

Literacy Dates

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Blog



An Australian up North

I was approved for a Canadian Working Visa in late 2019. I didn't know anyone in Canada so didn't have a destination in mind. I opened Google maps, scrolled towards the north and liked the sound of Yellowknife, so I booked...[Read more](#)

Announcements and Events

Beavertail Jamboree schedule of events

The next four days in Fort Simpson will hold an abundance of food, dancing, indoor and outdoor activities. ending Sunday afternoon. There are plenty of cash prizes to be won. Check out their page for a full list of events [here](#).

Interview preparation workshop

Learn about commonly asked questions and how to sell your skills at the North Slave ECE Service Centre on March 18 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Register by calling (867) 767-9356 ext. 71339 or sign up in person at the reception desk.

Literacy Week date change

The NWT Literacy Council is changing its annual Literacy Week from September to April, starting this year. Please keep an eye out for events and activities taking place April 19-25 on our [Facebook page](#).

Funding

GNWT Community Literacy Development Fund

This fund provides financial assistance to community organizations to develop and deliver local programs that will increase literacy skills and raise awareness of the importance of literacy. See more details [here](#).

Yellowknife Community Fund

This fund is for improving social conditions; promoting arts and cultural activities, sport, recreation and community development; advancing education; and the provision of health care services. See more information [here](#).

Collaborating for Inclusion of Older Adults

This 4 year project aims to decrease social isolation of seniors and elders by building connections through activities and community engagement in 10 NWT communities. Application deadline is April 17, 2020. See more [here](#).

News, Research, Opinion

Sewing, seal stew and stories: Inuit women in Ottawa gather to share traditions

On the second floor of an empty school in Ottawa's Vanier neighbourhood, sewing machines hum, women chatter in Inuktitut and the scent of seal meat stew wafts from a slow cooker. These classrooms at the former...[Read more](#)

Dene Nation postpones education summit over coronavirus

Planned for March 17 and 18, Dene National Chief Norman Yakeleya had previously said the summit would discuss "Indigenous governance and Dene jurisdiction of education moving forward." The summit was to...[Read more](#)

Reflecting on Yellowknife's 1st Indigenous relations advisor

The city of Yellowknife made history in September 2018 when it hired its first-ever Indigenous relations advisor — but a year and a half later, the job has been eliminated. Now people are reflecting on the short-lived position...[Read more](#)

Spotlight on Adult Educators



Taig Connell, Fort McPherson

In 1999, having completed Aurora College's Community Adult Education Instructor program, Taig Connell landed his 'dream job' as an Adult Educator in the Fort McPherson Learning Centre, where he still works today.

His more than 25 years of work experience and his perspective as an Aurora College alumnus inspired him to complete, in 2010, a Master of Leadership and Education from Royal Roads University. Taig's educational path began in 1981 when he completed the Heavy Equipment Operators program at the Vocational Training Centre in Fort Smith. He worked in both Tuktoyaktuk and Ontario as a truck driver and cat/dozer operator before enrolling, in 1983, in Aurora College's Renewable Resource Technology program (then Arctic College), through which he became a Fisheries Officer for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Taig's love of learning led him, in 1986, to the College's Public and Business Administration program, which widened his professional skill set to encompass accounting and bookkeeping, small business ownership and teaching small business courses as well as experience as an Economic Development Officer. Taig is honoured to be an Aurora College alumnus and looks forward to its transition into a university. He credits his college experiences with reminding him that learning is lifelong, and everything is possible with an education.

Resources and Websites

Nutrition resources

[Great Food for Northern Cooks](#)

[National Nutrition Month](#)

[Eating and Learning](#)

[Little Chefs](#)



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