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2014**



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Message - Summer Youth Coordinator



DON'T DREAM IT... BE IT!

Every summer, TRICORP Employment, Skills & Training Services offers the opportunity for Aboriginal and rural communities to participate in the Aboriginal Youth Initiative Program (AYIP), which encourages organizations to train and employ Aboriginal youth in numerous industries and sectors during the summer months (May – August). Our overall goal for AYIP is to offer the opportunity for Aboriginal Youth to gain more exposure of the economy they are in, work experience, and most of all, develop or find an interest for a long term career. This year, we partnered with 23 communities and organizations to employ over 100 youth within the region.

This year, to culminate our summer program, TESTS partnered with New Relationship Trust to host the “Don’t Dream it... Be it!” youth conference in Prince Rupert. What a success! With over 80 students from around the region, we were able to offer the youth to network with their peers, learn about entrepreneurship and sponsorship opportunities and take part in competitions that challenged the youth to work as a team as well as enhance their personal and professional development.

We rounded out our conference with Role Model speakers with success stories at the local and national stages.

TESTS would like to thank our generous sponsors Futurpreneur Canada, Pacific Northwest LNG, TransCanada, University Of Victoria School of Business Executive Programs, CFNR Classic Rock, Advantage Print & Design, Inn on the Harbour, The Crest Hotel, No. 1 Foods, Ridley Terminals Inc., Northern Savings Credit Union, Prince Rupert Port Authority, and Gitmaxmak’ay Nisga’a Society. Your contributions to this event were greatly appreciated!

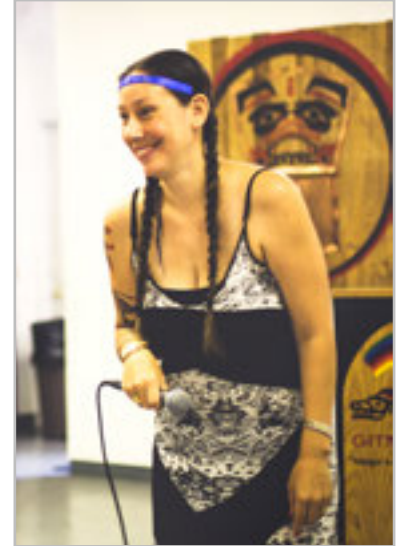


Cora Parnell - Summer Youth Coordinator



Don't Dream It...Be It! Youth Conference

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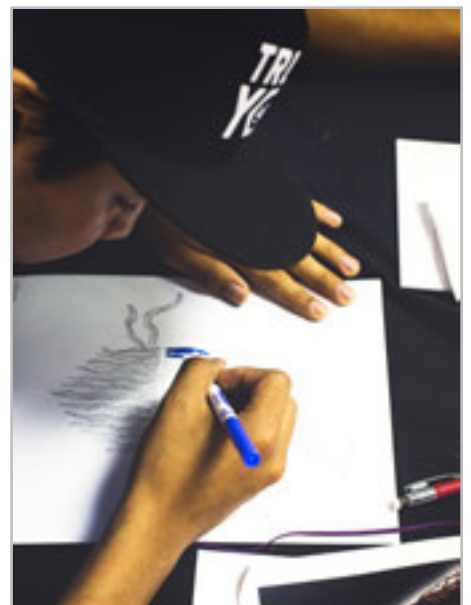
Challenge 1: Team Name and Logo



CONFIDENCE



Challenge 1: The first Challenge asked newly-formed teams to choose a name and create a logo. It was fun to watch the teams come together to create a name and present their new identity to the group. Teams used their best artistic abilities to create a diverse range of logos and names.



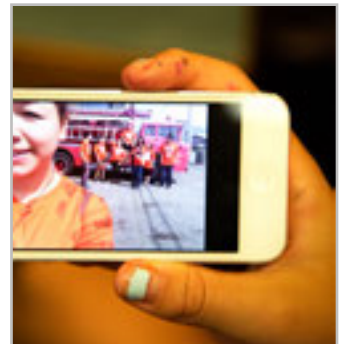


Challenge 2: Selfie Scavenger Hunt

INSPIRATION



Challenge 2: Selfie Scavenger hunt had the teams on the run! They were given a sheet of paper with 12 Selfie photos they needed to capture. Everything from photos with a Police car, on a fire truck and a Glam shot with a TransCanada representative! The teams ran all around Prince Rupert to capture as many of these selfies as possible in 3 hours! All teams completed the challenge with some teams displaying great creativity—one team even got a picture inside a police car!

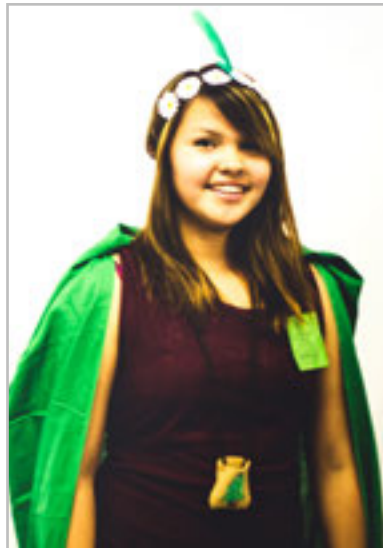


Challenge 3: Superheroes



IMAGINATION

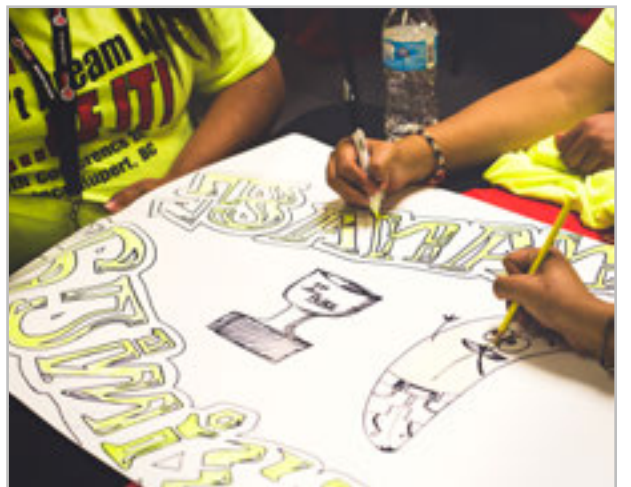
Challenge 3: Become a superhero! This creative challenge provided teams with a bag of craft material and 24 hours to brainstorm and create the best Superhero they could think of. They then came together in the best Superhero fashion show Prince Rupert has ever seen! The creativity we saw here was outstanding. To witness the once shy participants come out of their shell was amazing. They all left superheroes!





The Event in Pictures

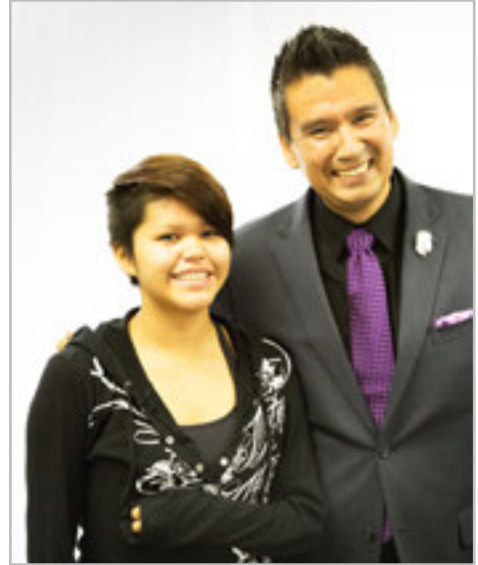
DETERMINATION



The Event in Pictures



SUCCESS





Cora Parnell - Summer Youth Coordinator

ACHIEVEMENT

Cora Parnell is the Summer Student Coordinator for the Aboriginal Youth Initiative Program (AYIP) administered by TRICORP Employment, Skills & Training Services (TESTS). Cora is Haida, from the community of Old Massett and holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Cora is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Education degree with the University of Northern BC and completing her practicums in Prince Rupert and Terrace. She is expected to complete her studies in April 2015 and will be recognized as a certified teacher.

Previously, Cora was employed as a Program Officer for TESTS while she completed her degree with UBC through distance education.

As the Summer Student Coordinator, Cora is responsible for Northwest BC service delivery for the TESTS Division, which spans from the South of Hartley Bay to the Yukon Border and West of Haida Gwaii to the East of Smithers.



Stan Wesley - Master of Ceremonies

MOTIVATION



Stan Wesley - Event Master of Ceremonies

Born and raised in Moose Factory, Ontario, a Cree community on the South coast of James Bay, Stan as a youth began what would be a life-long career of bringing laughter and meaning to audiences with the creation of “Bunnuck,” a weekly show that aired on TVO and TVNC for several seasons.

Since then, for over 20 years, Stan has engaged and entertained audiences with his unique style of fun and depth in presentations, keynotes, emcee and facilitation services. Stan speaks on a variety of issues with a focus on celebrating success and advancing good, healthy relations among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

Stan has worked at the local, regional, provincial and national levels. With his high energy, sincere professional approach, he is considered many to be one of the top speakers in the country today.

Stan currently lives in Toronto with his wife, Mandy and their daughter Maya.





New Relationship Trust

ACCOMPLISHMENT

The New Relationship Trust (NRT) hosts the National Young Entrepreneurs Symposium (YES) annually as well as hosts regional YES-BC throughout the province to get as many BC young people to attend as possible. YES is truly an amazing and inspirational event – something that can be attested to by delegates, sponsors and guest speakers. At the end of the three-day Symposium, YES delegates walk away with an invigorated sense of self and they are ready to take on the world.



Cliff Fregin CEO, New Relationship Trust

From an organizer's perspective, no magic is involved. Creating such a successful YES event is simply about pulling together a group of talented and inspiring people and inviting them to participate in one of the most exciting events they will ever be associated with. The majority say YES; and although many of the delegates may have doubts coming through the door they leave with a sense of comradery, a new-found identity, and perhaps a surprising understanding that they really can tackle the world – and win! For the hosts and sponsors it's astonishing to see so many young people get high on their accomplishment and stories.

The big lesson learned is that hard work pays off and a focused task will lead to a favorable outcome. Teamwork plays a vital role in success and it becomes apparent that the teams that follow basic principles on how to get along usually come out on top. Who knew that getting along with people, being focused and working hard could be so much fun?

NRT is working hard on organizing YES 2014 which will have 19-30 year olds from across Canada attend from November 24-27th in Calgary, Alberta. We are excited to see everyone again and see how they tackle a new set of challenges and soon to be friends. We are also working hard to get as many delegates sponsored as possible and we have a Sponsor a Delegate package available for interested participants to take to their First Nations or organizations to gain sponsorship themselves to attend. To check this out and to register go to www.YES2014.ca!

See you in Calgary!

Event Speakers and Leaders

RESOLUTION



Linsay Willier

Originally from Sucker Creek First Nation, Linsay grew up immersed in her Aboriginal Culture. This Traditional upbringing is where she learned the importance of respect and honour. She also maintained a well-balanced life through athletics. Linsay was captain of her high school hockey team and is a traditional Fancy Dancer. Linsay completed her Bachelor's Degree in Child and Youth Care at Grant MacEwan University. During her fourth year of school she was chosen as a finalist for the show "Canada's Next Top Model". Not wanting to drop out of school, Linsay completed her final semester in two weeks. Linsay won the coveted first runner up prize on Canada's Next Top Model and made it home in time to attend her graduation. Upon completion of University she started her own business Dreams In Motion Inc., a full service youth empowerment company designed to provide them with the tools needed to achieve their dreams. Linsay believes that we are all role models and therefore it is our duty to be the best that we can be.



James Jones

Originally from Tall Cree First Nation, James is a hip hop/cultural dancer who has taught, performed and travelled all across North America, Europe, and Australia. James has been blessed to dance for such artists as Genuine, In Essence, Maestro Fresh Wes, and Snoop Dogg. James was also featured on this Season's number one hit show in Canada "So You Think You Can Dance". James made history as the first Aboriginal street dancer to go straight through to the finals.



Event Speakers and Leaders

WILL POWER



Trevor Jang

Trevor Jang is a Motivational Speaker, Writer and Slam Poet of Wet'suwet'en Native and Chinese descent. Born and raised in Vancouver, Trevor has reconnected with his northwest roots as an adult. After finding his culture and spirituality on the land, he now spreads the importance of cultural identity to the youth he reaches. Trevor was a Radio Host for 2 years prior to joining the iCount High School, an alternative and holistic education program in his home community of Moricetown. In addition to culture, Trevor speaks on grief and trauma, mental health and First Nations social issues.



Erica Ryan-Gagne

Erica Ryan-Gagne is the owner/operator of Eri-Cut & Nailed Salon located in Skidegate B.C. Erica is the recipient of an Outstanding Achievement Award 2011 and Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2013 from the B.C. Aboriginal Business Awards. Erica also is the winner of the Best of the B.E.S.T. Business Plan competition 2012 from the Business and Entrepreneurial Skills Training Course. Erica is of Haida and Tsimshian decent and the proud Mother of two.

Keifer Collison

Kiefer Collison, born and raised on Haida Gwaii, is a Radio Host for the CFNR segment "Journeys". Mr. Collison has an extensive background in working with youth and is recognized as a role model in leadership.

Kiefer was very involved in the youth movement on Haida Gwaii where he utilized his position and took the opportunity to step into the political arena for the Council of the Haida Nation. He notes that one of the major accomplishments that he was proud of during his term was the creation of the "Haida Gwaii Youth Assembly", which you can find on YouTube.

Like so many Aboriginal youth, Kiefer found himself struggling with school, drugs and alcohol; he had no hope, no dreams and feeling like there was no future for him. Today, Mr. Collison has battled back to overcome those barriers and shares his story to inspire those who are walking similar paths that he once walked and says "... anything is possible and if you can dream it, you can do it. Or should I say 'Don't dream it, be it!'" #kiefitreal







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