Take it From the Top!

Arts Council

Inuvik Literacy Circle

NWT Literacy Council

Aurora College

Lions Clubs International

Government of the Northwest Territories
Industry, Tourism and Investment
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Overcoming the Distance: Using Digital Media and Collaborative Video-Making to Amplify Northern Voices and Share the Western Arctic with the World

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State of the Arctic - Miami 2010
Communities
Inuvik (Regional Centre)
Tsiigehtchic
Fort McPherson
Aklavik
Tuktoyaktuk
Paulatuk
Sachs Harbour
Holman

Old Crow (Yukon)
- Inuvialuit (roughly half region’s population)
- Gwich’in (roughly 20% region’s population)
- Other Aboriginal groups: North Slavey, Inuit, Inupiat, Metis and other groups
- Non-Aboriginal

These last two groups are roughly 30% of region’s population
All those involved...

Student Co-Researchers

- Initial group- Design Research Guide and begin filming interviews
- Career and College Preparation - Student Success and Northern Conceptions of success
- Northern Studies (What does the North mean to Northerners)
- Mini Film School (Start Individual Films)
- Research Methods Course (Individual films and interviewing)
- Summer Student Research and filming
Group 1
SherraLynn Allen
Susie Firth
Sandra Gordon
Hester Inuaslurak
Fiona Joe
Patrick Joe
Annie Margret
Kayikauichik
Mary Jane MacDonald
Clarissa Neyando
Andrea Tetlichi
Jennifer Thrasher
Clarence Tutcho
Mary Okheena
Fred Arey
Jennifer Omigoituk
Georgina Ohakak
Lorainna Elanik
Amanda Lennie
Katherine Lennie
Janina Gruben
Linda MacDonald
Jody Snowshoe
Janet Firth

Group 2
Ashlyn Allen
Foster Allen
Shelley Andre

Kimberly Blake
Amy Duffy
Jennifer Greenland
Amanda Irish
Lisa Lucas
Lori Ovilok
Dwight Snowshoe
Tanya Snowshoe
Gerald Tetlichi
Kendra Tingmiak

Group 3 (Northern Studies)
Amanda Lennie
Mariah Cardinal Blake
Bobbi-Jean Andre
Gerald Tetlichi
Kendra Tingmiak

Group 4 (mini film School)
Amanda Lennie
Katherine Lennie
Lisa Lucas
Lori Ovilok
Dwight Snowshoe

Group 5
Allen, Ashlyn
Andre, Shelly
Greenland, Jennifer
Irish, Amanda
Kowikchuck, Brian Jr.
Megan McCormack
Racheal Nakimayak
Lori Ovilok
Amber Ritias
Dwight Snowshoe
Tanya Snowshoe
Gerald Tetlichi
Kendra Tingmiak
Shelby Steen

Group 6
Kendra Tingmiak
Shelby Steen
Racheal Nakimayak
What did we do?

- Interviewed 93 people in the North and 25 in the South
- Involved 43 students
- Filmed in Inuvik but also Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, Tsiigehtchic, and Shingle Point
- Filmed extensively at the Great Northern Arts Festival and Northern games
- Conducted field work at West Edmonton Mall:
- More to Come
Reciprocity/ Good Manners

- You are a guest and should behave as one.
- Do two for one. Everyone wins!
- You need to ask what people want and how can you help but be realistic in what you can and should do but be creative!
- Objectivity and neutrality is an illusion
- This is a group effort and you need to remember it is not “your work” (we research in a pack)
Ripple Effect

Everything should radiate out from the community because this is where the impact is the most important.
J. GREENLAND RD
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Where to find out more...

- Facebook Film Fan page (become a fan and get updates)
- YouTube (search for TakeItFromTheTopVids)
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