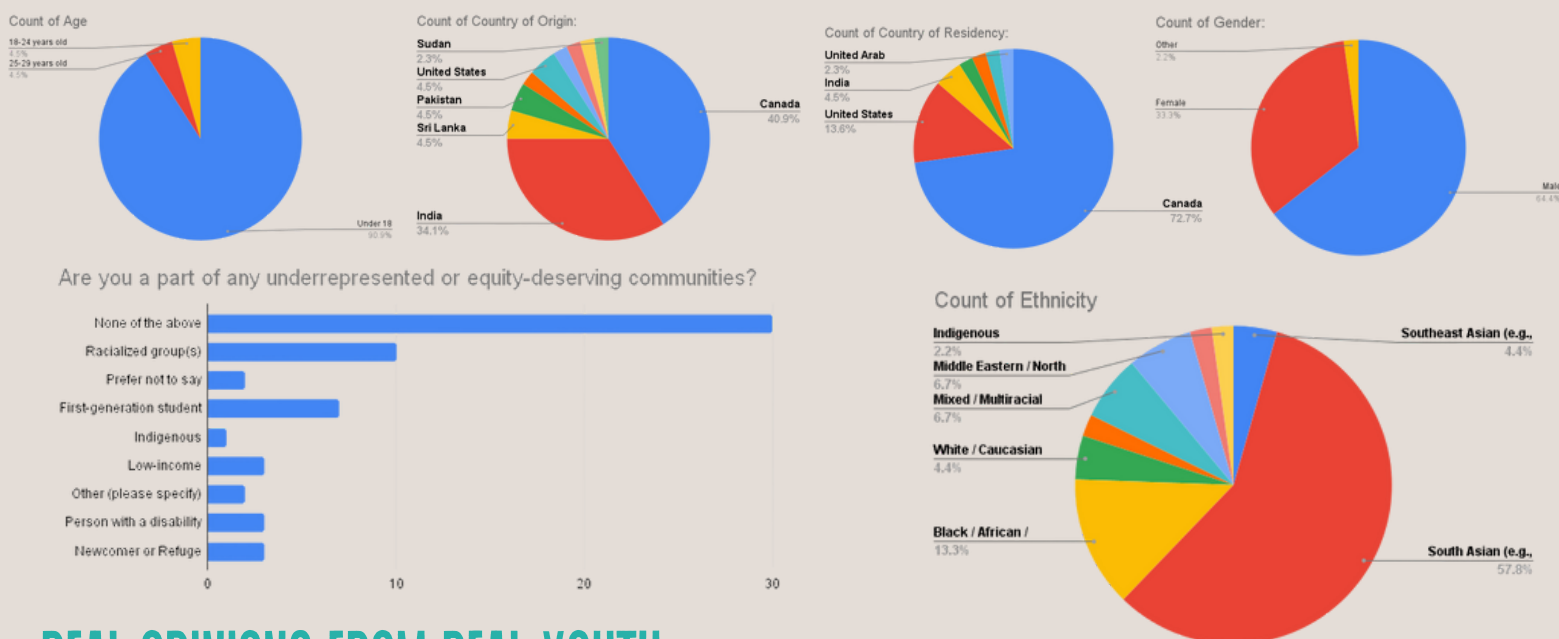
TEAM OVERVIEW:



At Dr. Interested, we believe our team is the heart of our organization, and their well-being, growth, and development are essential to our collective impact. We provide opportunities for members to gain valuable skills and share resources to support their work and leadership. We also recognize that a diverse and representative team is crucial to effectively serving our community, and we strive to be as inclusive as possible in our recruitment process. However, due to current capacity limitations, we are unable to offer formal training, so relevant experience is required for most roles.

Below is an analysis based on 45 anonymous, optional survey responses from our previous team of 367 members:

DEMOGRAPHICS: (SELF-IDENTIFIED)



REAL OPINIONS FROM REAL YOUTH:

In what ways has Dr. Interested helped you grow as a leader?

"While working on the Resilient Minds project, I was supported by the president and the team, from recruiting volunteers to managing event logistics, and everything. That experience taught me how to lead collaboratively, delegate tasks effectively, think carefully and stay focused on the bigger goal..."

"Dr. Interested didn't just give me a title. It gave me trust. From the start, I was treated like my ideas mattered, not like I was too young to lead. I learned how to turn passion into action, whether that was planning events, leading teams across different time zones, or speaking up in spaces I never imagined I'd be in."

"Dr. Interested helped me level up as a leader by teaching me how to actually communicate clearly and confidently. I got way better at teamwork and planning stuff without the usual chaos. They showed me that being a leader isn't about being loud, it's about being reliable and making sure everyone's voice gets heard."



Dr. Interested General Team Meeting

"Through event planning, especially organizing our upcoming research proposal competition, I've learned how to anticipate challenges and adapt quickly. I've also grown in my communication"

What can we do to better support you in your executive role?



Dr. Interested Ambassador Get-together

"The chance to draft proposals/pitch ideas for events and present them to the group would be helpful. If approved, the team could allocate roles based on departments as the plan is executed. The pitches could be virtual (a video/slideshow) or done over the phone/in an online meeting."

"I know Dr. Interested is still growing which I completely understand and we may not have many mentors yet, but as we evolve, I would love to see us bring in more people to guide and train us."

"I really appreciate the support so far! One thing that could help is maybe having more clear guidance or check-ins for newer execs."



2025 Directors Summit, Mississauga Central Library

MEMBERS OVERVIEW:

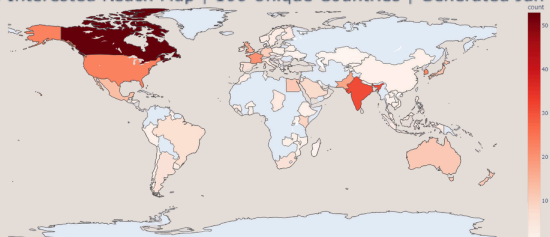


Below is an overview of our members, accompanied by anonymous quotes that highlight the impact Dr. Interested has had on their experiences, suggest areas for improvement, and help us better understand the diverse community we serve.

This summary is **based on 401 optional, anonymous responses submitted by our 1400+ registered members**. Some location and age data have been supplemented with insights from the broader group of over 160K youth who have engaged with our initiatives.

DEMOGRAPHICS: (SELF-IDENTIFIED)

Dr. Interested Reach Map | 106 Unique Countries | Generated Jan 26th, 2026



Count of Age

Above 30 years
5.0%
18-24 years old
11.0%
25-29 years old
5.5%

16-18 years old
27.6%

14-16 years old
39.0%

Under 14
11.6%

Count of Gender:

Nonbinary
4.2%
Transgender
2.5%
Other (please specify)
2.5%
Prefer not to say
3.3%

Male
36.0%

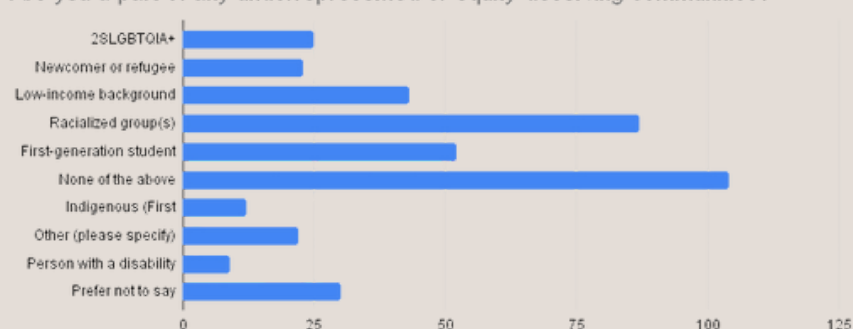
Female
47.5%

Count of Primary Language Spoken at Home:

Punjabi
4.3%
Bengali
4.3%
Arabic
6.1%
Spanish
7.0%
Hindi / Urdu
15.7%
English
10.4%

Another language
46.1%

Are you a part of any underrepresented or equity-deserving communities?



REAL OPINIONS FROM REAL YOUTH:

How has being part of Dr. Interested supported your learning or career exploration?

"Dr. Interested gave me access to **mentors and speakers** who were open and honest about their journeys. It felt really different from school because I could **ask real questions** and get advice that actually applies to life after high school."

"I liked that Dr. Interested **created a community** where I could ask **questions without feeling judged** and connect with other students with similar interests."

"Through Dr. Interested, I got to hear **directly from people working in healthcare and other fields**, which made a huge difference compared to just learning from textbooks."

"I have been deeply inspired by the **community** and have enjoyed the space they have created. Previously, I couldn't participate due to exams but I really like the events hosted so far, [you] are **consistently able to learn something/better yourself**"



A participant asking Dr. John Lee a question during the Culture & Psychology Conference

"Dr. Interested **helped me learn about careers** I never really hear about in school and made them feel more real and achievable."

What did Dr. Interested give you access to that helped you better understand your future goals?



A participant asking our panel of judges a question during the Explore 3 Competition.

"I loved the opportunity to **connect with the guest speakers** at the Explore 3 case competition and learn how law also plays a part in healthcare. It was **really cool to hear real stories and ask questions** I wouldn't get to ask anywhere else."

"Dr. Interested gave me **access to mentors and speakers** I'd never meet otherwise, and it was really easy to attend since the event was free and they even had snacks. That made it way less stressful and more welcoming."

"Through Dr. Interested, I was able to **attend events that broke down complex career paths** in a way that felt understandable and realistic. It helped me feel less lost about my future."

"Being part of Dr. Interested helped me **connect with people who genuinely wanted to support students** and answer questions. That kind of access made a big difference for me."

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES:



This is just a snapshot of some of our key programs and initiatives. For the full list and to learn more about everything happening at Dr. Interested, check out our website and Discord.

160,000 youth impacted

20+ Events

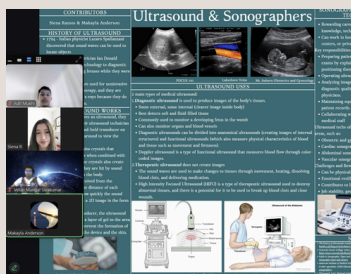
400+ Mentorship hours

900 volunteers engaged

MEDICAL-TECHNOLOGICAL POSTER COMPETITION:

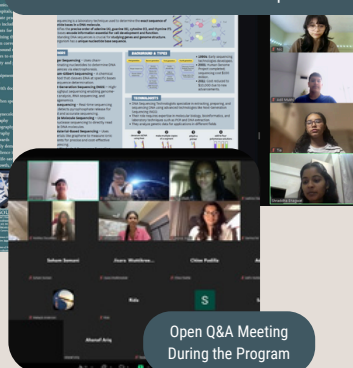
Mar 2025

This competition invited youth to explore intersections of medicine and technology through research and design.



- 6 posters
- Over 100 applicants
- Over 40 participants

Final Presentations in Groups of 3-4



Open Q&A Meeting During the Program



- Final Posters Published on [Zenodo](#).
- Over 800 views and 300 downloads.

HEALTHCARE MEDIA PROMOTION EVENT:

Mar 2025 to May 2025

A youth-educating-youth initiative to educate the public through media posts, infographics, and community outreach.



- 10+ posts
- 90+ service hours
- 15 000 views
- And just under a 1000 interactions

Our partner:



THE RESILIENT MINDS PROJECT:

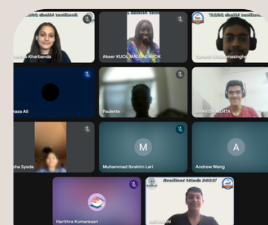
Mar 2025

A mental health-focused event series fostering resilience against burnout, emotional literacy, and peer connection.

Our partner:



YSA & The Hershey Company



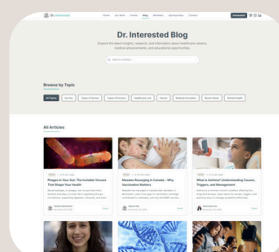
Program Image

- Over 30 live participants
- A \$60 toolkit given to over 300 youth
- 2 live speakers from KPH, Jack.Org & MDSC.
- Over 400 youth impacted in total

THE DR. INTERESTED BLOG:

Jan 2025 to Jan 2026

A youth-educating-youth initiative that shares articles on health, leadership, careers, and skill-building. It provides practical advice, stories, and insights to help young people explore their interests and learn from peers.



- 43 articles across 8 topics
- Over 113K Youth reading and learning from the blogs.
- Over 500K impressions of blogs on social media.

THE DR. INTERESTED PODCAST:

May 2025 to Jan 2026

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Conversations with youth leaders, changemakers, and professionals on health, leadership, and the future, designed to inspire and connect the next generation.

Our partners:



BioMedzone Korea



- Live Guests
- Over 40 volunteers
- Over 34.5K youth learning about careers.
- Over 200K impressions on social media.

* Viewership data is sourced from website analytics, and impressions are sourced from social media analytics, as shown in section 9.

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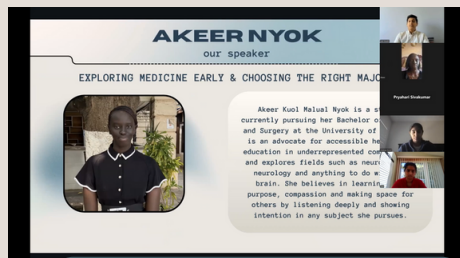
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WEBINAR SERIES



Webinar #7: MD/PhD Path with David Zhu



Webinar #1 Exploring Medicine Early with Akeer Nyok



Webinar #4: Pathways to Med School with Kate Tucker

September 2025 to November 2025

Our 11-webinar series connected youth with 11 guest speakers in medicine and health. Nearly 550 joined live, and recordings reached ~10,000 views, giving participants mentorship, career insight, and guidance.

"Being part of this program gave me a chance to explore careers and learn from professionals in a way school doesn't offer. I also got to connect with other youth who are curious and motivated, which made it feel like a real community."

RESEARCH PROPOSAL COMPETITION

July 1, 2025, to September 1, 2025

The Research Proposal Competition gave youth from around the world the chance to pitch original research ideas, regardless of prior experience. **Over 200 submissions from 30+ countries** showcased the creativity and curiosity of young people exploring health and science. With guidance from **4 medical student advisors**, participants received mentorship, feedback, and support throughout the process. **A total of 400 youth engaged and over 300K impressions on social media** in the competition, gaining experience in research design, scientific communication, and collaborative problem-solving. **The top five submissions were awarded mentorship and full publication and monetary support, including DOI registration**, helping bridge the gap between youth curiosity and real-world scientific impact by providing meaningful opportunities for learning, mentorship, and global youth engagement in health and science.

Check out what some of our participants have to say!



Second Meeting: How to do research proposals?



Linked Image To Recap Reel.

One participant said, "I had never ever written a formal research proposal before, but **from the very beginning**, I was met with **incredible support**." Others described the experience as **"fun," "challenging,"** and **"valuable both as a student and as a researcher,"** remarking, **"it was fun doing something new, spending time off my phone."**

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OFFICE-HOURS INITIATIVE:

May 2025 to Jan 2026

The Office Hours Initiative provided recurring open sessions where youth could access mentorship, guidance, and community support in a welcoming and low-barrier space. **With 9 mentors**, the initiative **offered over 1,400 youth direct access** to advice and support, **reaching more than 50,000 program impressions**. This program advanced Dr. Interested's mission by making mentorship more accessible, fostering connections, and supporting youth as they explored education, careers, and personal growth beyond the classroom.



Multiple one-on-one and group mentorship meetings run through the Office Hours initiative.

THE DR. INTERESTED SIMMON CHANG CHESS (AGAINST CANCER) CLUB

Nov 2025 to Dec 2025

Through a series of chess tournaments, including the Terry Fox International and Weiss Open, Dr. Interested raised funds in support of the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund. This initiative was created in honour of Simmon Chang, a dedicated young Canadian whose passion for chess and strength in the face of osteosarcoma continue to inspire our community. With the permission of his family, the program was renamed the Simmon Chang Chess Against Cancer Club to carry forward his legacy. **Within just one year, Dr. Interested became one of the top 10 fundraisers for the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund**, demonstrating the power of youth-led action and community-driven impact. The initiative brought together participants, donors, and supporters united by a shared commitment to advancing pediatric cancer research and honoring Simmon's life.

101% Rapid + Blitz
5/5 rounds + 1 win
1 minute between rounds

Simmon Chang Chess Club
Entry requirements:
Play your games
by 10:00 AM on 11/23
Nov 24, 2025, 6:00 PM

Weiss Open

Rank	Player	Points	Tie Break	Performance
1	LakeErie	4	16.00	2000
2	DONKEYS	5	14.00	2258
3	Dani_Tsarenko2009	3	16.00	1987

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2. LakeErie 2000
3. Dani_Tsarenko2009 1919
4. m0st4n 1737
5. D00B 1602
6. Edward3 1597
7. Seohawk 1537
8. Chessmaster1659 1507
9. Nepheladon 1214

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Image of the results from the first competition.



The Dr. Interested
Simmon Chang Chess Club

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES:



This is just a snapshot of some of our key programs and initiatives. For the full list and to learn more about everything happening at Dr. Interested, check out our website and Discord.

160,000 youth impacted

20+ Events

400+ Mentorship hours

900 volunteers engaged

EXPLORE III CASE COMPETITION:

Nov 2025

The Explore III Case Competition took place at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus, bringing together **70+ youth participants** to solve real-world interdisciplinary case challenges. Supported by **5 judges and 10 volunteers**, the event encouraged collaboration, critical thinking, and career exploration beyond the classroom. **We were honoured to have MP Peter Fonseca and City Councillor for Ward 3, Chris Fonseca**, attend as special guests. The competition reached **70,000+ impressions** on social media, extending its impact beyond the event itself.



Panel of judges during the Q&A period.

Our partners:



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO
MISSISSAUGA



Group picture with all participants.



Our Executive Director Adil Mukhi (Left), MP Fonseca (Center) & Ward 3 Councillor Chris (Right)

CULTURE & PSYCHOLOGY Conference

Oct 11, 2025

Hosted at YSpace at York University, the Dr. Interested Culture and Psychology Conference **engaged 100+ youth through conversations with five registered psychologists**. Supported by **20 volunteers**, the event created space for learning, networking, and career exploration as speakers shared insights.

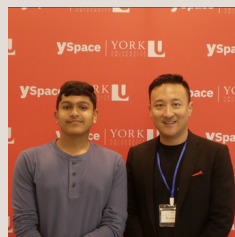
Our partners:



YSpace
YORK UNIVERSITY



Top Left: Our executive director delivering the keynote; Bottom Left: One of the guest speakers talking with the youth; Right: Image of three of the five speakers.



Our Executive Director Adil Mukhi (Left) & Dr. John Lee (Right)



Group picture with all participants.

MEDIA FEATURES:



All images below link to the original media feature of Dr. Interested.

GLOBAL INDIAN ARTICLE:



YSA FEATURE OF THE RESILIENT MINDS EVENT:



STUDENT SYNC'S FEATURE:



And on the website here!

PODCASTS:



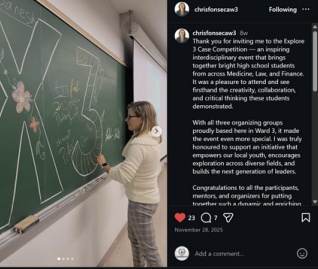
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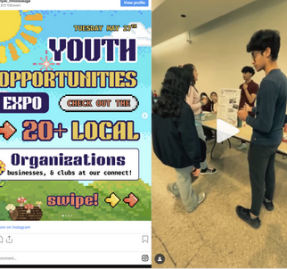
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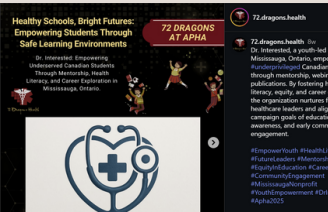
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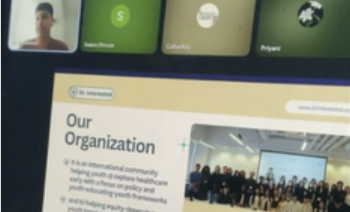
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FEATURED BY 72 DRAGONS HEALTH:



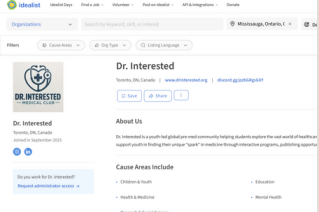
YOUTHBIZCONNECT OPPORTUNITY FAIR:



GLOCAL DOORS OPEN YEAR-END PANEL:



IDEALIST:



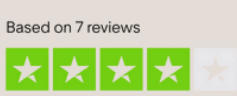
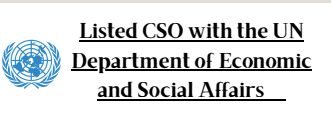
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**CANADIAN CHOICE AWARD FINALIST
IN THE NONPROFIT CATEGORY:**

And at the end of this year, a special surprise came to all of our team members, **Dr. Interested** was named the finalist for the Canadian Choice Awards in the Non-Profit Category.

Dr. Interested is proud to be member of and supported by:



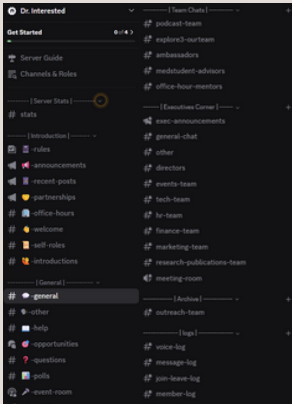
THE DISCORD SPACE:



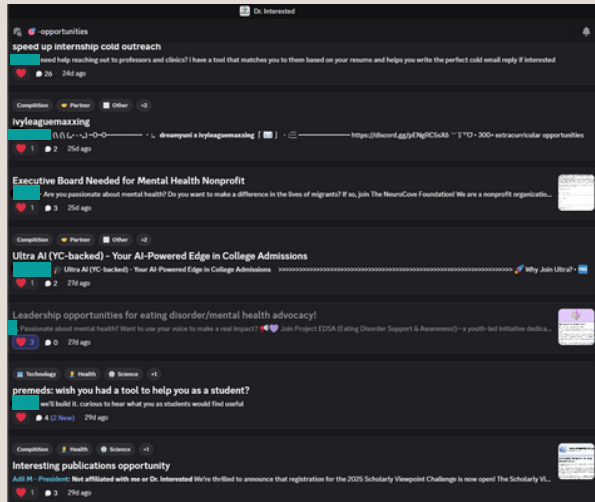
Interested? Check it out here:
<https://discord.gg/pzbGRGsGY>



Dr. Interested's Discord server is the heart of our community, providing a flexible, youth-focused space where members connect, ask questions, share opportunities, and support one another daily. Unlike traditional in-person events, it allows instant communication across cities and countries, making mentorship and collaboration accessible anytime. This review includes anonymized quotes and images of the server to highlight how members engage and benefit from the space while protecting privacy.



To keep organized we have different channels for different things. Our exec spaces allows us to give feedback and mentorship quickly and effectively.



We offer a space where members can share exciting opportunities and showcase their services, helping one another grow and connect within the community.



Moreover, we offer a collaborative forum for discussing research proposals, sharing feedback, and guiding students through the early stages of research development.

REAL OPINIONS FROM REAL YOUTH:

How has the Discord community space supported you? (Members)

"The Discord community has been such a supportive space. I've met people who genuinely understand my journey and are always willing to share advice or encouragement. It's helped me feel less alone, and I've discovered great resources and opportunities I wouldn't have found otherwise."

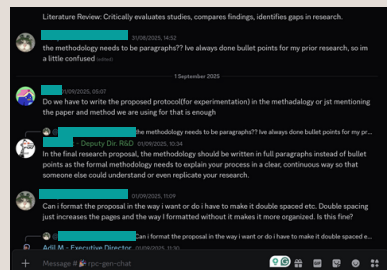
"School is very hard for me. I didn't have help at home because I'm the first in my family to study. Sometimes I felt very alone. But in the Dr. Interested Discord, I found people who understand. The office hours and mentorship program helped me find chances I didn't know existed. Now, I work with people from a nearby university..."



Question of the Day keeps youth engaged and lets their voices be heard, with responses here featured in our Learning Planet Festival presentation with UNESCO.

"I've found so many great people on Discord that check up on me and answer my questions. Not to mention, the numerous opportunities Dr. Interested makes available for everyone through Discord."

How has the Dr. Interested Discord community supported your work as an exec?



Answering questions in the Discord space during the time surrounding the Research Proposal Competition.

"The Discord space has been reassuring because of how people easily connect, offer feedback, and clarify what needs to get done. It creates a low-pressure, welcoming atmosphere where no one has to feel scared or alone — everyone is working together, and that quiet sense of teamwork makes it easier for me to stay engaged and lead confidently."

"The community feels supportive and welcoming, and it's nice seeing people help each other out. I'm able to reach out anytime I'm working for any project and I get help more or less right away from so many people that I really am surprised how good it is and how much of a community has been built"

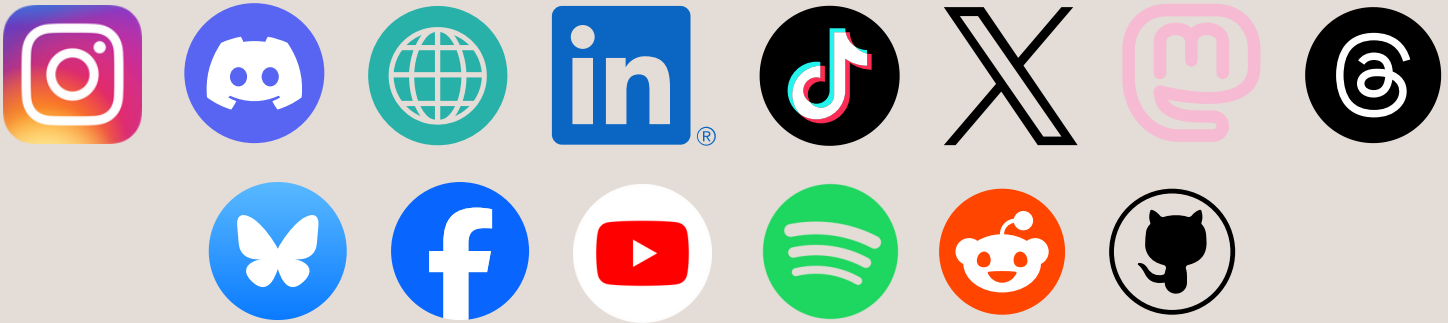
"The Dr. Interested Discord has been super helpful for collabing and sharing ideas with other execs. It made it easy to stay organized, get feedback fast, and plan stuff together without a million emails. It made leading feel more like a team effort than a solo mission."

SOCIAL ACCOUNTS:



To organize links for members we use: <https://linktr.ee/dr.interested>

(Click on the icons to access links)



OUR REACH:

A strong reach allows Dr. Interested to meet youth where they already are, removing barriers to access and ensuring opportunities, resources, and mentorship are visible to as many young people as possible. This section highlights how Dr. Interested connects with youth across multiple platforms through strategic, accessible, and creative outreach. Through social media engagement, community partnerships, email campaigns, and word-of-mouth growth, we've built a presence that reaches youth locally and globally, helping ensure no one is excluded due to geography or access.

The following outlines the reach of Dr. Interested across our social media platforms, with images taken directly from analytics.

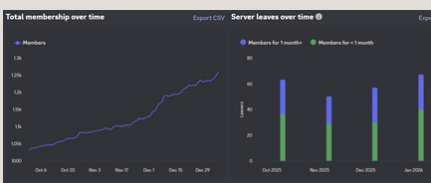
12 169 followers

752 posts

3 713 406 impressions

DISCORD:

Every time we send announcements in our Discord server, all 1300+ members (Subscribers) receive a notification, ensuring high visibility and engagement. When we cross-promote with partner organizations, the reach can vary—with a member ping, nearly all of their members typically view the message; without a ping, we estimate a visibility rate of around 3%, based on engagement patterns observed in our own server.



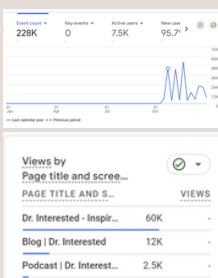
- 1300+ followers
- ~600 000 views
 - Our server (1400) x 105 (Pings; only) = 147000
 - Other servers with pings: ~300 000
 - Other servers without pings: ~150 000
- Over 105 posts



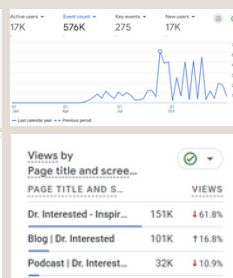
WEBSITE:

The Dr. Interested website serves as a central hub for information, resources, and opportunities, making it easy for youth to learn about programs, access event details, and stay connected. It helps ensure our work is visible, accessible, and easy to engage with for youth, partners, and supporters.

.ORG Website



.TECH Website



- 0 followers (email list instead)
- 804 000 views



OUR REACH:



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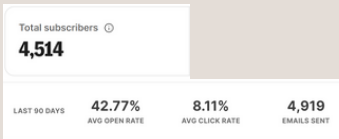
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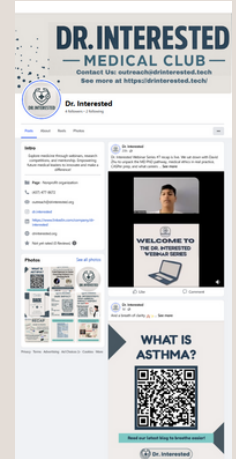
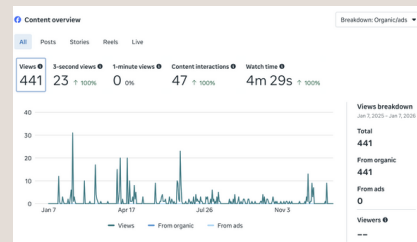
A weekly email sent every other Saturday. A quick update on what's going on for those who don't have Discord.



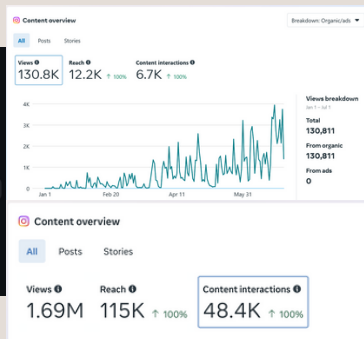
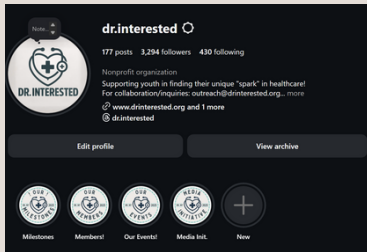
- 4,514 followers
- 20 broadcasts/Emails
- $20 \times 4514 \times 0.427 = 38.5K$ views
- 233.7% monthly growth rate

FACEBOOK:

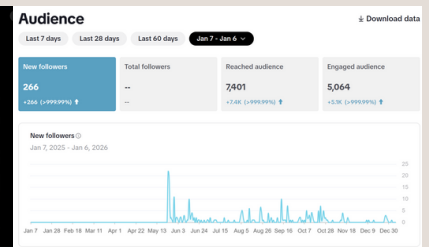
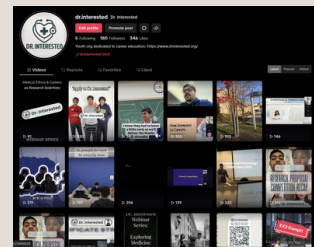
- 4 followers
- 441 views
- 47 posts



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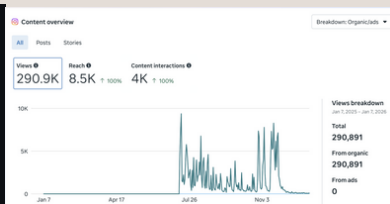
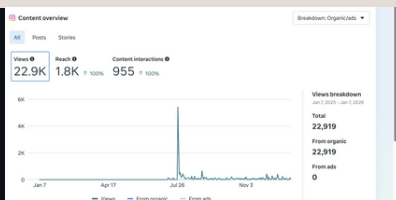
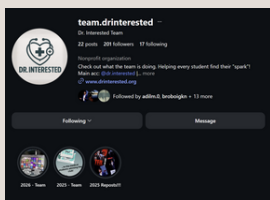


TIKTOK:



Meta Business Suite only provides 6 months of data.

Image 1: Jan 7 2025 to June 31 Image 2: July 14 to Jan 7 2026



- 5 536 followers
- 2 134 600 views
- 230 posts



- 266 followers
- 13 011 views
- 27 posts

OUR REACH:



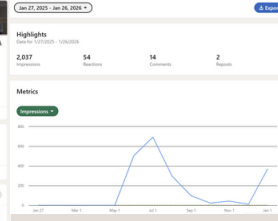
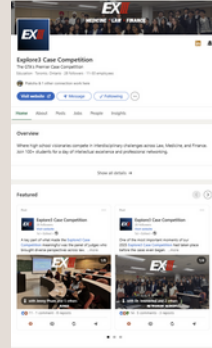
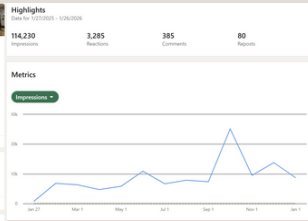
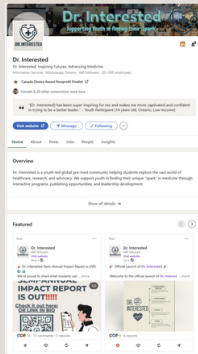
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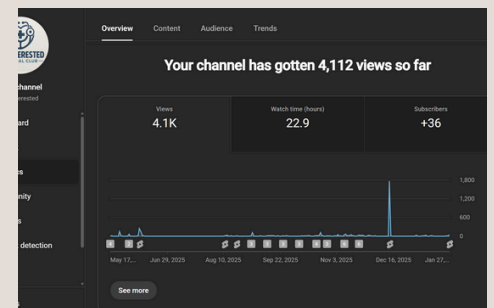
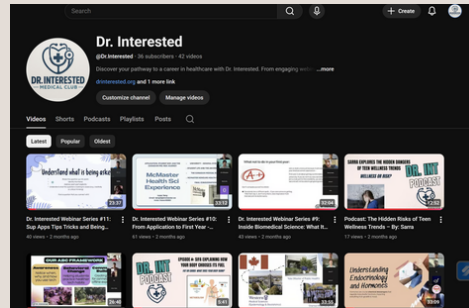
LINKEDIN:



- 466 followers
- 116,267 views
- 146 posts

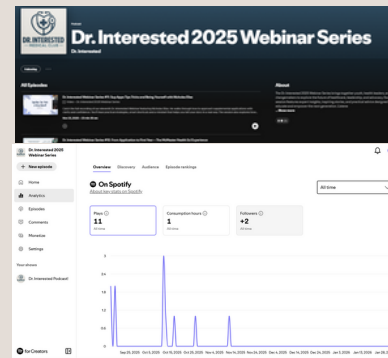
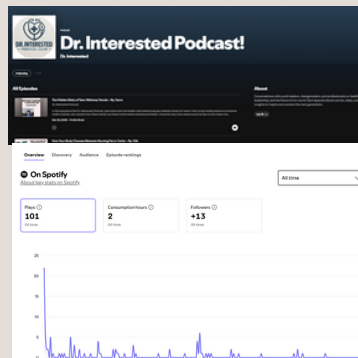
YOUTUBE:

- 36 followers
- 4 100 views; 22.9 hours
- 42 posts



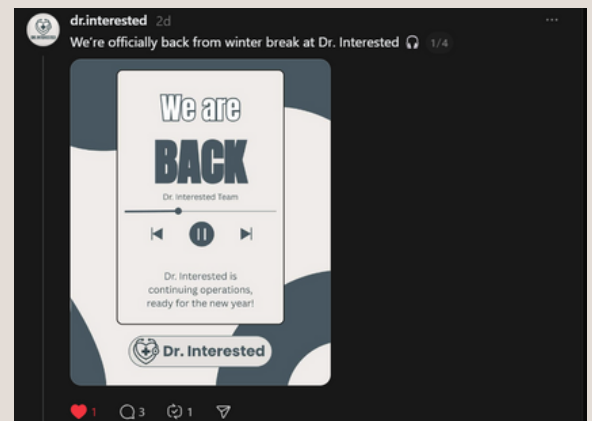
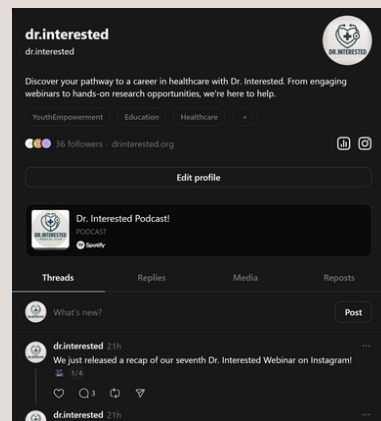
SPOTIFY:

- 15 followers
- 112 views; 3 hour
- 18 posts



THREADS:

- 36 followers
- 2 375 views
- 117 posts



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:



Revenue
\$5233.70

Operating Income:
Net Loss of \$81.01

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN:

Event Name/Type	Revenue	Expenditure	Net Income
Virtual Cards for Nurses	\$0	\$8.00	-\$8.00
The Resilient Minds Project	\$137.17	\$101.52	\$35.65
Research Proposal Competition	\$2500.00	\$2500.00	\$0
Culture & Psychology Conference	\$0	\$50.00	-\$50.00
EXPLORE ³ Case Competition	\$570.00	\$585.20	-\$15.20
Chess Against Cancer Tournament (Fundraiser)	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$0
Cards for Doctors	\$0	\$4.00	-\$4.00
2nd Chess Against Cancer Tournament (Fundraiser)	\$157.50	\$157.50	\$0
Misc (Admin Costs, Donations, smaller events)	\$1683.00	\$1722.48	-\$39.48
Total	\$5152.69	\$5233.70	-\$81.01

TOGETHER, WE ARE THE PULSE OF PROGRESS:

We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who has supported Dr. Interested - volunteers, partners, and mentors. Your belief in our mission has been essential to everything we've achieved, helping us impact over 160,000 youth globally

Whether through advocacy, education, or mentorship, thank you for building a space rooted in equity, impact, and innovation.

Together, we're shaping a future led by informed, empowered, and compassionate youth.

- Adil Mukhi

Executive Director, Dr. Interested

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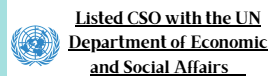
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OUR PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS:



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