

# OSHKI ANNISHINABE NIGAANIWAK NEWSLETTER

JULY - DECEMBER 2016



## The 7th Annual Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak Celebration

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## About the Indigenous Youth Strategy

City Council adopted **Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak, the City of Winnipeg's Indigenous Youth Strategy** in 2008. This innovative program is allocated one million dollars annually in order to provide positive opportunities for Indigenous youth in Winnipeg and the civic system. It is mandated to provide Indigenous youth positive opportunities in the community and civic system by bridging and providing culturally appropriate programs and supports related to employment, literacy and recreation to increase resiliency, self-sustainability, pride and future opportunities.

Oshki Annishinabe Niganniwak is a core component of the City of Winnipeg's Indigenous Relations Division. The division provides leadership and experience from an Indigenous perspective on City of Winnipeg programs, services and initiatives that support and address the needs of Indigenous communities in Winnipeg, now and into the future.

Since 2009:

**Over 3,400** youth have accessed employment development programs in the community and civic system financially supported by Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak. This includes post-secondary scholarships and awards, internships and work placements, career training programs, essential skills workshops, and exploring careers with the City of Winnipeg.

**Over 100,000** youth drop-in visits were recorded at community recreation-based programs supported by Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak.



# Teamwork is Key

In 2016, the following **City of Winnipeg departments** have paired up with Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak to provide internship, work placement and training opportunities for Indigenous youth:

Animal Services Agency	Planning, Property and Development
Assesment and Taxation	Public Works
Audit	Water and Waste
City Clerk's	Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
Community Services	Winnipeg Parking Authority
Corporate Communications	Winnipeg Police Service
Corporate Finance	Winipeg Transit
Film and Special Events	

## Community Partners

Teamwork is key to Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak's effectiveness. With its community partners, the strategy is able to extend its outreach to youth. The following community organizations offer a range of youth-focused programming that supports youth to become leaders today and into the future:

Organization	Program
<a href="#"><u>Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Secretariat Inc.</u></a>	Eagle's Nest
<a href="#"><u>Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Inc.</u></a>	Youth Recreation Activity Worker
<a href="#"><u>Broadway Neighbourhood Centre Inc.</u></a>	Just TV
<a href="#"><u>Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Inc.</u></a>	Aboriginal Construction Technology
<a href="#"><u>Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc.</u></a>	Honouring Gifts
<a href="#"><u>Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Inc.</u></a>	Future is Yours
<a href="#"><u>Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc.</u></a>	Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre
<a href="#"><u>Resource Assistance for Youth, Inc.</u></a>	Growing Opportunities
<a href="#"><u>Spence Neighbourhood Association Inc.</u></a>	First Jobs 4 Youth



# Youth by the Numbers

Our community partners are leaders in the delivery of youth-focused programming that result in youth building skills essential for the workplace and essential for a good life. Every young person in our city deserves to have hope for the future and the opportunity to pursue a dream.



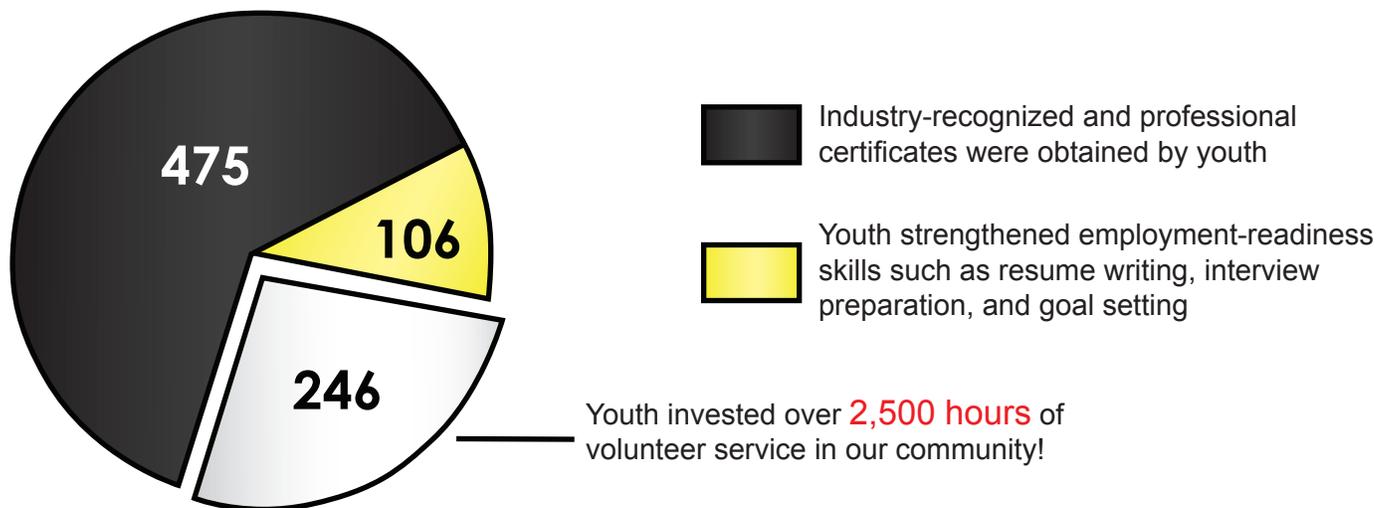
## During the 12 months of 2016

- Over 290 youth accessed employment development and essential skills programs through our community partners.
- Over 190 youth successfully completed and graduated from these programs.
- Over 50 youth successfully completed over 8,000 hours of valuable work experience, work placements, and work practicums!
- Over 202 instances of success were reported when youth found employment, returned to high school, and/or began post-secondary education!



## During the final six months of 2016

Through our community partners' programs, youth also participated in leadership opportunities and essential skills workshops. They also shared their time and enthusiasm volunteering in our community:



During the last six months of 2016 **over 2,900** youth visits were logged through Ndinawe's Youth Resource Recreation Program! That's over 5,500 youth visits annually in 2016 and demonstrates Ndinawe is improving youth access to sports training, physical activity and recreation in our community!

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We have more news about the 24 graduates of the Aboriginal Youth Infrastructure Trades Apprenticeship Program (AYITAP)!

In our last newsletter we told you how the Indigenous Relations Division collaborated with training partners Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development and the Indigenous Leadership Development Institute to increase the rate of Indigenous youth trained and employed in a trades industry within Manitoba.



## This just in!

20 graduates recently found employment in the trades and construction industry and 3 found employment in the general labour market!

## STUDENT TESTIMONIES

“To be successful in a trade I believe you've got to be dedicated to the work and really enjoy what you're doing. I'm passionate about carpentry, I like seeing the progress made throughout projects and the finished product. It's a really good feeling to know that what people will be potentially using a lot was made by you and other guys that you worked with.”

“The reason I went to school was to better myself and learn about carpentry. Safety was very important in our course and I have taken that on the job site. As I have been on the job site I have valued the trade's people who have been able to provide extra skills that helped me to be a better worker. I know it was the right choice for me. ”

# The 7th Annual Oshki

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# Nigaaniwak

## Celebration

Every year, Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak hosts a celebration to honour the accomplishments of Indigenous youth who have received scholarships and awards, and who have completed internships and work placements with the City of Winnipeg.

Each year we recognize the accomplishments of Indigenous youth at an exciting gala dinner, including remarks from City of Winnipeg dignitaries and special guests, prayers led by community Elders, traditional and contemporary performances and entertainment, an exclusive video debut, and more! This year's event included keynote speaker Lenard Monkman, Metis fiddlers Double the Trouble, singer-songwriter Ali Fontaine, and Inuit Throat singer Zeann Manernaluk. This year, 31 youth honourees were available to attend the 7th Annual Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak Celebration event to receive certificates of recognition from Mayor Brian Bowman.

Youth honourees are recipients of City of Winnipeg, Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak's Next Step Award, Aboriginal Education and Civic Pathways Award, Post-Secondary Scholarships, graduates of career training programs, and youth recognized for their valuable contributions during internships and work placements with the City of Winnipeg.

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Youth honourees received certificates of recognition and letters of congratulations from Mayor Brian Bowman, in the following program categories under the City of Winnipeg's Indigenous Youth Strategy, Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak:

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Internships and Work Placements

# 13

Aboriginal Education and Civic Pathways Award

# 11

Post-Secondary Scholarships

# 24

Trades training programs and employment

# 13

Next Step Awards

# EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

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Along with the presentations of awards and recognitions to Indigenous youth, the evening launched with:

- Welcome remarks from the Indigenous Relations Division and CAO Doug McNeil and Mayor Brian Bowman;
- Smudging and prayer offered by Elder Carol Moar;
- Open and closing ceremonies lead by Elder Jules Lavallee;
- Buffet dinner;
- Unveiling of the 2016 OAN Compilation Video; and
- Three special performances lead by Ali Fontaine, Double the Trouble and Zeann Manernaluk.



We would like to thank everyone who joined us to celebrate the successes of this year's Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak youth!



Take a look at more photos from this fantastic night at Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak Celebration

# Summer Career Weeks: WFPS



In July, the Oshki Anishinabe Nigaaniwak partnered with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service to create an opportunity for Indigenous youth ages 16 – 18 to participate in a full week of fun and hands-on experience related to City of Winnipeg careers such as Fire Fighter and Paramedic. 12 youth participated in these activities on site at the WFPS training academy and also had the opportunity to meet Elder Carol Moar who shared her traditional knowledge of the seven teachings, the feather teaching, ceremonial smudging and traditional medicines.

Learn more about at [Oshki Anishinabe Nigaaniwak - Summer Career Weeks](#) or watch our newly created [WPS Career Week Video](#).



“Wonderful program! Please continue this for future youth.”  
- Participant

“Thank you for opening my eyes!”  
- Participant



# Youth Voices on Reconciliation

A partnership between Just TV at Broadway Neighbourhood Centre, Canadian Roots Exchange, and Oshki Anishinabe Nigaaniwak created space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to come together for dialogue on their communities and reconciliation.

Youth facilitators from the Canadian Roots Exchange guided interactive and creative exercises with the youth at Thunderbird House, and the Just TV crew engaged youth in video interviews to capture their messages for Winnipeg. Mayor Brian Bowman stopped by in morning to join the circle of youth to hear their youth voices on reconciliation in Winnipeg. Throughout the day, together youth shared stories of their ancestors and communities, the pride of their communities, exchanged messages to bust myths and perceptions that feed media stereotypes, and **created a community art canvas of their vision**, ideas, and images of Winnipeg.



# WAIT A SECOND!

**You almost missed out on an amazing opportunity...**



Sign up to receive **Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak** email updates and never miss another opportunity. We share employment opportunities from the City of Winnipeg and our community partners, scholarships offered through the city and the community, and education opportunities!

Take advantage of all we have to offer Indigenous Youth and **JOIN TODAY!**

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2016, ANNÉE DE LA RÉCONCILIATION



*Thank you for reading the Oshki Annishinabe Nigaaniwak July - December Newsletter.*

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