



BYTE to host third annual Leaders In Training (LIT) Conference March 5-7, 2015

Youth from ten different Yukon communities will gather in Whitehorse this week for BYTE's third annual Leaders In Training (LIT) Conference. The LIT Conference is a three-day workshop that's designed to provide participants with confidence and leadership skills to take home to their own communities.

LIT Conference Coordinator Liz Pilon says that interest in this year's event has exceeded that of previous years.

"It's exciting to see so many communities interested in sending youth to the conference," says Liz. "That means there are lots of emerging leaders in Yukon communities! I'm so looking forward to meeting everyone."

BYTE Community Outreach Coordinator Natalie Sands says that programming like the LIT Conference is important for rural youth.

"There's so much pressure in the Yukon for rural youth to move to Whitehorse," says Natalie. "What's unique about this program is that it's intended for youth to take the skills they learn back to their community and to remain in their community as leaders."

Throughout the conference, BYTE facilitators will lead participants through leadership workshops and team-building activities. Teagan Lee from the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre and Kluane Adamek will be guest speakers for the event. Chaperones who come to Whitehorse to accompany the participants will be able to take part in an optional training session about addictions in youth.

LIT will take place at the Westmark Whitehorse this Thursday to Saturday thanks to funding from the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund. High-resolution photos of the conference will be available following the event. If you would like to schedule an interview or a time to drop in on the conference, contact Kara at communications@yukonyouth.com or call the BYTE office at 667-7975.

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