




# YOUTH MATTER

*A Newsletter for Those Committed to  
Supporting Youth from  
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## CAAWS...**SPOTLIGHT** ON OUR **PARTNERS**

Youth Model Advisory committee...in this issue we focus on CAAWS. The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) envisions a holistic and equitable sport and physical activity system in which Canadian girls and women have the right to all the benefits of participating in sport and physical activity; in which women participate as decision-makers and leaders; that reflects the experiences of girls and women; and is based on the reality of their lives.

his issue of the newsletter will introduce another of the organizations that are members of the National



CAAWS exists to ensure that girls and women have access to a complete range of opportunities and choices and have equity as participants and leaders in sport and physical activity. CAAWS is an advocate for equity for girls and women in sport and physical activity, and promotes the values of equity, inclusiveness, fairness, and respect.

The advocacy work done by CAAWS encourages girls and women to get off the bleachers, and onto the fields and playing courts, into the pools, the locker rooms and boardrooms.

For more information on the many initiatives CAAWS is involved in visit their new website at :

[www.caaws.ca](http://www.caaws.ca)



Have great programming idea you'd like to share? Submit it for inclusion in the next Youth Matter Edition...send it to [rooke.lara@cfpsa.com](mailto:rooke.lara@cfpsa.com)

**Gagetown Junior Idol A Model of Success...**  
As March Break approached preparations were well underway for the 2nd edition of the annual CFB Gagetown Junior Idol Competition. Auditions, which were held 2 weeks prior to the main event, drew out 50 youth ages 8-17, a number which was narrowed down to 17 who competed in the main show held at the Base theatre. Judged in a format similar to the hugely successful American and Canadian Idol shows, youth took the stage in front of a large crowd and showcased their talent...having a great time in the process. If your location is looking for new and innovative ways to promote local youth and their talents, perhaps the Gagetown Idol model is one to follow. For more information on this creative initiative contact Steve Cymbaluk, the Assistant Community Recreation Director at CFB Gagetown, at [cymbaluk.sj@forces.gc.ca](mailto:cymbaluk.sj@forces.gc.ca).

*Creative youth?*

*This contest provides an opportunity for youth to showcase creative talent...*

*Youth.gc.ca invites youth (15-30) to give their best shot! They are inviting youth from across Canada to participate in their first photo contest. Great prizes and a chance to have their photo featured on a youth.gc.ca e-card. Full contest details are available at:*

*www.youth.gc.ca/yoaux.jsp?&lang=en&flash=1&auxpageid=845*



ARPA Youth Development Conference set for Edmonton this fall...

Looking for an excellent professional development opportunity? The National Symposium on Youth Development Through Recreation is being held October 12-15 in Edmonton...

For full symposium details visit: [www.ydrs.arpaonline](http://www.ydrs.arpaonline).

The Ontario Provincial Consortium on Youth in Recreation (PCYR) is developing a series of tools to encourage more quality recreational programs for youth, ages 13 and over. Over the past year, the PCYR has been working on developing two tools (the Key Elements Tool that outlines quality elements of youth recreation programs, and the Organizational Approach Tool that outlines the policies and procedures that departments and agencies should have in place to help support quality programming). Additionally, work has begun on a third Cultural and Environmental Readiness Tool. This tool is designed so that agencies and departments can assess their readiness to begin to incorporate 'intentional youth development' into their programs and services. For more information on these tools visit: [www.youthinrecreation.ca](http://www.youthinrecreation.ca) or contact Marion Price at



[www.connectingcfyouth.ca](http://www.connectingcfyouth.ca) coming soon to a computer near you...

Much work has been done over the last year by youth from CF families and their friends on the development of the look, feel and framework for the future Connecting CF youth website. We are pleased to report that we are now into the final stages of development, focusing now on content. We expect to have a live site available for CF youth in the very near future. In the meantime, checkout [www.connectingcfyouth.ca/mockup](http://www.connectingcfyouth.ca/mockup) to get a look at the terrific work youth from the CF community have done so far!