

2 0 1 0 J U N E

# TYPS

## YOUTH CENTRES CANADA



\* **Northern Adventures**

\* **Bits and Bytes**

\* **YCC Research Recap**

\* **Take Kids Boating**

\* **Link to Conference  
Photos**

\* **Network News  
Summer Events and  
Funding Opportunities**

*Editor Dale Pearson  
dale@typs.com*

Youth Centres Canada spent ten amazing days in the Northwest Territories, hosting the **2nd Annual NWT Youth Centre Conference**. This year, Inuvik was the host community.

23 Youth Centres and several other youth initiatives were present from all over the Territories. Communities of only 80 people, to the Northwest Territory's largest community, Yellowknife, shared information, learned new tools and models, and continued developing the Northwest Territories Youth Centre Coalition based on resolutions made in 2009.

Inuvik is a community of 3900 people. The Inuvik Youth Centre is thriving with activity, and while we were there, youth were out at the local skatepark or inside brainstorming programs and activities they were looking forward to for the summer.

We got a tour of the new Youth Centre soon to be opened, which is located next to the Recreation Centre and near the community Greenhouse, where youth have a garden plot for the growing season. We were also very privileged to visit Tuktoyaktuk, the northernmost community on Canada's mainland, and visit the youth centre there.

Strangely, we had higher temperatures in Inuvik, which is 2 degrees above the Arctic Circle, than anywhere in Canada one day, with temperatures soaring to 29 degrees.

We thank Garry Hubert and the Side Door Youth Centre, MACA, and the Community of Inuvik, for making us so welcome.

### CONFERENCE TEAM



### THE SIDE DOOR YOUTH CENTRE



### INUVIK CHURCH



## INUVIK GREENHOUSE



## SHARON FIRTH OLYMPIC ATHLETE



## INUVIK YOUTH CENTRE



# OH CANADA!

We live in a truly beautiful country. From sea to sea to sea, we find vast waterways, rolling plains, stark tundra, towering mountains, alpen woodlands, boreal forests, and communities that are filled with a diverse array of people, many of whom have ancestors going back countless generations, and others who have come from other places all over the world and have chosen to live in this amazing country.

As I experienced cultures and surroundings that were entirely new to me, it affirmed for me how important and valuable it is to give our young people the opportunity to travel and meet with other people across our country, and to experience new places and different cultural backgrounds.

The **TYPS ANNUAL CONFERENCE** is a great way to introduce your youth to hundreds of other youth from all over Canada.....so once again, we urge you to start planning ahead for March. Get your youth excited about planning and fundraising, and bring a delegation to Ottawa. This year, we'll have several more groups from the Northwest Territories, and once again, groups from north to south to east to west. E-mail us if you have questions or want some help about how to plan this event. We have lots of ideas.....and don't forget, any subsidies we can find we will pass on to registered members and groups that have been making efforts to fund raise on their own.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Travis Fisch, our official conference photographer, for posting so many great photos on line for us all to share from the 2010 Annual Conference, Unite and Ignite.....you can find Travis' photos at <http://s879.photobucket.com/albums/ab360/TYPS2010/>

## ARCTIC TOE DIP



## CARIBOU LINE



## TUKTOYAKTUK COMMUNITY ICE HOUSE



## FLAGS OF THE NWT



## HOOPS AT THE SIDEDOOR YC



## AN EARTH SHELTER DWELLING IN TUK FLIGHT TO TUK



### YOUTH CENTRES AS HUBS OF YOUTH SERVICES: A RECAP OF RESEARCH RESULTS CONDUCTED BY TYP'S YOUTH CENTRES CANADA REGARDING PARTNERSHIPS AND SUSTAINABILITY. Kevin Morris

In October 2009 TYP'S conducted basic research on the extent youth centres operate as hubs of youth services, with results nationally from ninety eight youth centres (total N=590), a significant return (see attached questionnaire). The questionnaire had youth centre staff identify outside organizations that were involved at least once over the previous month in their programming, that is: youth providers, including schools (organizations mandated to provide youth services), and community agencies providing youth centres.

While the bias towards responding was inherently with youth centres who were responding, results confirmed that youth centres that provide more services to youth are more sustainable. Of those who viewed themselves as sustainable (60% of respondents):

- They had an average of 3 links with service providers, and 13% reporting no links.
- 53% had municipal funding (medium level of 30% of their operations),
- 47% had regional support (medium level of 60%),
- 66% of these had significant in-kind support from their municipalities.

Of the youth centres who viewed themselves as non-sustainable (40% of respondents):

- They had on average 2 links with service providers, and 20% reporting no links.
- 44% had municipal funding (medium level of 15% of their operations)
- None had regional support (where this level of funding was available)
- 56% had significant in-kind support.

As for provincial level support, figures were uncertain, as it appears a good number of respondents were referring to project support; nevertheless, 34% of sustainable groups received provincial/territorial level support of 70% of their operations; non-sustainable youth centres, 27% with a medium level of 30% (this included friendship centres who received parallel funding through Provincial/Federal channels)

Other results:

- Strongest links overall are with health agencies and schools.
- There are overall twice the number of links with providers as to community service agencies.
- Reliance of project support showed 47% of non-sustainable centres relied on half their funding here, while only 27% of sustainable groups got half their funding here.

Conclusion:

In brief, the sustainable youth centres had more links with service providers and community service agencies, and receive much higher levels of support at all levels of government, especially at the municipal and regional levels.

The results also show that all youth centres demonstrated the need for more links with service providers; only 17% of sustainable centres had what we consider very strong links.

# BITS AND BYTES

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....

<http://www.dreamcatchers.org/fptv/> WorldLink TV ([www.worldlinktv.com](http://www.worldlinktv.com)), the first nationwide television network providing Americans with global perspectives on news, events and culture, is airing a new weekly series by and about the tribal peoples of the world. First Peoples TV features 26 award-winning documentaries and dramas focusing on the lives of contemporary Native and Aboriginal people and the issues they face.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xFG2t5JIFU&feature=related> Phil Gatensby of the Tlingit Nation expresses his views on youth and drugs in “The Problem With Youth - It’s Adults”.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnJ-2eWF55w> Emory University — August 27, 2009 — Dr. Greg Berns talks about a new study using brain imaging to study teen behavior. It turns out that adolescents who engage in dangerous activities have frontal white matter tracts that are more adult in form than their more conservative peers.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWOQUsWqIFk&feature=channel> Emory University— August 28, 2009 — Dr. Greg Berns talks about the way society has changed its definition of adulthood over time. 100 years ago, a 15-year-old would be considered grown up and ready to fend for himself. These days some 25-year-old are still treated and acting like teenagers.

Les Voakes, Executive Director [lvoakes@typs.com](mailto:lvoakes@typs.com)  
Kevin Morris, Project Manager [kevin@typs.com](mailto:kevin@typs.com)  
Dale Pearson, Project Coordinator [dale@typs.com](mailto:dale@typs.com)  
Josy Labbe, Conference Coordinator [josy@typs.com](mailto:josy@typs.com)

TYPS Office 613-269-2436 Fax 613-269-4118  
Website [www.typs.com](http://www.typs.com)

We love to hear from you. News, questions, problems, or solutions, you can call or e-mail anytime. We also like to hear about any events or upcoming activities for our Network News! Photos are welcome, too. Send items to [dale@typs.com](mailto:dale@typs.com).



A BIG THANK YOU to Travis Fisch, our official conference photographer, for posting so many great photos on line for us all to share from the 2010 Annual Conference, Unite and Ignite.....I still see lots of photos on Facebook that people use to

# NETWORK NEWS



**THE LALOCHE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE:** Northern Saskatchewan communities are partnering up to host a Youth Outdoor Conference in August 2010. The La Loche Friendship Centre, Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Northern Village of La Loche and Keewatin Regional Health Authority representative are working to ensure that youth from Northern Saskatchewan are off to the best start in life. Workshops, games, elder interaction, making new friends, and so much more! All this is set to happen at the Palm Bere Camp Ground.

**STRATFORD YOUTH CAN-DO, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:** YCD will be hosting the Pride Week Youth Dance Monday, July 12 for youth in grades 7 -12 at the Stratford Town Centre. We will also be entering a float in the Annual Pride Parade Saturday, July 17 in Charlottetown. We hope to not be the only Youth Organization participating in the Pride Parade this year. YCD is also help coordinate the Youth on the Coast Conference July 23 - 25 at the seaside Town of Rustico. Youth on the Coast is for youth ages 16 - 26 who are concerned about the issues facing youth who live on coast lines. As you can imagine this conference is of even greater importance since the BP Oil crisis in the Gulf of Mexico. For additional information or to register please go to <http://www.gov.pe.ca/czc2010/index.php?number=1024375&lang=E>

**FUNDING POSSIBILITIES: Mountain Equipment Coop Community Contributions** - Application deadline is September 10, 2010 for applications for Land Acquisition, Capacity Building, Research, Advocacy and Education, and Access. Urban Sustainability and Grassroots Product Donations applications are accepted anytime. Please see their website <[http://www.mec.ca/Main/content\\_text.jsp?FOLDER%3C%3Efolder\\_id=1408474396038943&FOLDER%3C%3EbrowsePath=1408474396038943&bmUID=1203699307979](http://www.mec.ca/Main/content_text.jsp?FOLDER%3C%3Efolder_id=1408474396038943&FOLDER%3C%3EbrowsePath=1408474396038943&bmUID=1203699307979)> for more information.

**Toronto Dominion Financial Literacy Grant Fund** - Call for Proposals - The TD Financial Literacy Grant Fund is now accepting proposals for grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to be awarded to qualified community based agencies, charities and not-for-profit organizations to help integrate financial literacy training into services they deliver to their clients. The deadline for this first round of applications is July 31, 2010. For more information and an application form, see <http://www.sedi.org/grantfund>

**TAKING IT GLOBAL: YOUTH ART ON LINE** - The EVOKE digital media art contest is now closed. We were able receive submissions from artists from almost every province and territory in Canada. The pieces submitted by youth were both uplifting and thought-provoking. This is a huge accomplishment and it would not have been possible without your contributions.

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights will be announcing the winners shortly and we are looking forward to seeing the winners in Winnipeg at the ceremony. Their artwork will be showcased at an event hosted by the MUSEUM as a source of inspiration. If you'd like to see the EVOKE collection, which consists of all of the submissions, you can do so by going to the following link: <http://evoke.tigweb.org/submissions.html>

**FOR ONTARIO ONLY, FROM THE DESK OF YASIR NAVQI** - I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services is now accepting applications for the Safer and Vital Communities Grant 2010.

This grant encourages communities, business and government to work together, create integrated networks and build safer, healthier communities through social development. The Grant is a maximum of \$20,000, awarded for one-time project funding, and is open to:

- Community-based, not-for-profit incorporated organizations
- Community-based, not-for-profit organizations/groups sponsored by incorporated organizations
- Chiefs & Band Councils.

The deadline to submit applications is July 23, 2010.

You can get more information on this grant at:

<<http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/>>[www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca](http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/).



**Tunnel Bay Marina** in the beautiful 1000 Islands region of Ontario on the St. Lawrence River, is sponsoring the first Youth Centres Canada "Take Kids Boating" Day, August 21, 2010.

The marina will recruit its members to volunteer their time and their boats to take kids out on the river and share a memorable experience. The goal is not just a wonderful day, it is also to give youth who would not otherwise have the opportunity for this experience to gain skills and knowledge. Perhaps even to provide a kind of inspiration that only comes from a first hand experience of something new.

Several groups have already signed on. The marina hopes that this will be a model for other marinas to get involved next year and expand the program across Canada.

*"Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can - there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did."* Sarah Caldwell

## Take Kids Boating Day

### A day to share the Thousand Islands

Every summer the islands are a memorable place for locals and tourists alike, on August 21st a few more people have the chance to enjoy a special day in a special place.



Youth Centres Canada

**What:** A day of cruising on the Thousand Islands with lunch included.

**When:** Saturday August 21, 2010

**Where:** Tunnel Bay Marina, Brockville ON

**Time:** 11am - 2pm

**Note:** Spaces limited, Contact TYPS for Reservations

Please call or email to request form:

**Phone:** (613) 269-2436

**Email:** [dale@typs.com](mailto:dale@typs.com)