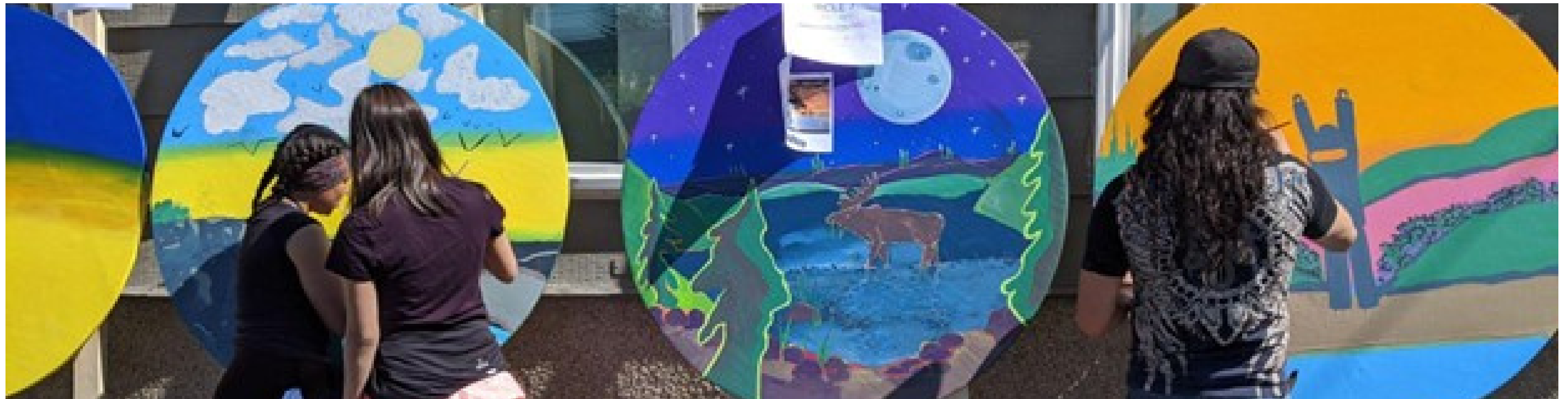




ARTSPACE



**2020 \$100,000
YOUTH CATEGORY
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ARCTIC
INSPIRATION PRIZE



PRIX INSPIRATION
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Arctic Inspiration Prize is the largest annual prize in Canada. It inspires, enables, and celebrates the achievements of the people of the North, recognizing diverse teams with innovative projects in the fields of education; health and wellbeing; culture, arts and language; science and traditional knowledge; climate change; food security; and the economy.

NOMINATOR

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Mayor of Yellowknife

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ARTSPACE

ArtSpace is a community space that welcomes anyone in Yellowknife interested in art and culture. What started on a school bus has evolved into a welcoming space for anyone interested in visiting and participating.

2019: MakerspaceYK (MSYK) is incorporated under *Societies Act of NWT*.

2019 & 2020: Over 25 workshops and projects, including the Community Mural Project (started on the school bus).

February 2021: AIP funds received for ArtSpace.

March 2021: The ArtSpace/MakerspaceYK original opening date, but delayed due to renovation delays and COVID-19.

Summer 2021: Renovations began.

November 2021: Grand opening of ArtSpace/MakerspaceYK.

2023: The first full year that the space had been open to the public.

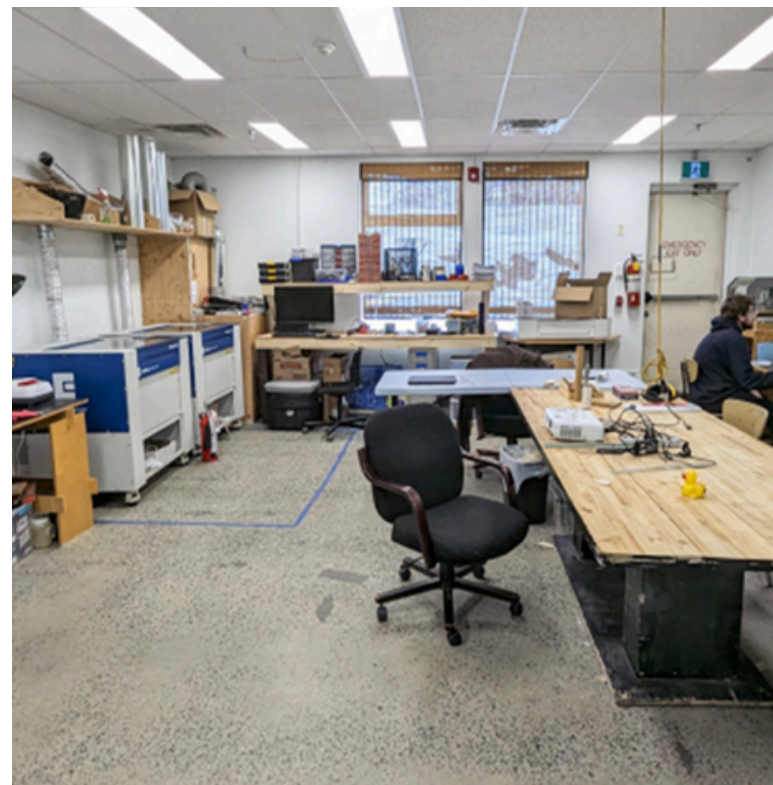


PARTS OF THE CREATIVE HUB

MSYK aims to be a hub of trans-disciplinary learning, collaboration, and innovation. ArtSpace is one of the creative spaces.



ArtSpace is multi-functional and is the first space you enter when visiting MakerspaceYK. It hosts programming and events.



HackSpace, where digital fabrication tools such as 3D printers and laser cutters are housed.



ShopSpace, where the majority of the traditional woodworking and fabrication tools are housed.

HOLDING SPACE FOR COMMUNITY

Building a community around hands-on learning, shared space, and skills-building, ArtSpace/MakerspaceYK is holding space for different members of the community by reducing barriers to access through fee-flexibility, affordability, and free programming.

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Weekly
Beading
Circle with
Tree of Peace

Monthly Art Crit Night with
Yellowknife Artist Run
Community Centre
(YKARCC).

Monthly
Comedy
Night with
Quincy
Thomas.

There were 25-30 participants each week for the beading circle and Repair Café program.



A SPACE FOR CREATORS AND COLLABORATORS

Local organizations hosted a number of other activities, workshops, exhibitions, and talks at Makerspace YK.

Elaine Landry paints 4-panel murals for Folk on the Rocks at Artspace, with Strong People Strong Communities.

ArtSLinK hosts a cyanotype workshop.



3D Bison Painting Workshop with Tree of Peace.

The HazhQ Ełexè Łets'eèzhe - Community Network Gathering hosted by Communities Building Youth Futures in Artspace to bring together Yellowknife-based community organisations that support youth.

T-shirt workshop hosted by BACup North (Black Advocacy Coalition) as part of Black History North.

Pan-African Art Exhibition by LJJ w BACup North.

Northern Mosaic Network hosted their 12th anniversary event in Artspace.

Western Arctic Youth Collective hosted Clayton Thomas Muller at Artspace for a presentation and book launch.



Brian Kowikchuk

BUILDING COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERISM

MSYK has eight volunteer board members who work together with volunteer community members to support its operations. The total number of volunteers is about 18 and total volunteer hours are about 2,000 annually. Community members get together regularly to create music, art, and other projects using MSYK resources.



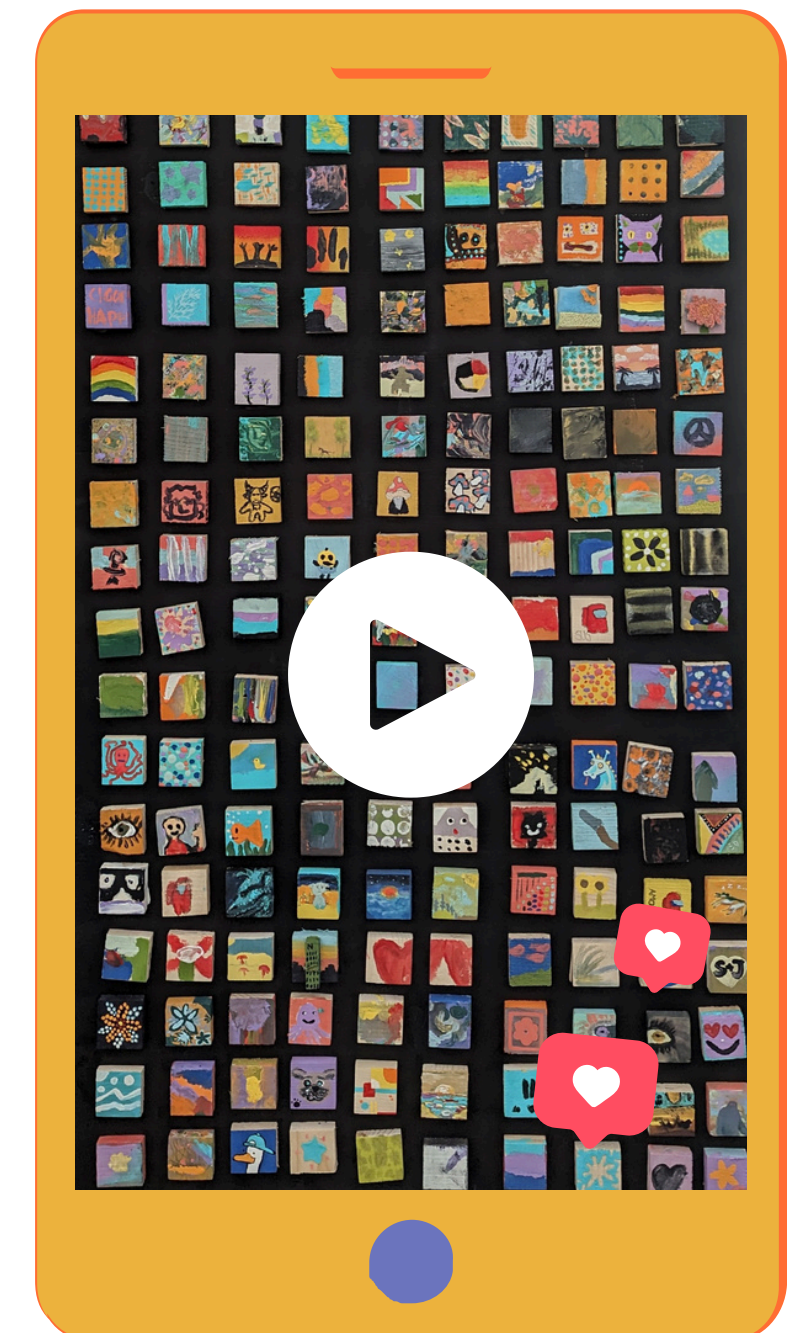
@makerspaceyk

Thanks to everyone who came out to get creative with us @folkontherocks ! 🎨🎸🎵.

Shout to all the FOTR organizers and volunteers for making this happen!! ❤️🙌🏡

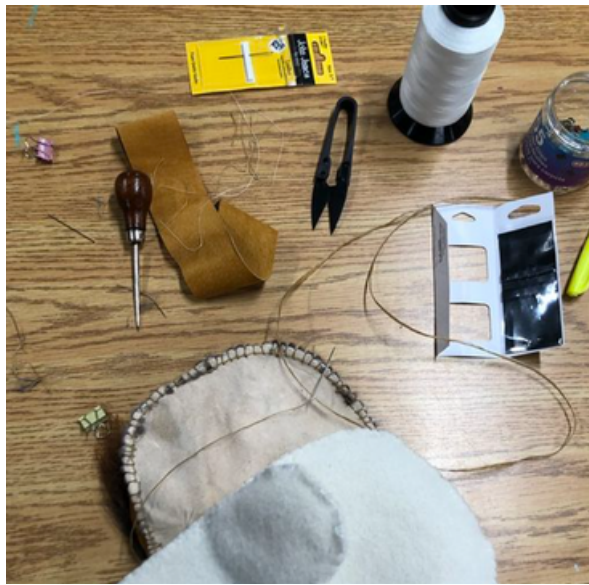
We had over 160 block paintings completed that will be installed back at the makerspace! Thanks to all the artists that contributed over the weekend.

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BUILDING SKILLS

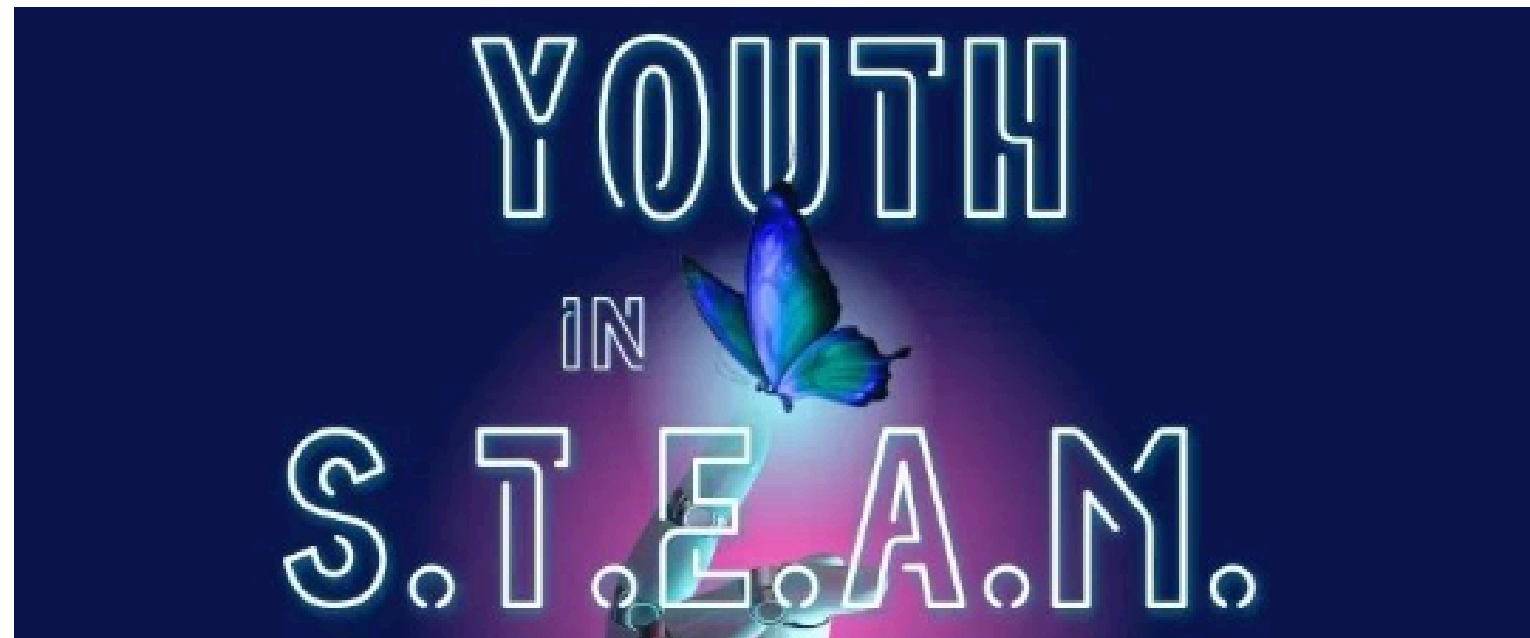
"The youth involved in the project took such ownership and care over the process, it was hard to deny that the only thing previously holding them back from the arts was that they hadn't been given an opportunity to consider it an option."



confidence
self-esteem
creative skills

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

Makerspaces are used to build skills for employment, career development, and entrepreneurial initiatives.



The 4-day event aimed to ignite a passion for STEAM among young learners, providing them with new and exciting ways to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, and inspire career pathways.

Participants took part in various workshops and challenges to develop skills in utilizing multiple mediums to conceptualize and communicate their ideas for "Designing Our Future".



6 Day Intensive Fur and Sealskin hosted by NWT Arts. Artists learned to blend traditional knowledge with technique and technology for fur creations. <https://shorturl.at/gjopK>



SUSTAINABILITY

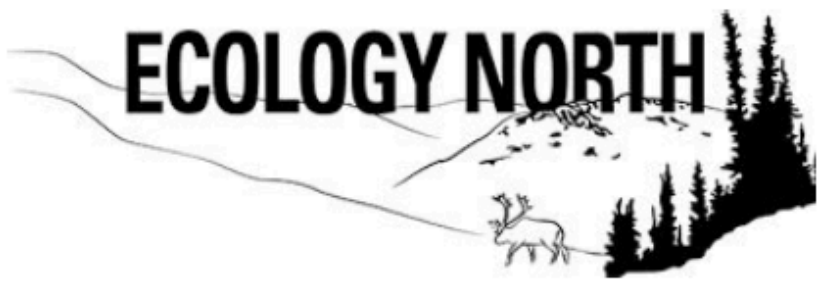
209 users with shop/lab orientation

494 workshop registrations

24 members

9 organization customers

PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS



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