

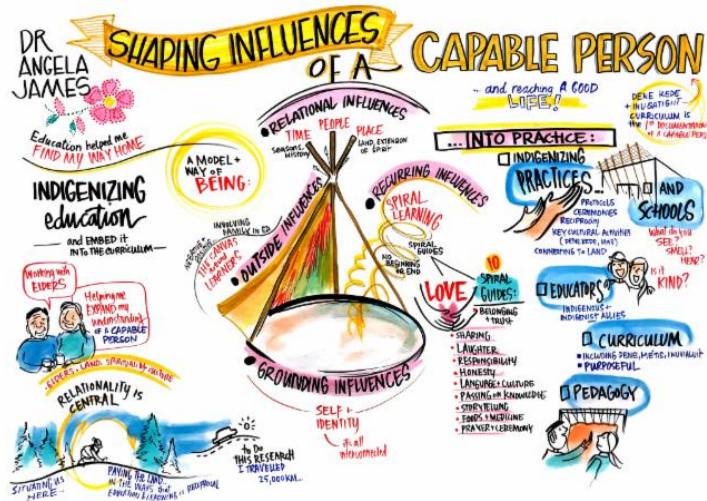
## Literacy Dates

Freedom to Read Week - February 24-March 2  
NWT Indigenous Languages Month - February

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## Blog



### Picture this!

Are you like me? At conferences or workshops, I sometimes get overwhelmed with the amount of information that's offered. There's often too much for me to absorb and retain. Enter Sam Bradd. Sam is what's known as a "graphic facilitator". As people deliver complex ideas, he records what is being said graphically on a giant piece of paper. In recent years, graphic facilitation has become popular.... [Read more](#)



# Announcements and Events

## Youth writing contest open for entries

[NorthWords NWT](#) is accepting entries to the 2019 Youth Writing Contest until midnight March 30. Entries must be original works of 1,000 words or less by youth between the ages of 13 and 17. Entries can be fiction, nonfiction or poetry. The winner will receive a week long YouthWrite camp experience in Calgary this summer. The winning submission will be published in The Edge YK Magazine.

## Nominations open for accessibility awards

Nominations are open for awards that improve life for people with disabilities. The [NWT Human Rights Commission](#) accessibility award is presented to a business or organization that provides physical and/or non-physical accommodations that increase access to services for the public. Nominations for the [Minister Responsible for Persons with Disabilities Award and the NWT Disabilities Council Award](#) are also open. The deadline for nominations is April 5.

## Recipe contest for Nutrition Month

March is Nutrition Month and the Department of Health and Social Services is celebrating with an [Easy and Healthy Home Cooking Recipe Contest](#). You can submit your entry until March 17.



# Funding

## Healing fund addresses residential school impacts

[The Healing Fund](#) of the United Church of Canada supports grassroots projects that focus on healing, language learning, and cultural restoration. Priority is given to first-time projects. Applications are due March 15 and September 15.

## Foundation funding to benefit youth

The [Canada Post Community Foundation](#) funds projects that create lasting change for children and youth (up to the age of 21), in the areas of education, health and building safe, kid-friendly communities. The deadline to apply is April 5.



# News, Research, Opinion

## Expert says Indigenous language preservation in NWT critical to protecting culture and identity

The preservation of Indigenous languages in the Northwest Territories is absolutely critical to protecting Indigenous culture and identity. That message rang loud and clear in Yellowknife as a three-day Indigenous languages and education symposium got underway at the Explorer Hotel. It comes at the tail end of Indigenous Languages Month...[Read more](#)

## Universal childcare? Exactly the kind of bold idea we need

America has a childcare crisis and Senator Warren has proposed a bold solution to address it: a plan to make high-quality care affordable for everyone. “In the wealthiest country on the planet, access to affordable and high-quality child care and early education should be a right, not a privilege reserved for the rich,” she wrote in a blog announcing her proposal...[Read more](#)

## NWT land and culture programs get \$1 million

Programs that connect people in the North with their culture and the land are getting a collective \$1 million boost. The [NWT On The Land Collaborative](#) is giving out the money to 48 land- and culture-based projects across the Northwest Territories...[Read more](#)



## Resources and Websites

[Supporting Indigenous language and cultural resurgence Through digital technologies](#)

[12 ways to improve your financial literacy Forbes Finance Council members advice](#)

[Let's Talk Science Learning for educators](#)

[Ministers statements on early childhood](#)

- [Caroline Cochrane: Developments in early childhood programs and services](#)
- [Glen Abernethy: Supporting early childhood development](#)



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