

The Scoop on the Scape

Our Journey: a Final Farewell

YouthScape is drawing to a close! As of March 31st, 2010, the project will no longer be in operation but the ripples from YouthScape will continue for years to come.



This final edition of the Scoop on the Scape is a chance for us to share some of YouthScape's downstream activities that have resulted from the ripples of this community based. youth paced initiative. Help us celebrate this amazing achievement!

Downstream Activities to look out for...



The Door Crasher Video



A generation of disengaged youth are striving to be heard and to claim their place as contributing members of our communities. Imagine a country where we are collectively harnessing the energy of our young people to ignite a movement of positive change.

The YouthScape Door Crasher Video is designed to reveal what is currently happening and what is possible when youth are given the opportunity to take on leadership roles; when their ideas, opinions and concerns are heard; and when they

become actively involved in taking action and making decisions in their communities.

The video is being produced by HighTop Studios and will involve first hand interviews with the YouthScape communities and staff. The Door Crasher Video should be completed by the end of April so keep an eye on the [YouthScape website](#) for updates!



YouthScape's Practitioner Guidebook



The YouthScape's Practitioner Guidebook shares the knowledge and lessons learned from the four year initiative of YouthScape which strived to strengthen resiliency and create stronger communities by engaging the unengaged young people.

Through case studies, stories, activities, real life lessons and practical recommendations the guidebook offers insights and tools to bring youth engagement to life in organizations and communities. Whether you are experienced in youth engagement or are just beginning to think about how to involve young people, this guidebook will help you design or refine your practice.

The following guide will be valuable to:

- Practitioners doing front-line work with youth
- Managers of organizations wanting to engage youth
- Youth leaders seeking new approaches and ideas

Keep up to date with the progress of the Guidebook by checking the [YouthScape website](#). If this seems like something your community could use, e-mail mciicrd@uvic.ca to find out how you can receive a copy.

Art of the Nudge: The Practitioner's Guide to Developmental Evaluation

Developmental evaluation has emerged fairly recently as a way to support adaptive learning in complex and emergent initiatives.

This Practitioner's Guide to Developmental Evaluation is intended to further build on the concepts introduced in our first guide to Developmental Evaluation. The practices and examples discussed in this guide were identified and developed through a three-year, multi-site case study involving eight DEs at seven different sites. While several DEs had evaluation experience, most were new to developmental evaluation. Together, we formed a learning community to document practices and challenges, and further our understanding of this emergent discipline.



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Make sure to check out the [YouthScape website](#) for updates.

Even though YouthScape as a nation project is ending, all of the communities involved are taking what they learned from the project and continuing their youth engagement work. Check out what's downstream for these communities...

Riviere des Prairies - Boscoville 2000 (YouthScape's convening organization) will continue the youth led granting process and has retained a strong selection committee comprised of youth to help continue this exciting aspect of YouthScape.

Victoria - YouthCore is converging with a provincial initiative, BC Healthy Communities, where they will incorporate the YouthCore model of youth engagement into its community development strategies. YouthCore has also secured funding with Coast Capital and the United Way of Victoria to continue the youth granting process until fall.

Thunder Bay - Thunder Bay's YouthScape Community and the United Way of Thunder Bay has begun the process of creating a Youth Council. Working in collaboration with the Mayor, the initiative is building on YouthScape's pillar of adult-youth relationship building across multiple sectors. Also, check out Thunder Bay's recent publicity from their very successful [Change Starts with YOUTH](#) forum.

Calgary - The Calgary YouthScape program operates out of the convening organization Child and Youth Friendly Calgary (CYFC) where many YouthScape successes have become integrated into the CYFC initiative. CYFC plans on continuing a youth engagement process in their community based on their work with YouthScape.

Halifax - YouthScape Halifax Regional Municipality has found a permanent home with the HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development. They are currently applying for alternative funding in order to continue their youth engagement initiatives.



Thank you!



Thank you, merci beaucoup, to everyone for being interested in YouthScape! We appreciate you sharing our ideas and stories with your broader networks. We hope that you will continue to follow YouthScape through our [website](#) and can take the experiences of YouthScape back to your own communities! Together we can continue to grow the community based, youth paced movement in Canada!

Visit www.youthscape.ca for more stories, updates and resources!



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