

LITERACY



STUDENTS AND STAFF IN THE ADULT LITERACY CLASS returned to the Literacy Outreach Centre earlier this month, including Chris Strus (from left), Kineta Michel, Julie White, instructor Thomas Gagnon-van Leeuwen, Phoebe Harris, Jasmine Powder, Susan Chaffee, teaching assistant Quinn Sanders, and Gilbert Beaudoin.

BACK TO CLASS

What's new at the Literacy Outreach Centre?

by Inclusion NWT Staff

The adult literacy class at the Literacy Outreach Centre resumed Tuesday, September 8.

The class is happening in person for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, with an abundance of caution: distanced

seating, masks and frequent hand-washing and sanitizing.

Clients are excited to get back to improving their reading and math skills in a warm environment.

Far North Photo Festival In the next few weeks, clients plan to learn more about the circumpolar North by visiting the Far North Photo Festival and create photo books based on their class trip to Blatchford Lake Lodge this summer.

The class is still accepting new clients! Contact instructor Thomas at 445-3969 or loc@inclusionnwt.ca to learn more.



Inclusion NWT news



We can see clearly now!

THANK YOU to Gary Hansen, manager of All-West Glass, for generously helping us install a new rear windshield on one of our association vehicles last month.

The donation of labour and expertise came as a big surprise and was a great help to our organization.

(Pictured above: Gary Hansen; Jon Proulx, of the Inclusion NWT Business Services Team; and Jose Martinez, Skills Training Facilitator.)



Good-as-new computers!

THANK YOU to Quinn Sanders and the team at Computers for Schools for donating four refurbished machines to Inclusion NWT!

John Balamaga (Employment Support Worker) picked up the computers last week!

EMPLOYMENT

YK Motors Revs Up Seniors Lawn-care Program

\$2,500 donation keeps workers raking for free until the snow falls



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by Inclusion NWT

THANK YOU to our community for supporting the Inclusion NWT Seniors Lawncare Program this fall! Yellowknife Motors, McCOR Management and several members of the public have made it possible for The Odd Job Squad to continue to provide free lawn-care for seniors (65+) in Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah until the snow

To schedule lawn-raking for seniors, please contact The Odd Job Squad at: (867) 445-6967

falls.



AARON 'GODSON' HERNANDEZ, sales associate, and Aaron Wall, General Manager, present GMC baseball caps and a cheque for \$2,500 to Chris Strus and Justine Cuvelier of The Odd Job Squad, on behalf of Yellowknife Motors, on Aug. 20.





STAFF



Join our team as a supported living worker! Email: ed@InclusionNWT.ca to learn more.



'Something good for the community'

Ghyslain Letourneau reflects on his four years of work with the Inclusion NWT team

by Ghyslain Letourneau

WORKING AT INCLUSION NWT is like being part of a community. We all come from many different backgrounds and creative new ideas are always welcomed.

Working at Inclusion NWT really motivates me every morning, every day has a routine, but there is always something new – I have never felt bored. Every situation with the clients is unique. It is interesting to see the clients challenge themselves in a different work environment.

Working at Inclusion NWT changed my way of living. At the end of the day I'm coming home with the feeling that I have done something good for our community.

Even though I work independently with

clients, I know that I can ask questions or seek guidance from my supervisor without feeling that I will be judged.

I have worked at this association for about four years now, during those 4 years I had the chance to work at Skills Training & Community Inclusion, Employment Services and Supported living Services. Each department is really different, but the main goal is to guide the client in their daily tasks and make sure they are doing their work safely.

We work with the clients and not for them. If you would like to make a change in the community, if you would like to share your competence and you like human interaction, apply to join our team!

info@InclusionNWT.ca

Inclusion NWT news

Inclusion Canada

New national name

INCLUSION CANADA is the new name for the organization formerly known as the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL).

Inclusion NWT is a member of Inclusion Canada's federation of organizations dedicated to supporting Canadians with intellectual disabilities as contributing members of society.

The national name change took effect on Sept. 14. Inclusion NWT adopted its new name early in 2020.

Inclusion NWT was established in Yellowknife in 1962. Our organization continues to provide lifelong support for individuals with disabilities and their loved ones in the NWT.

www.InclusionNWT.ca

Wheelchairs available

IF YOU or your loved one are in need of a wheel-chair, walker or crutches for a week or two, Inclusion NWT can help.

We loan mobility support items for up to two weeks for a donation in the amount of your choosing.

Call 920-2644 or email us at info@InclusionNWT.ca.

YOUTH

SUMMER BUDDIES EXPLORATION!

by Inclusion NWT Staff

THE SUMMER BUDDIES Program wrapped up in the last week of August, capping a summer-long COVID-safe alternative to the teen summer camp of previous years.

Since it launched in July, participants from ages five to 19 were matched with a worker and then experienced a

variety of fun activities together, outdoors whenever possible.

Another fun youth program will definitely be planned for next summer!

(Cover: Kane casts a hook; this page, clockwise from top left: Kane goes with the flow; Marshall peeks at a frog; Sarina leaps; Darian does a drum solo; and Jesse gets messy!











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