



YKACL news

YKACL Youth Groups Oct./Nov. schedule



JAYDEN KOTCHILEA took part in last week's Yay Fusion! Teen Group event.

YKACL YOUTH GROUPS:

Meet at the Abe Miller Building for the start of all YKACL Youth Group events.

Please RSVP to Michael:
920-2644

inclusion2@ykacl.ca

YAY FUSION! (ages 13-18)

6pm – 8:30pm Thursday,
Oct. 25: Halloween Baking workshop

6pm – 8:30pm Thursday,
Nov. 15: Festive art workshop

5:30pm – 7:30pm Saturday,
Nov. 24: Santa Claus Parade!

YOUNG ADULTS! (ages 19-27)

6pm – 8:30pm Friday,
Oct. 26: Costume Karaoke!

5:30pm – 7:30pm Saturday,
Nov. 24: Santa Claus Parade!

Healthy pregnancy campaign launches

by YKACL staff

MUSKOXEN REPRESENT YKACL's message to moms-to-be and their loved ones and peers during this winter's Healthy Pregnancy Campaign.

The symbol reminds residents of the need to support moms-to-be as they make healthy choices for themselves and their babies-to-be.



Muskoxen protect their babies by forming a tight circle on the tundra.

If someone in your own social circle is expecting, protect her pregnancy by making healthy choices together.

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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU, JON!

YKACL CLIENT JON PROULX PLAYED DRUMS alongside student musicians taking part in their first rehearsal under the new Music Academy program that YK1 is supporting this year for middle school players and singers. The group performed the theme from Star Wars. Student musicians included horn-player Ashley Sisson-Carlson, saxophonist Vincent Lumacad, Madison Mobach, clarinetists Leelou Casaway and Josh Drygeese.

"Jon had a blast," said Susan Shantora, music instructor at Sir John Franklin High School. "He joined in with a big smile on his face! He followed my directions for getting louder and softer and stopping that I was also giving to the students."

2018 YKACL Annual General Meeting!

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23rd @ 4912 43rd Street!

YKACL returns to Employment Cafe Oct. 24

by YKACL staff

DO YOU HAVE positions to fill in your business or organization? Recruit by visiting the YKACL EmployABILITY table at the Employment Café on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Greenstone Building.

"Our info booth is about letting the public know who we are and what we do. We use this opportunity to engage with other employers who would be interested in hiring a person with a disability," said Employment Services manager Junn Gesmundo.

EmployABILITY strives to connect employers with workers who happen to have a disability. Our staff provide a full range of employment services to individuals with any self-identified disability.

Staff work with the Yellowknife business community to create training and job opportunities and to promote disability awareness by encouraging diversity in the workforce.

"We also look forward to meeting new job-seekers and sharing information about what our services have to offer" said job coach Emily Lawson.

It Makes Good Sense to Hire People with Disabilities!



YKACL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES manager Junn Gesmundo works with the Yellowknife business community to create job opportunities for residents with any kind of disability.

Employers find workers through Odd Job Squad

by YKACL staff

THE ODD JOB SQUAD connected 11 clients with nine different employers last month, including four clients who transitioned into long-term paid employment.

The Odd Job Squad seeks to assist under-employed individuals who self-identify with a disability to make some money from one-time or short-term work while they search for permanent employment.

"The whole idea is that we are trying to give a chance to people who happen to have a disability, to get involved in some



JOHN BALAMAGA

income-generating activities," said employment support worker John Balamaga. "For some committed clients, temporary work can eventually lead to long-term employment."

Employers last month included the Yellowknife Curling Club, DME Driving School and several other local businesses and private households. Paid tasks ranged from custodial projects and temporary construction assistance to deliveries and dump runs.

For more information about the Odd Job Squad or to hire workers for temporary or casual labour, contact employability@ykacl.ca or call the hot-line:

445-6967



Donate your gently-used artwork in support of the 2018 YKACL Yuletide Auction and help raise funds for Association programs!

DEADLINE: OCT. 31

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Family Networking Group social (Oct 24)

JOIN US for our Family Networking Group October social at the Abe Miller building at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 (Abe Miller Building/4912 53rd Street).

"The Family Networking Group is a comfortable, safe and confidential space to meet for family members supporting relatives with disabilities," said event co-host Carla Maxwell. "Each family's journey is unique and special, different but similar."

Childcare and respite support will be available at the meeting location. If you intend to bring your family member, please contact us at 920-2644 by 4pm Monday, Oct. 22, so we can ensure we have enough staff.

Hope to see you there!

Volunteer tutors wanted (Oct. 21)

THE LITERACY Outreach Centre is recruiting literacy volunteers this month.

A training session is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 21 (pre-registration is required).

Please join and find out how you can help adult learners and the community. To register, please contact: loc@ykacl.ca

