

A misty forest scene with a stream and fallen logs. The background is a lush green forest with many trees and ferns. A stream flows through the center, with several large, mossy logs lying across it. The mist is thick, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere.

Youth Friendly North Shore **FINAL REPORT**

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Building Safer Communities Fund



- Funded by Public Safety Canada
- 3-year, community-based, partnership driven initiative
- Building safer, more inclusive communities for youth

“Youth Friendly North Shore”



- **Two streams of work:**
 - Youth Friendly Spaces
 - Strengthening the System of Care
- **Eleven activities focused on:**
 - Youth inclusion and belonging
 - Access to safe, welcoming spaces
 - Stronger, coordinated youth services

Youth Inclusion in Spaces (WelcoMe)

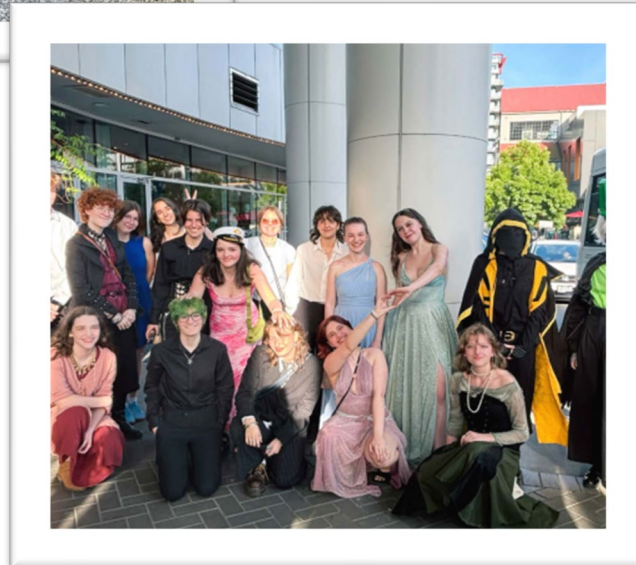
- Youth led audits
- Barriers identified
- Staff interactions key influence
- Led to HR training resources



Youth Action Grants



- Youth leadership and decision making strengthened
- Impact of small, flexible funding

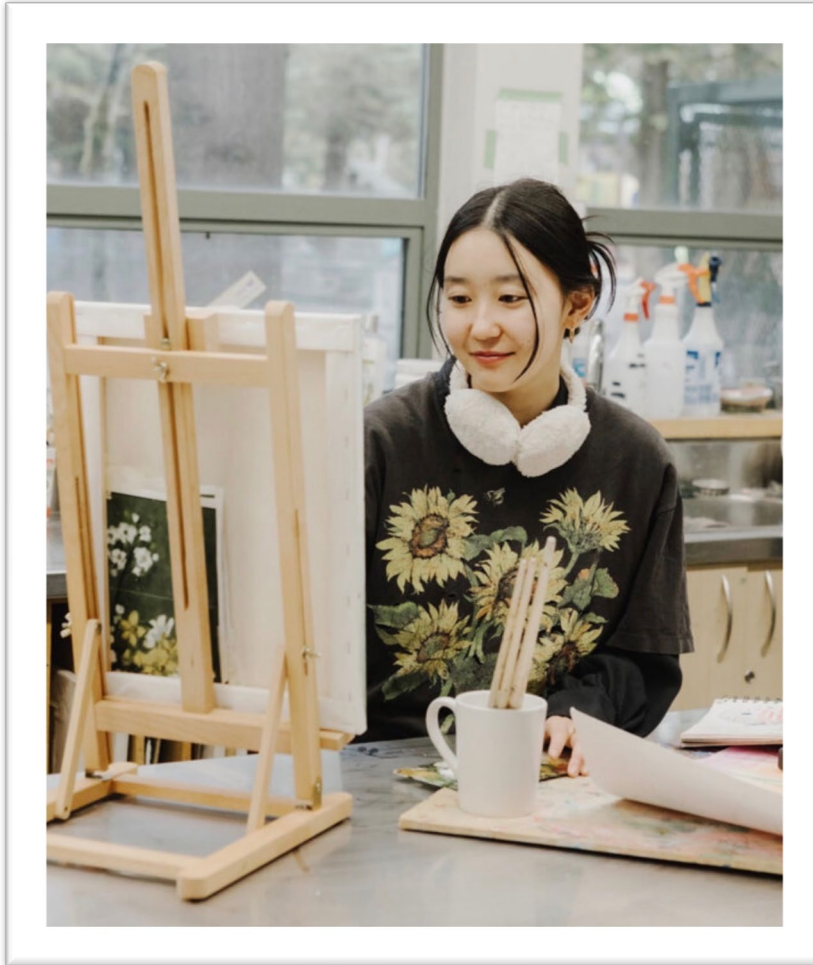


Late Night Recreation Pilot

- Access to low barrier evening spaces
- Gaps in after-hours programming
- Organizations under a shared model
- Proof of concept for future expansion



Exploratory Initiatives – Key Learnings



- Sustainable programming requires:
 - long term funding
 - dedicated leadership
 - operational capacity

Community of Practice (CoP)



- 120 staff across 30+ organizations
- Cross-sector relationships & referrals
- Built staff knowledge and capacity
- Low-cost collaborative model
- Shared tools and resource library

Youth Situation Table



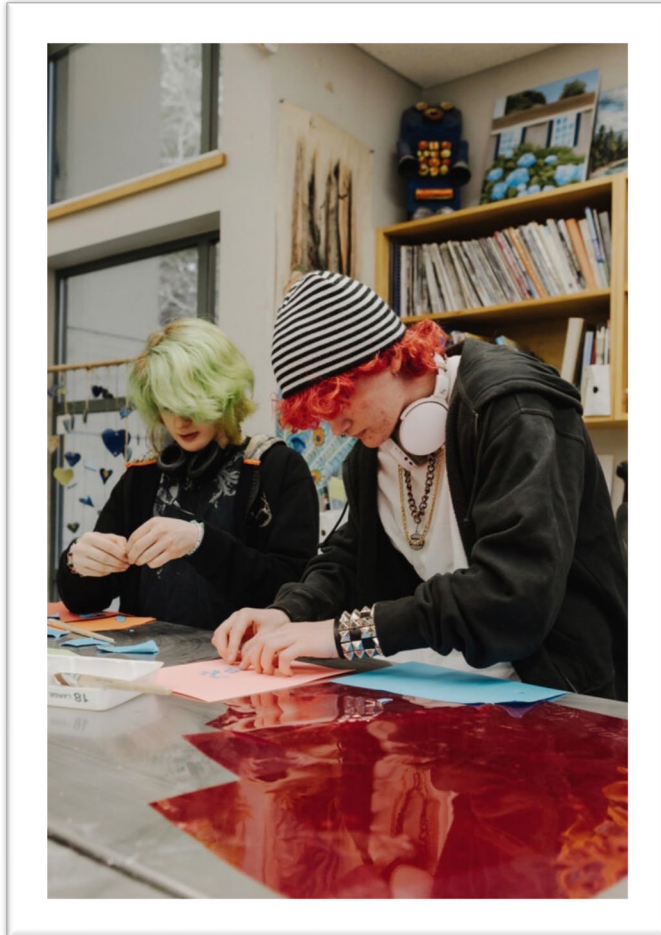
- Approach to support high-risk youth
- Multi-agency collaboration
- Rapid response to complex cases
- Data to inform planning and policy

Youth Services Evaluation

- Piloted a new evaluation tool
- Identified system gaps and opportunities for improvement
- Informed service delivery improvements
- Long-term evaluation resource

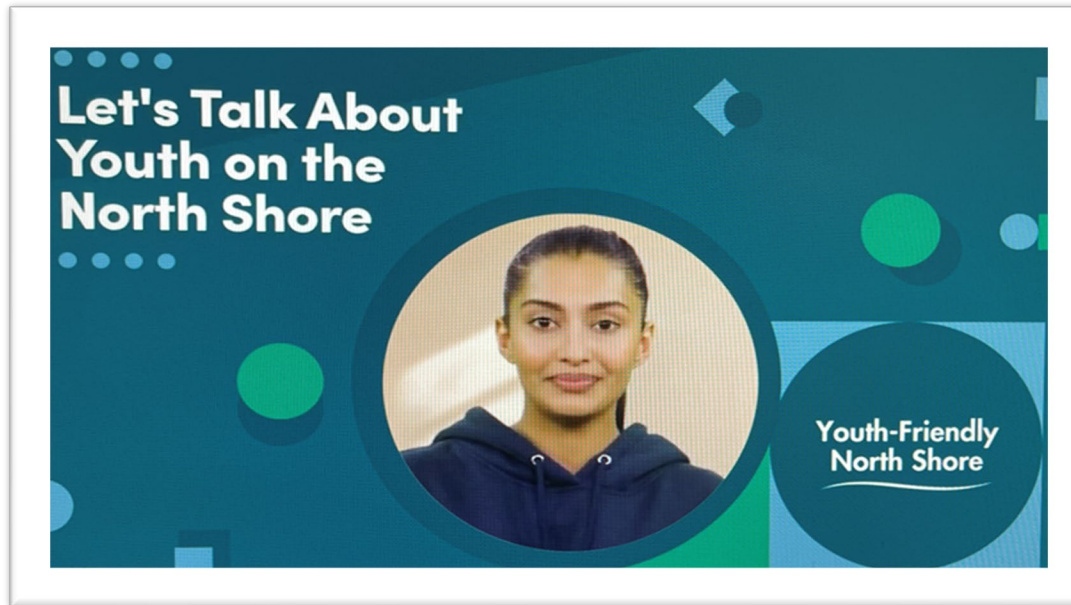


Youth Online Trends & Website Audits



- Evaluated 21 youth serving websites
- 20+ improvements to increase accessibility and engagement
- Mobile-friendly design, up-to-date information & digital communication

Resources



HR Training Videos



Youth Image Bank

Municipal Youth Policies Review



- Ideas to modernize and align youth policies
- Apply evidence-based practices (Positive Youth Development)
- Improve coordination of youth services across North Shore

Overall Impact

- Increased **youth inclusion**
- Expanded **access** to safe, welcoming and programs
- Strengthened **coordination** across youth-serving organizations
- Built sustainable **tools, resources, and frameworks**
- Improved **system capacity** to support youth safety and wellbeing



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