



Cranbrook & District Community Foundation

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Youth In Philanthropy

Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) is an idea that grows organically in communities across Canada, due to the drive and contributions of local youth, and the natural link that many of these youth find with community foundations. For example, The Cranbrook & District Community Foundation (CDCF) is involved in growing funds to grant to charities and supporting the work of local organizations.

Canadian youth philanthropy has had help too. Through Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), the membership organization for the country's community foundations, regional and national resources and support have been provided to youth advisory councils (YACs) as they emerge and develop. CFC is excited about the contribution that youth have to make to healthy, sustainable communities.

More About YIP...

YIP starts with a YAC

A YAC is a youth advisory committee or council made up of young people (ages 12-25) from a diverse range of backgrounds who want to be actively involved in supporting their community's vibrancy.

Each YAC is part of its local community foundation, locally-run public foundations that build and manage endowment funds to support charitable activities in their area. It is the YAC's job to organize and carry out the acts of youth philanthropy in their community.

YIP in Surrounding Communities

In British Columbia alone, there are twenty Community Foundations with Youth in Philanthropy groups.

These groups include:

- Golden Youth Opportunities Council (GYOC)
- YSHIFT, Youth Advisory Committee (Grand Forks)
- Revelstoke Youth Advisory (YPLAY)
- COFFY (Central Okanagan Community Foundation for Youth) (Kelowna)

YIP in Cranbrook

Cranbrook has yet to establish a Youth in Philanthropy group; however, a plan has been set in motion in order to create one.

It is the hope of the CDCF to have students from Laurie, Parkland, Mount Baker, and the College of the Rockies involved with this endeavor. These students will be responsible for youth grants, and activities/events involved with YIP.

If you are interested in helping establish a YIP group in Cranbrook or need more information, contact Maddie Wallace (Youth Programs Assistant) at maddie.cdcf@telus.net