

Sample Mock Trial Project for Youth in High Risk Community Project Schedule

October 27th	(Wednesday), 6-8 p.m.	Justice 101 Session
November 3rd	(Wednesday), 6-8 p.m.	Coaching session 1
November 10th	(Wednesday), 6-8 p.m.	Coaching session 2
November 17th	(Wednesday), 6-8 p.m.	Courthouse Visit/Coaching session 3
November 24th	(Wednesday), 6-8 p.m.	Coaching session 4
December 1st	(Wednesday), 6-8 p.m.	Additional coaching session (optional)
December 4th	(Saturday) 11a.m – 1p.m.	Mock Trial (Old City Hall, Courtroom 121)

Project Overview

Justice, the Community and You - Intro Session

- The program launches with two concurrent introductory sessions, where youth meet with a range of justice system professionals, which may include a judge, a justice of the peace, assistant crown attorney, defence counsel, duty counsel, probations officer, bail program supervisor and diversion program worker) to learn about the justice system and the people working within it.

Coaching Sessions

- During the first session, youth will receive the mock trial scenario R .v. Tisi.
- Coaching sessions will take place at the designated TCH locations, except for November 17th, which can be held in courthouses (optional).
- During the sessions crown and defence volunteers assist youth in understanding and developing their mock trial roles. This role includes talking about the justice system generally, developing advocacy skills and fielding questions about specific substantive law, as well as procedure and fairness.
- These sessions provide a non-authoritarian, educational approach that lets youth ask questions and learn that they can relate to their coaches as individuals. The goal is not only to increase youth participants' knowledge of the system, but also to provide mentoring, discuss the importance of graduation to careers in law, and to facilitate non-threatening interactions with members of the justice system.

Mock Trial, Old City Hall, 60 Queen Street West

- Teams travel to Old City Hall (requested Courtroom #121 from 11a.m. – 1 p.m.) to argue their mock trial case R .v. Tisi before Justice Kofi Barnes from the Ontario Court of Justice.
- Youth participants will be provided with robes at the courthouse.