

The Scoop on the Scape

What's Shaking at YouthScape?

Shaking the Movers Conference

YouthScape participated in the 3rd Annual Shaking the Movers workshop, hosted by the Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, June 5-6, 2009 in Ottawa. The workshop brought together a cross-section of youth from across Canada to talk about the Right to Education, what it means, what it looks like, and what we can do about it. For more information on the Resource Centre, please visit <http://www.ottawakids.ca/site/childrensrights/index.php>



In the photo: Jorge (Calgary), Elaina (National), Megan (HRM), Landon (YS Advisor), Murtuza (Calgary), and Joseph (Victoria) at Carleton University

Welcome to the (first ever) SPARK Learning Forum! YouthScape Victoria

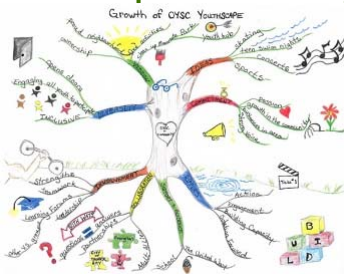
First things first. In order for our projects to be successful, we need to get comfortable, take off our shoes, and step in...however tentatively. The path may not be clear or logical yet, but with clear intentions and support for each other, we know we can accomplish our goals!

For the whole story, click

<http://www.youthscape.ca/images/photos/SPARKLearningdayslideshow.pptReadOnly.pdf>



Growth of OYSC YouthScape YouthScape ThunderBay



The goal of project OYSC (Ogden Youth Supporting Community), Thunder Bay is to bring a group of neighbourhood youth together to increase the number of youth-led activities in their underserved community. The group is made up of 7 youth ages 15 and 16. YouthScape ThunderBay At the beginning of the project, they felt that their age was a challenge. They were frustrated by adults, city officials in particular, who didn't listen to them because

they were "just a bunch of kids and we don't pay taxes, so who cares about us". For more, see http://www.youthscape.ca/Stories_Partnership4.html

Under the Big Top with the Circus School YouthScape HRM

Zach, Kailey and Seoras are smiling broadly as they describe what it feels like to develop, choreograph and perform their own circus show at a premiere location in Halifax. These three youth are part of Circus School, a youth-adult partnership that developed out of a passion for the philosophy and practice of the circus arts. The group recently performed their own show to a full house three nights running! Check out their story! http://www.youthscape.ca/Stories_Places3.html



Opportunities for you and your communities!

- 1) Community Foundations partner with Nuclear Waste Management Organization on new youth grants program
- 2) New Guide for Rural Youth: toolkit for youth starting Youth Councils in rural communities
- 3) UNICEF CRC Video Contest
- 4) The Canadian Roots Exchange / Echanges avec les communautés autochtones
- 5) PowerShift Canada / Le Pouvoir du changement
- 6) Shoot Nations 2009
- 7) Global Youth Media Contest: PLURAL +

1) Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) are joining forces to support young people who want to make a difference in their communities with a new program designed to strengthen youth in participation and leadership in civic life. Community foundation youth advisory councils in Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick will be eligible to participate in making Youth Community Action Project funding available to youth projects in their community. For information, please visit <http://www.cfc-fcc.ca/news/news.cfm?intNewsID=1333>

2) The Ontario Rural Council (TORC) has just launched a toolkit that can serve as a useful resource/guide for communities and/or organizations interested in starting a youth council in rural communities. The toolkit is posted on TORC's website: <http://www.torc.on.ca/index.shtml>

3) UNICEF CRC Video Contest: It's the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and UNICEF wants to know what you think about children's rights! Make a video showing what child rights mean to you, whether it be in the world at large, your country or your community. Maybe there is an example of how children's rights are not being fulfilled. Or maybe you want to show a situation where children are getting the rights they deserve. For more information, see http://www.unicef.org/voy/takeaction/takeaction_4439.html

4) The Canadian Roots Exchange: This is a unique opportunity for First Nations, Métis, Inuit and non-indigenous youth to come together for an 8 to 10 day road trip. Youth will visit Indigenous and Métis communities while working to open up a constructive dialogue among all participants. Together, youth explore the teachings, triumphs, and challenges of Canada's First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. For more information, see <http://www.canadianroots.ca/welcome-2.html>

Échanges avec les communautés autochtones est l'occasion unique pour les jeunes des communautés des Premières Nations, Métis, Inuit et non autochtones de se rassembler pour un voyage explorateur de 8 à 10 jours. Ensemble, nous rendrons visite aux communautés autochtones et Métis tout en favorisant l'ouverture d'un dialogue constructif parmi les participants. Ensemble, nous explorerons les apprentissages, les triomphes et les défis des communautés des Premières Nations, Métis et Inuit du Canada.

Pour plus d'informations, voir <http://www.canadianroots.ca/welcome-2.html>

5) Power Shift Canada (October 21st - 23rd, 2009)

The Canadian Youth Climate Coalition (CYCC) is in the early stages of organizing an event called Power Shift Canada. We need YOU!

The plan: October 21-23, 2009, we will bring together over one thousand young people from across Canada for two days of awesome workshops and strategy sessions that will build to a MAJOR lobby day on Parliament Hill on the third day. We will deliver our message of change to our elected officials and push the federal government to take bold steps in tackling climate change. With your help, we can send a strong and unified mass of young people to Ottawa to call for meaningful action internationally and domestically in Canada.

If you have any questions, want to volunteer, or would like to know more, please contact Adam or Tria at powershift@ourclimate.ca

Le Pouvoir du changement: La Coalition des Jeunes Canadiens pour le Climat (CJCC) est dans la première phase d'organisation d'un événement intitulé Power Shift Canada (le pouvoir du changement). Nous avons besoin de vous!

Du 21 au 23 octobre 2009, des milliers de jeunes venant de partout au Canada se rassembleront afin de participer à deux jours d'activités, d'ateliers et des conférences qui culmineront vers une troisième journée de lobbying sur la colline parlementaire à Ottawa. Notre objectif est de faire pression auprès du gouvernement fédéral et des élus politiques afin qu'ils adoptent des mesures significatives en ce qui concerne le changement climatique. Il est grand temps de passer à l'action et d'être audacieux!! Pour plus d'informations sur cet événement, veuillez consulter le site

<http://www.ourclimate.ca>

6) International children's charity Plan and photographic organisation Shoot Experience are again running Shoot Nations, a free global online photographic competition. The competition is open to anyone aged 11 - 25 from anywhere in the world who is interested in voicing their opinion. The theme for this year's competition is 'Growing up in the 21st Century'. They would

like people to look at the world around them and think about their place in it, and any limitations, advantages and opportunities that come with being born male or female. Visit <http://www.shootnations.org/> for more info on this contest!

7) PLURAL + is a media contest for youth from all over the world to submit self-produced short videos on their thoughts about migration, integration, inclusiveness and identity. Youth are encouraged to explore sub-themes such as youth migration, refugee issues, cross-cultural dialogue, diversity, human rights, and conflict prevention. Videos of any genre or style (animation, documentary, drama, etc) will be accepted in three age-based categories: 9-12 year-old; 13-17 year-old; and 18-25 year old. Winners will be announced on December 18 2009, the occasion of International Migrants Day. Submissions will be accepted until September 2009. For more information, visit <http://www.unaoc.org/content/view/346/257/lang,en/>

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