

QARJUIT YOUTH COUNCIL

MAPPING THE WAY

Sustainable employment

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ABOUT US



- Launched in September 2015
- Ethnic, non-for-profit organization
- Represents Inuit youth of Nunavik and Chisasibi from the ages of **15 to 35**
- Improve their quality of life, to empower themselves and to explore their full potential as **responsible citizens and leaders.**



TRADITION



ENGAGE



VOICE



FORWARD

OUR TEAM

OUR EXECUTIVES
Elected seats!



Alicia Aragutak,
President



Olivia Ikey,
Vice President



Aleashia Echalook,
Secretary-treasurer



When you positively impact the life of a **youth**, you automatically change a family which can **empower a whole community** and, ultimately, the region of Nunavik.



YOUTH PRIORITIES

- > Create a **large youth network** and initiate them to 'community mobilization' standing up and expressing their issues to the leaders as well as developing their own projects.
- > **Re-build bridges** between younger and older Inuit generations and promote traditional values and customs along with the Inuktitut language.
- > Mental health starts from home and impacts a whole community, region and culture. **Break stigmas and shape self-confident youth** are yet to be done.
- > Encourage school perseverance and develop projects targeting **informal education**.



GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- > Better understand governance of NFP organization
- > Develop leadership skills
- > Best practices of self-governance and accountability



Perspectives that youth face when entering job market:

in Nunavik are very diverse in each of the communities, few things that were often said during the Qarjuit Youth Consultations is that access to jobs are difficult in smaller communities, often qualifications are not considered and job descriptions are intimidating or simply, there is no training plan. And at most, egalitarian environment in work place. To give an example, often youth are the “younger” people in work place, so their opinions don’t matter as much, youth dress funny, or properly get picked on, youth with diverse mentality are alienated.

So what strategy does QYC have on how to address these issues?

There is not really anything more other than the fact that we encourage youth to get involved, to keep trying and never give up although there are a lot of things going at us, to beat the norm, to set a standard. When we finally have opportunities to bring forward these issues we do. To different organization, to events like these, to talk about them so people know that youth have a lot to offer, especially in this day and age where we are evolving as a region, the pace getting faster, the population getting higher and a little bit more people, getting educated!



LOCAL YOUTH ACTIONS FUNDING (LYAF)

- > \$150,000 yearly
- > **Max. \$10K/Community – USE IT!!!**
- > Funding available for local projects, by youth for youth
- > Encourage youth to be active locally
- > Project management resources also available upon request



SELF-ESTEEM CAMPAIGN

> To help build a **strong generation** of Inuit where each of us knows our strengths, accept our past, believe in our abilities, appreciate life, willing to try new things and accept failure.



> Mental health is a top priority for the Youth Council.

> "If Inuit youth could be mentally well, the **social well-being** of the younger population would improve." – QYC Strategic Plan

> Healthy individuals, families and communities lead to motivated and confident Inuit youth in their culture ready **to tackle the societal issues we all face on a daily basis.**

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