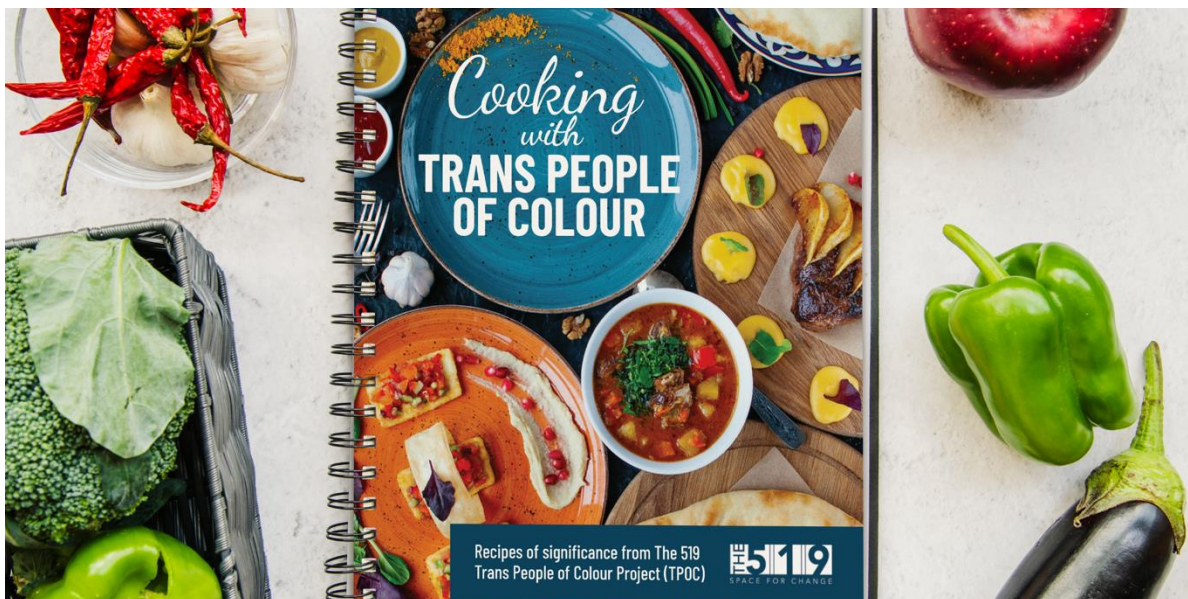


From: Dean Lobo
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Subject: **[Media Advisory] The 519 Trans People of Colour Project (TPOC) to launch a Cookbook by, featuring, and for BIPOC Trans People**



TORONTO, ONTARIO – The 519’s [Trans People of Colour Project](#) (TPOC) will launch **Cooking with Trans People of Colour**, a unique cookbook containing recipes of significance from the project. The cookbook, compiled by and for racialized trans people, will be launched at a [special virtual event](#) on **Thursday, March 25, 2021**, in celebration of the Trans Day of Visibility.

A true labour of love, this cookbook is a cornucopia of meaningful recipes lovingly curated by our TPOC members and project team. Additionally, the cookbook features unique sections including cooking and eating on a budget, hormones and healthy eating for trans folks, and resources and sexual health promotion information to support racialized trans folks.

Other event highlights include:

- Conversations with TPOC members
- Performances
- Silent auction
- Q&A session, and more

Media is invited to join us for the launch of this special gift to and from our communities. TPOC members are available for comment (phone, video, email) prior to the event or in advance by request.

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, March 25, 2021	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm ET	Virtual, via Zoom. Register here.



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ABOUT THE 519

Canada's largest LGBTQ2S centre, The 519 is committed to the health, happiness and full participation of our communities. A City of Toronto agency with an innovative model of Service, Space and Leadership, we strive to make a real difference in people's lives, while contributing to the advancement of LGBTQ2S equity and inclusion in Toronto and beyond. Aside from operating our own unique programs and services – including dedicated programs for LGBTQ2S newcomers and refugees, queer parents, LGBTQ2S seniors and trans community members. Furthermore, we broaden our reach via services provided by an extensive education and training department that works with fellow non-profits (including shelters and community centre staff), corporate bodies, and government agencies. The 519's 24,000 net square feet facility provides valuable meeting space to over 150 community groups. The 519 is a registered charity.

ABOUT THE TRANS PEOPLE OF COLOUR PROJECT (TPOC)

The Trans People of Colour Project (TPOC) is a three-year project funded by the Toronto Urban Health Fund. The project is designed to foster affirming support, greater access to food security, and access to meaningful sexual health promotion information for racialized trans folks. TPOC is an integral component of The 519's support of BIPOC 2Spirit, trans, and non-binary community members within The 519, and has continued to provide support through the pandemic. Between 2019-2020, TPOC had over 300 visits to the drop-in.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/LINKS:

- [Media Reference Guide - Discussing trans and gender-diverse people](#)
- [Media Tip Sheet](#)