

UPDATES – YOUTH NETWORK GROUP – MAY 2018

In Attendance:

Big Brothers Big Sisters Yukon	Angela Krueger
Environmental Education and Youth Programs	Remy Rodden
Mental Health Association of Yukon	Tiffanie Tasane
Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services	Andrej DeWolf
Royal Canadian Mounted Police	Dwayne Latham
Volunteer Benevoles Yukon – Youth on Board	Mildred Penaranda
Youth Achievement Centre	Bryan Unruh
Youth Directorate	Gord Kurzynski/Ashley Harris
Yukon Child and Youth Advocate Services	Taylor Campbell
Yukon Women in Trades and Technology	Brenda Barns

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon

[Angela Krueger](#), Executive Director, 867-668-7911

- Have capacity to have more Littles in our program
- Big Squeeze event in August

Council of Yukon First Nations

[Amelia Merhar](#), Child Welfare Analyst, 867-393-9200

Council of Yukon First Nations is hosting a free two-day Family Strengthening gathering June 4-5th at KDCC. Presenters from First Nation Child Welfare agencies sharing their innovative and successful prevention programs include Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society, K'wak'walat'si Child and Family Services, Ayas Men Men Child and Family Services, Sandy Bay Child and Family Services as well as the Union of Nova Scotia Indians. Breakfast and lunch served, please register online and we hope to see you there!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-strengthening-a-child-welfare-gathering-tickets-46081312446>

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FAMILY STRENGTHENING

A Child Welfare Gathering

The Council of Yukon First Nations is hosting a
two day gathering to explore
innovative child welfare prevention practices.



June 4 & 5, 2018 · 9am - 4:30pm
The Longhouse, Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre

For more information and FREE registration
please contact Karen MacArthur
393-9200 ext: 9251
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Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund



Youth Focussed Projects

Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund – Spring 2018

Village of Teslin - 2018 Summer Programming

The Village of Teslin will provide weekday afternoon camps and evening programming for children and youth ages 6 to 18 years old. The project will include ongoing boys club, girls club and youth club. The project also includes three week-long, all-day camps: an Elephant Thoughts science camp, a Breakdance Yukon Society dance camp and a Monkey Business gymnastics camp. The camps will be delivered in Teslin and surrounding areas between June 15 -August 31, 2018. The goals of the project are to reduce the incidence of crime by offering youth in Teslin a safe place to do during the summer months to be active, mentally engaged, and learn new skills.

Contact: Kelsey Hassard (867) 335-4250

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon – Community Mentoring Project

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon mentoring program matches an adult with a child for a fun and safe friendship so that the child feels valued and has a friend to talk to. The program occurs in the community with the child and adult going on outings or meeting in their homes. There is also an in-school mentoring program which has the same goals, however the child and adult meet at the school and participate in activities that are available at the school, such as games and sports. Currently there are school programs at Elijah Smith Elementary, Selkirk Elementary and Takhini Elementary.

This project continues and augments the current mentoring program in Dawson City and Whitehorse. This would include monitoring the existing matches, recruiting new volunteer mentors and mentees, safety training for both and case management of the program. The goal is to provide a mentor for each child in Yukon who would like one.

Contact: Angela Krueger (867)668-7911

Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association – Community After-School Sports Program

Offering 28 sessions of an after school program (3:30 – 5 p.m. four days a week for seven weeks) focusing on cultural programming at the Canada Games Centre in partnership with CGC, Yukon Aboriginal Sports Circle, Dornonn Fox, Boys and Girls Club of Yukon, Skookum Jim Friendship Centre and Kwanlin Dun First Nation.

Monday and Friday - Arctic Sports

Tuesday - Hockey

Wednesday - Lacrosse

Thursday – partners would be able to participate in the Thursday programming that is currently being offered by CGC with funding from CPVST.

Possibly additionally on Friday - Hand Games

A meal would be offered following each session from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Youth accompanied by youth service providers from the partnering programs would participate for free. Youth who are not connected with these organizations would be able to participate through the drop-in passes provided by CPVST funding.

Contact: James Roddick (867) 334-4878

Dawson Shelter Society – Wen-do Women's Self Defence Course & Workshops

Dawson Shelter Society, in collaboration with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation will be bringing Wen-Do (Canada's longest running women's self defence organization, based in Ontario) to Dawson City to conduct self-defence sessions and workshops about violence prevention and responsive care.

Workshops include:

- 15 hour weekend course for 20 females ages 13+
- 2 – 3 hour session for FN women (19+ age) to discuss shared experiences and feelings about violence and crime prevention
- 1 hour information session for all females ages 11+ about different types of self-defence including awareness and verbal and physical defence, general safety and local resources
- 2 hour session for youth ages 11 – 18 to focus specifically on youth needs and options for prevention and response.

Contact: Michelle Carmichael (867)993-5086

Yukon Tourism Education Council - Multicultural Centre of the Yukon Youth Program Summer Camp

Ten week summer day camp from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Multicultural Centre for male and female youth in grades 1 – 7. Ten registered youth will be accepted weekly and two spots will be kept for drop-ins. Youth will be divided into age groups of 6 – 9 years and 10 – 13 years.

The focus will be on English second language, reading and arithmetic through activities including: arts and crafts, book club, math club, sports, themed events, walking tours, games, field trips and guest speakers from other youth organizations to provide information about their programs.

Contact: Dustin Heffner (867) 334-5899

**Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation –
LSCFN Historical Youth Hunting Practices; Connecting with ourselves, archery**

Archery classes twice a week in two sessions respectively for ages 13 – 18 and 19 -24, for a period of eight sessions. The goals of the project are to teach First Nation cultural values of caring, sharing, respect and self-control. This project aims to empower and reconnect First Nation traditional hunting practices and encourage cultural revitalization.

Contact: Teagan Unterschute (867)863-5576 ext. 233

Dawson City Music Festival Society – Yukon Girls Rock Camp

The fourth annual Rock Camp to be held July 15 – 21, 2018 in Dawson City and to be expanded to Whitehorse as capacity has been reached in Dawson City. Each camp would follow the same format and would include music education and workshops tailored to three age groups 8-9 years, 10 – 12 years and 13 – 18 years.

Topics include: media literacy, band dynamics, women who broke barriers in music and society, issues for northern girls, fashion and style in gender and sexual orientation, junior counselor, traditional singing and culture and being allies for others in the community.

The camps would end with a public performance of a collaborative song written by the girls at the camp. In Dawson City this would take place at the DCMF; in Whitehorse at a place to be determined.

Contact: Lana Welchman (867) 993-3439

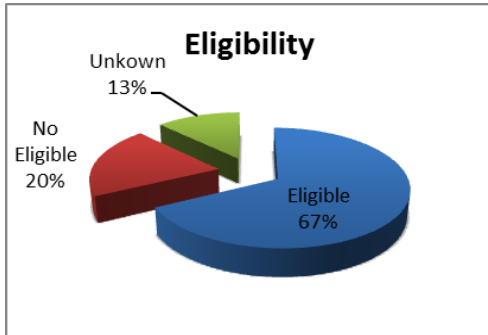
Skills Canada Yukon

[Marie Furman](#), Program Coordinator, 867-668-2736

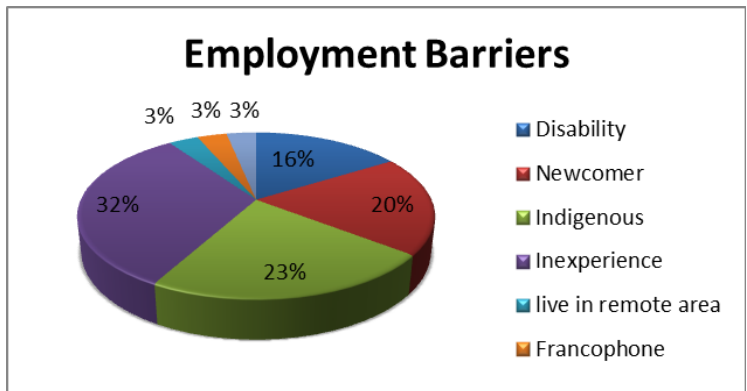
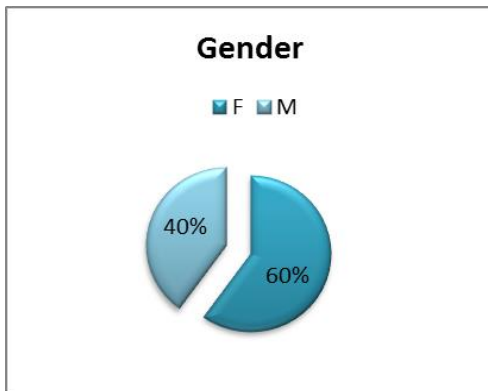
- Attended Jr. REM in Watson Lake to put on a Special F/X Make-Up workshop where students learnt to create bruises and gashes. It was taught by a high-school student and was a great success.
- Team Yukon is heading to Skills Canada's National competition in Edmonton June 4th and 5th. We are bringing 22 competitors ranging in age from 15-30, as well as chaperones and coaches. This year we are happy to have 6 competitors participating from 3 different communities.
- Still excited for the try-a-trade summer camp happening July 16th-20th at the Yukon College. It will feature electrical installations, podcasting, welding and baking, as well as venue tours of some of the amazing local work spaces.
- Busy planning our alumni AGM for September (at which time Skills Canada Yukon will celebrate its 20 year anniversary). We are interested in hearing from any past national competitors about how they became involved with Skills Canada, what the experience is like for them, and how it impacted their lives and career paths.

Volunteer Benevoles Yukon Youth on Board

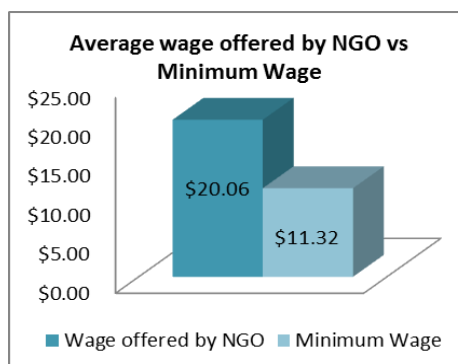
[Mildred Penaranda](#), Project Manager, 456-4304



A total of 40 participants applied to YOB in our first year of operations, 27 were eligible, eight did not qualify, and five withdraw without knowing their eligibility.



One of the most popular barriers for employment among the participants is inexperience, followed by newcomers and indigenous people. **24** participants are female and **16** are male.



One requirement for being part of YOB is to raise the minimum wage at least **\$1**. The average wage offered has been **\$20**

Youth Employment Centre

[Temira Vance](#), Youth Employment Centre Manager

Our YG agreement is for ALL YUKON YOUTH between the ages of 15 – 30 yrs, a lot of people think it is just for First Nations youth but it is for everyone. We have money for training and work gear available for our youth in Whitehorse and the communities.

Every year we receive 10 work placements from YG and this year they have all been filled at the following locations:

- Career Industries
- Watson Lake Hougens Department Store
- Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism (2)
- Leaping Feats (2)
- Northern Cultural Expressions Society
- Splintered Craft
- Xhastins Healing Journey
- YaxKasei Art House

We will receive additional funding through Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to do more work placements and training. If there is any First Nation, Metis or Inuit youth that can benefit from this please send them to us and we will be happy to help.

YEC will be attending the Moose Hide Gathering in Dawson City and the CYFN GA in Mayo this summer. We are planning to travel to Haines Junction, Burwash Landing and Beaver Creek. If there are other youth events happening we will be happy to attend to offer our program.

Yukon Association for Community Living

[Erin Kohler](#), YACL Youth Program Coordinator, 867-667-4606



Youth Leadership Training Workshop

What: An 8-week program aimed at developing and improving leadership skills in youth between the ages of 13 and 21, through weekly activities, interactive talks, and outings. This workshop will accommodate youth of all mental and physical abilities, and backgrounds. Snacks will be provided at each session.

When: Tuesday evenings 6-8pm starting April 24th and ending on June 5th

Where: Yukon Association for Community Living (#7 Yukon Inn Plaza)

Cost: FREE!

Please call 867-667-4606 or email yacpeermentor@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.!

Yukon Child & Youth Advocate Office

[Taylor Campbell](#), STEP Student, 867-456-5575

The Yukon Child and Youth Advocate Office is an independent office of the Yukon Legislative Assembly that represents the rights, views and preferences of children and youth who are receiving or eligible to receive government services and programs. These services may be in the areas of Family and Children's Services, Health, Education, Mental Health or Youth Justice. The Advocate's primary concern is to ensure that a child or youth's rights views or preferences are heard and considered in decisions that affect their lives.

In addition to individual advocacy, YCAO provides systemic advocacy as well as public education about the role of the office and the rights of children.

- Staffing:
Annette King – Child and Youth Advocate;
Annie Blake – Administration/Communications Assistant
Bengie Clethero, Deputy Child and Youth Advocate;
Jessica Williams – Advocacy Caseworker
Taylor Campbell – STEP Student
Lynda Silverfox – Systemic Analyst
- Individual advocacy – there continues to be in high demand for services. We promote children's rights (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) in government services and track Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) calls to action regarding Yukon government decisions regarding children and youth.
- Systemic Advocacy – YCAO is conducting an independent systemic review of the experiences of children and youth in Yukon group homes. The Advocate is currently reviewing advocacy issues for children and youth and will be developing an advisory group to assist with the review. Interviews with children, youth, families and workers will be conducted in Sept, and Oct. Prior to that, if children youth or others have concerns about the experiences of children and youth in group homes, please have them contact the Advocate.
- Jays care Foundation – YCAO's partnership with Jays Care Foundation has been successful in developing 20 youth coaches (mostly 12 year olds) who have been running 8 ball programs throughout the Yukon promoting the right to play. This TRC reconciliation project will end with a celebration and tournament on June 22nd and 23rd at the KDFN baseball field and the Softball Yukon complex.

Yukon Department of Environment, Environmental Education and Youth Programs

[Morris Lamrock](#), Youth Programs Coordinator, Environment

[Remy Rodden](#), Manager of Environmental Education and Youth Programs

- in full summer mode with Youth Programs... have hired all our post-secondary staff for the Y2C2 and CAT Camps; deadline for Y2C2 Field Worker positions is this Thursday, May 30...these youth get extensive and valuable training and experience in conservation work and general life skills
- the senior staff have been trained to deliver bear safety to elementary school students, and will be doing 42 talks over two weeks, and reaching an estimated 850 kids in the Whitehorse area
- we're working with Education, and a number of First Nations and Renewable Resources Councils to develop and implement a renewed Southern Lakes Caribou Education Program to help kids and communities learn about the caribou in their neighbourhood

The next YNG meeting: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 @ 1:15 p.m.

Location: TBA