



Stephen "Buddha" Leafloor

Stephen holds a Masters in Social Work with over 30 years of experience as a social worker. His company has pioneered accessible outreach programs that bring empowerment, hope and positive change to Canada's north, urban centers and maximum-security youth prisons. The BluePrintForLife team has reached over 6000 youth through 120 programs in over 45 communities to date.

Artist

A co-founder of the Canadian Floor Masters, (Canada's oldest B-Boy / breakdance crew 1983), he has performed for James Brown, Ice-T, Grandmaster Flash, Blackeyed Peas, Public Enemy and George Clinton. Steve was featured on Much Music, in music videos and in several documentaries. At 59 he is a proud father of three and still gets down in the Cypher!

Educator

Published author - including "Therapeutic Uses of Rap and Hip-hop" and the "Oxford handbook of Hiphop dance".

Guest lecturer at universities and keynote speaker at conferences including: international United Nations youth conferences, representing Justice Canada at international conferences on crime prevention, provincial chiefs of police conferences, and provincial and national conferences on education, bullying, social work, and First Nations topics. Consultant and workshop facilitator for Cirque Du Soleil.

Accolades

- Awarded the Meritorious Service Cross from Governor General David Johnston in 2016 for bringing honor to Canada.
- Appointed as an "Ashoka Fellow" for Canada (globally recognized for social outreach)
- "Making More Health Fellow" global working group on health with Boehringer Ingelheim
- Received an award from Canada's former Governor General (Michaëlle Jean) for outstanding achievement and outreach.
- Selected as one of Canada's "Top 45 over 45" for Zoomers magazine.
- Globe and Mail feature page on "Action Figures".
- Freedom to Create Youth Prize - International Finalist 2010
- Featured in Readers Digest and the subject of 8 documentaries. Numerous national outreach awards.

Internationally recognized and awarded social worker, celebrated dancer and founder of Blueprint For Life.

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"I really enjoyed working with Stephen...His nature and involvement in Hip Hop makes it easy for him to reach youth. His training as a social worker makes him a safe person to lead discussions on serious issues and his leadership ability and follow-through ensure the project stays on target. From our experience, I can say that he delivered above our expectations, and the project had an impact on youth that was beyond our hopes."

Gillian Corless
Coordinator Nunavut's
Promise to Children and Youth.

