



YOUTH MATTER

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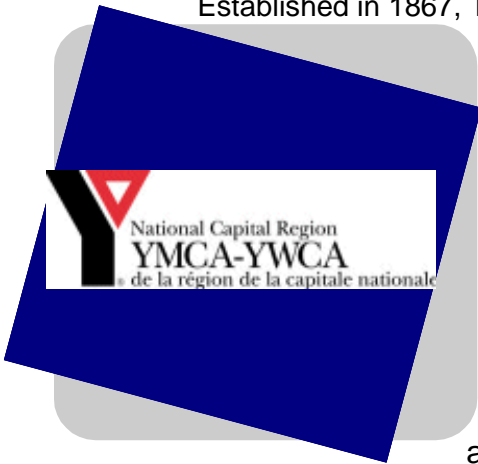
YMCA - YWCA!...

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PARTNERS

In each issue of the newsletter we introduce another of the organizations

who are members of the National Youth Model Advisory Committee. In this issue we focus on the National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA.

Established in 1867, The National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA is a charitable, voluntary, community-based association dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, youth, adults and families through programs that build spirit, mind and body. Based at six different locations within the National Capital Region, the YMCA-YWCA provides a comprehensive range of services at each of their locations ranging from employment assistance to day camps and leadership development.



The YMCA-YWCAs of the National Capital Region places an emphasis on the development of community, encouraging all members to contribute and participate regardless of race, religion, creed, ability, or economic circumstance.

For more information on the National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA, and its initiatives, please visit:

<http://www.educomts.com/ymca-ywca/>

WWW.CONNECTINGCFYOUTH.CA Promotional Items Available Online

Early in 2006, the National Youth Project Team will introduce a web-based purchasing opportunity for CF locations wishing to order www.connectingcfyouth.ca promotional items. The simple web order form will allow locations to view, order and pay for these items online. Orders will be processed 3 times a year in March, July and October, with items being shipped directly to each location. For additional details please visit www.cfpsa.com/youth beginning February 2006.



Connecting CF Youth Website News

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the www.connectingcfyouth.ca website.

Beginning in February, youth advisory committees at all CF locations are invited to host local events to celebrate the launch of this amazing website. Representatives from each location are encouraged to register their local event in the at www.connectingcfyouth.ca/forum. Once a location has registered, an event a launch kit containing promotional items, including t-shirts and water bottles, will be sent to the Youth Advisory Committee. These launch kits will also contain helpful information to support youth with in planning and implementing their event(s).

All locations which complete the 3 step registration and reporting process will be entered into an April 12th draw for \$1000 to be used to help support local youth initiatives.

The National Youth Project Team looks forward to significant participation by local youth advisory committees in the launch of this website. As always, we appreciate your support of the implementation of the Canadian Military Community National Youth Model and its initiatives.

Youth Funding ... Next Steps

The National Youth Project Team is eager to watch as programs are implemented and youth services grow using monies from the funding allocations made in November 2005.

In the coming months the National Youth Project Team will finalize funding timelines for the new fiscal year, develop policies related to youth engagement and involvement, and begin the roll-out of a formalized evaluation framework.

As we develop and implement these initiatives please direct all queries to Laurie Ogilvie, NRYSM at (613)995-7802 or ogilvie.la@forces.gc.ca or your DMFS FOM.

Any questions related to the official launch of the Connecting CF Youth website can be directed to Lara Rooke, NRYSC at rooke.lara@cfpsa.com or Dean McCuaig, PDRM at mccuaig.d3@forces.gc.ca

CF Community Youth Model Project Team welcomes new team member

In late December 2005, the National Youth Project Team welcomed a new member. Kathy Manser has recently joined the team as the National Youth Program Special Projects Coordinator. Kathy comes to us following recent positions within the National Sports and Fitness program . Kathy can be reached at (613)995-0571 or manser.k@forces.gc.ca. Please help us as we welcome her aboard.

Have a question for the Youth Matters Newsletter?

Send it along to Lara Rooke, National Recreation and Youth Services Coordinator at rooke.lara@cfpsa.com and we will print it, with the answer, in the next edition of this newsletter.