

Youth Training in Ethical Knowledge
Sharing and Co-production to Advance
Northern, Indigenous-led Conservation
and Stewardship



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The Arctic Inspiration Prize is the largest annual prize in Canada. It inspires, enables, and celebrates the achievements of the people of the North, recognizing diverse teams with innovative projects in the fields of education; health and wellbeing; culture, arts and language; science and traditional knowledge; climate change; and the economy.

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CH'INDEE NEEKAI GWITS'AT: NANKAK GATR'ONAHTAN'

From both eyes on the land we learn.



18 youth from across Canada gathered on the homelands of the Lhù'àànMǎn Ku Dan (Southern Tutchone People) at Lhù'ààn Mǎn Keyi (Kluane Lake).

Participants learned from about traditional knowledge, culture, science and safety from Indigenous leaders, elders, academics and guardians.

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35 individuals participated: 18 youth from across the North, 12 elders and local knowledge holders, 4 researchers, 1 camp coordinator, and 3 audio/visual contractors.

Climate change

Indigenous land-based research

Red Cross Remote First Aid Training

Ethical Knowledge co-production

Environmental Monitoring

Impact of colonialism and residential schools, with Elder Bev Sellars

Data Collection & Biodiversity Monitoring

Indigenous crafts taught by Elder Mary Jane Johnson

"Understanding meaningful inclusion and allyship of Indigenous peoples in consultation"

Youth Participant



WELCOME TO OUR JOURNEY

Click the video below to follow this journey from the beginning.

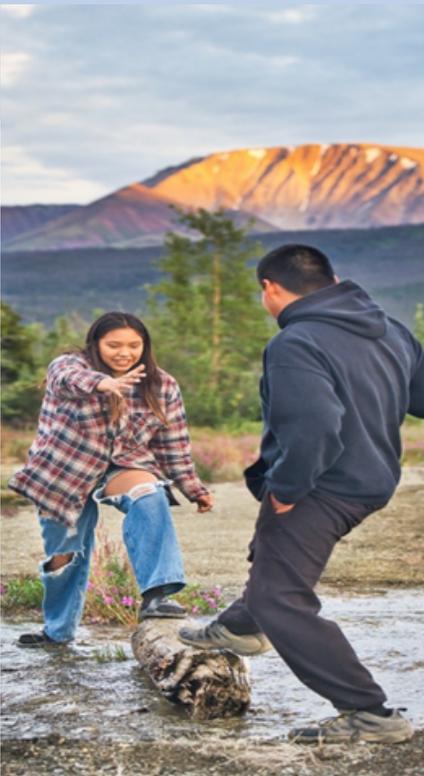


"We connected our local knowledge holders and academics with our youth, enabling intergenerational knowledge transfer. Participants learned about community-based research methods, on-the-land safety, the history of colonization, and the impacts of residential schools in the north. We also explored the best practices for moving forward in a good way towards reconciliation."

The Canadian Mountain Network team acknowledges the tireless work that Jared Dulac did in helping with the creation of this video while he was under contract.

BUILDING BRIDGES

INTERGENERATIONAL • ACROSS THE NORTH • BETWEEN NORTH & SOUTH



In addition to training Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth about environmental stewardship from Indigenous and Western ways of knowing, it is also an opportunity for youth to advance reconciliation by building partnerships with the earth and one another. Creating a network of strong allies across the North who will work together on initiatives to build a healthier, more sustainable future.

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

On feedback surveys, 100% of youth enjoyed their experience, with 87% stating that the topics taught at camp were relevant to their interests.

“ Seeing how people from all over Canada and beyond, from very different backgrounds and origins, and of different age groups related to subjects such as climate change, conservation, reconciliation and Indigenous self-determination was a very unique experience that doesn't happen in an academic context. ”

PARTICIPANT



SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- Local arts and language lessons from Southern Tutchone elders and knowledge holders.
- First Aid and on the land safety.
- Biodiversity and ecosystem monitoring from Indigenous and Western science perspectives.
- Climate action leadership.
- Building resilience, mental and physical health through addressing harmful legacies of residential schools.
- Local arts and language lessons from Southern Tutchone elders and knowledge holders.
- Best practices for conducting community-based research and creating an ethical space.



SUPPORTING WELL-BEING

Giving youth a safe space to heal, find their voices, and to grow. Fostering pride in Indigenous identity and culture.



“ It helped me see the bigger picture in life, on how the world is so big and how many things I can do to better the world, especially my community.

I learned my voice is powerful. ”

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ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE

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