

NOTHING CHANGED EXCEPT OUR NAME

by Inclusion NWT Staff

INCLUSION NWT is the updated name for the former YKACL, effective today!

The name better reflects the reality of the individuals and families we serve.

"Over our 58-year history, we have always provided advice and support for people across the NWT. There won't be any immediate change to how we work, just more clarity in who we deal with," explained Ben Russo, Board President. "Inclusion NWT will continue to provide all the same services."

Our services continue to include:

- Skills Training & Community Inclusion
- Business Services Team
- Supported Living
- Respite
- Family & Children's Services
- YAY Fusion! Teen Group & Young Adults Group
- EmployABILITY & Employment Services
- Odd Job Squad
- Youth Employment Services & YES Group
- Literacy Outreach Centre (in partnership with Aurora College)

Inclusion NWT continues to reach out to, and collaborate with, communities throughout the NWT.

Inclusion NWT provides lifelong support for individuals with disabilities and their families in the NWT, since 1962.

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**Inclusion
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INCLUSION NWT patches adorn all the work vests for our Business Services Team. The patches were printed by the Ragged Ass Road shop and sewn by Thanh Dat in the Yellowknife Centre Mall, left. Clients and staff installed new Inclusion NWT signs on the Abe Miller Building and the Community Living Centre on 53rd Street downtown, bottom.



BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM UPDATE

by Inclusion NWT Staff

THE BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM completed 88 courier assignments and 74 recycling and shredding pick-ups last month. The team shredded eight boxes of documents for various customers.

The Business Services Team operates through the Skills Training and Community Inclusion Service for adults with intellectual disabilities (ST&CI).

The Business Services Team offers:

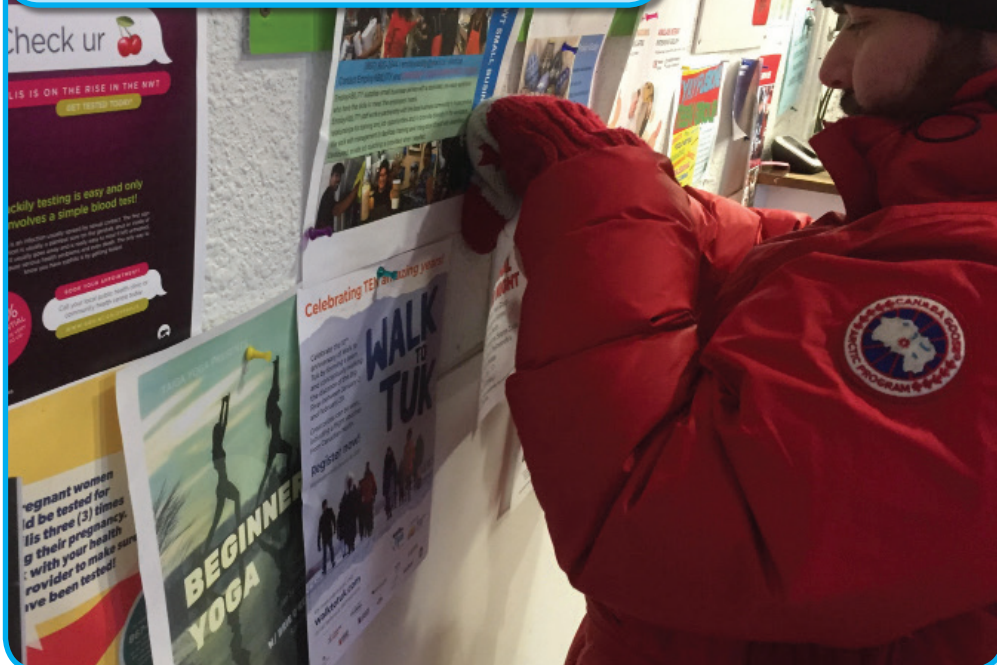
- Recycling pick-up
- Courier delivery
- Mail preparation
- Poster distribution
- Document shredding
- Special projects

Team revenue is paid in wage to the clients providing the service.



SKILLS FACILITATOR Audury Carmody took a selfie with Joey Oonaq, left, and Adam LePrieur, on break with the Business Services Team.

KELTON BROOME distributes posters throughout the city, as part of his role as a member of YES! (Youth Employment Services).



YES Group UPDATE

by Inclusion NWT Staff

YES GROUP (Youth Employment Services) distributed 325 posters and made 79 courier deliveries for customers that included the City of Yellowknife and the Borderless Art Movement in December.

The eight-member group provided weekly cleaning services for:

- Bella Dance Academy
- Yellowknife Ski Club
- Ecology North
- Ptarmigan Ptheatrics

Yes Group supports young people with disabilities who have finished high school and/or post-secondary training who may be under-engaged in employment and volunteer work.



MLA CAITLIN CLEVELAND, left, hired the Odd Job Squad to deliver her 2020 calendars to Kam Lake residents this month. Clara Tutcho welcomed Caitlin as she dropped by last week.

ODD JOB SQUAD UPDATE

by Inclusion NWT Staff

TWENTY-EIGHT CUSTOMERS hired The Odd Job Squad in December, providing temporary work for one dozen clients.

Employers included:

- Trevor's Independent Grocer
- MLA Caroline Wawzonek (YK South)
- MLA Caitlin Cleveland (Frame Lake)

The variety of jobs included snow shoveling, furniture moves, pet waste removal, courier deliveries, dump runs and Xmas tree deliveries.

The Squad delivered 22 Xmas trees from the Scouts Tree stand to households and businesses.

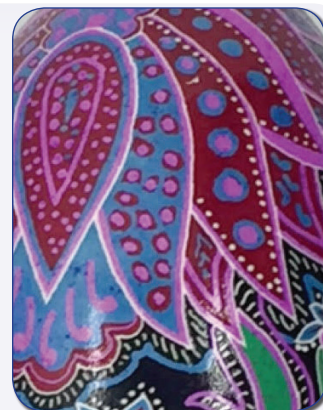
The Odd Job Squad is designed to assist under-employed individuals who self-identify with a disability to derive a small income from one-time or short-term work while they search for permanent employment.



We are excited to serve Northerners for our 59th year in 2020!

**We work with communities
& families to support NWT residents
with intellectual and other disabilities.**





What is a pysanka?

SIMPLY PUT, it is an Easter egg decorated using a wax resist (aka batik) method. Its name derives from the Ukrainian verb "pysaty" meaning "to write."

("Pysankaz" is the singular form; "pysanky" is plural.)

But it is much more than that. Ukrainians have been decorating eggs, creating these miniature jewels, for countless generations.

(Excerpted from: pysanky.info)

IN TIME FOR EASTER!

- **LEARN EGG-PAINTING BASICS ON FEB. 21**
- **TAKE HOME YOUR OWN EGG CREATION**

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ALL TEENS aged 13 to 18, with or without a disability, are encouraged to pre-register for the upcoming Yay Fusion! Teen Group's Pysanky Workshop!

The workshop runs from 5:45pm - 9pm Friday, Feb. 21.

Hosted by artist Azure DeGrow, owner of Frisky Kistky – Pysanky by Azure, the workshop will introduce participants to the art of Ukrainian egg decorating.

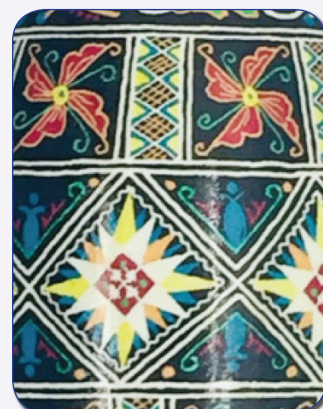
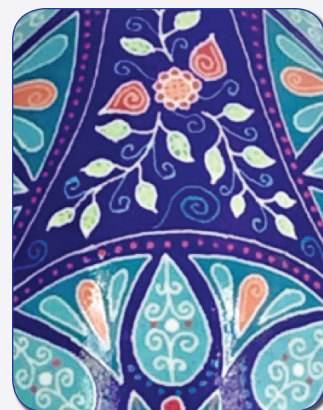
Learn how to make beautiful egg art using

traditional and modern methods. This course is designed to give participants enough information to start creating pysanky on their own.

Participants will learn basic egg division, wax technique using an electric kistka, working on pre-empted eggs including the freezer method, and how to apply colours.

Each participant will leave with a pysanka of their own creation. All supplies and refreshments included.

To pre-register, text: 867-444-7833.



Parent/Caregiver Night presents:

CHAT

with an expert series!

7pm Tuesday, Feb. 18: "Preparing a will"
Lawyer Thomas Wallwork will talk about what to think about before doing your will, particularly when you have a family member with a disability that may need ongoing support.

Join other parents and caregivers of loved ones with a disability for these casual gatherings at the Abe Miller Building (4912 53rd Street) held on the third Tuesday of the month. Experts in various fields will present a five-to-10-minute introduction to a new topic monthly, followed by the opportunity to ask questions as a group or individually.

If you require on-site respite care, or to RSVP, contact 920-2644



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Valentine's Pancake BREAKFAST! (Feb. 15)

CLIENTS, STAFF, or organization members and their families are invited to join us for our annual Valentine's Pancake Breakfast, between 9:30am and 11:30am on Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Abe Miller Building (4912 53rd St.).

Members of the Fundraising Committee will announce the date and theme for the 2020 Gumbo Rally at the event!

Please RSVP by contacting Inclusion NWT at 920-2644 or email:

info@InclusionNWT.ca.



NOTE TO FAMILIES:

by Inclusion NWT Staff

APOLOGIES for any confusion clients and their families may have experienced at the Jan. 17 Yay Fusion! Teen Group basketball night. The Multiplex gym was double-booked due to circumstances beyond our control.

Thankfully, participants and our staff made the evening work out and a good time was had!

This issue has been dealt with and we do not expect it to recur for any future events.



BILAL YALAHOW, left, and Dawson Craig compete in the tug-of-war during the Sport North Aboriginal Games event Yay Fusion! attended at the Multiplex on Jan. 31.

Follow the youth groups schedules on our coming events calendar at InclusionNWT.ca or follow our Inclusion NWT facebook page.

To pre-register for any of these events, please text: 867-444-7833

inclusion2@inclusionnwt.ca

Check out the February activities planned for the Yay Fusion! Teen Group (ages 13-18) and the Young Adults Group (ages 19-30) to the right of this page.

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Youth Group February schedules

Young Adults

- Feb. 14: Badminton & Boston Pizza
- Feb. 28: Basketball & Monkey Tree

YOUNG ADULTS is a free social group for youth aged 19 to 30, with or without a disability. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

Yay Fusion!

- Feb. 7: Sliding Hill
- Feb. 21: Ukrainian Egg Decorating

YAY FUSION! is a free social group for youth aged 13 to 18, with or without a disability. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

For info, or to register for any events, shoot us a text at 867-444-7833 or email: inclusion2@inclusionnwt.ca

Job openings (casual & part-time)

INCLUSION NWT is hiring!

We have openings for:

- Supported Living Workers
- Respite Workers

(All positions are casual and part-time. For complete job descriptions, please visit: InclusionNWT.ca)

Apply ASAP with resume and cover letter to: ed@InclusionNWT.ca.

Quality time with Zola

CHRIS STRUS and Katie Miller were among the clients who visited with Zola and St. John Ambulance volunteer Michelle in the Abe Miller Building on January 20.

Volunteers with the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program visit with clients and staff once every month.

