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Kitkmeot Inuit Association's Youth Report 2018

- **Kitikmeot Tradeshow Student Program** - The 2018 Kitikmeot Tradeshow Student Program brought together two youth from each Kitikmeot community. The two students are Inuit role models selected by their High School Principals. The Youth get a glimpse at the present businesses in our region and inspire the young ~~people~~ to become entrepreneurs and leaders in their home communities. The KTS Student program purpose:
  - → Expose and engage youth to the vital often unspoken skills that one gains after years of experience in the professional world of business such as: Networking, Public speaking, introducing yourself, body language, and more.
  - → Inuit Financial Literacy Toolkit Training (Developed by ITK, NIYC- RIA Youth Reps, and the Economic Club of Canada)
  - → Goal-Setting Activity facilitated by Students on Ice's Caitlyn Baikie.
  - → Presentations by Special Guest Speakers like: Senator Dennis Patterson, KIA Executive Director Paul Emingak, Language Commissioner Helen Klengenberg, Diavik Tara and Rebecca, Polar Knowledge Canada Staff, Inspire Nunavut Staff, Students on Ice Caitlyn Baikie and Heather Dewar, and more.
  - → Toured the Canadian High Arctic Research Station and the Nunavut Arctic College Campus
- **Kitikmeot Youth Empowerment Gathering** - The purpose of the Gathering was to analyze the state of the Kitikmeot Youth, and continue to move forward to create healthy and active youth presence in each of the Kitikmeot Communities. Key Highlights of the Gathering:
  - → The Gathering took place in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut at the Kitikmeot Inuit Association Patrick Lyall Boardroom
  - → The facilitators were: Sarah Jancke, Julia Ogina, Kiah Hachey, Leslie Inuujaq-Fredlund, Nicole Etitiq and Presley Taylor.
  - → The program provided qualitative activities, panel discussions, break- out groups and presentations based on the Theme of the Day. Each day of the program was based on a theme established and created by the youth priorities from the 2017 Kitikmeot Annual General Meeting Youth Resolutions.

- **Kitikmeot Inuit Association's Department of Social and Cultural Development Tour** – KIA SCD visited the Kitikmeot East Communities (Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk and Taloyoak) to meet with the Youth, Women, Elders and Men's Groups. The tour will be continued in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay in the winter.

- **United for Life Summit and Youth Pre-Event in Baker Lake, NU from September 9-13th, 2018.** There were 6 Youth delegates from the Kitikmeot Communities that took part in the Summit. Two from Gjoa Haven and one from the following communities: Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, Kugaaruk and Taloyoak.

Youth are vital and essential to our community, region and our Inuit Culture. They are our next generation leaders, role models and creators that will shape our future. Youth must be given the opportunity to develop crucial skills and qualities such as, truthfulness, honesty, integrity, sensitivity and courageousness to support their journey into becoming strong ethical leaders and team players. Youth must be given the opportunity to network, and build their social skills, express their opinions, personalities and creativity with one another in order to create strong visions and strengthen our culture and society.