



Exhibit made by youth in Old Crow and Inuvik on display in Toronto

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This Is Our Arctic, a youth-made multimedia exhibit about climate change in Old Crow and Inuvik, is on display at the Toronto Museum of Inuit Art (MIA) for the winter of 2015-2016.

The exhibit uses photographs and video gathered during BYTE workshops to tell the story of climate change from the perspective of youth in Old Crow and Inuvik. The video, which captures Old Crow youth's conversations with their elders about climate change, is the latest addition to the exhibit, which has so far been on display in Whitehorse, Inuvik, Vancouver and Coquitlam.

Collections Manager Lauren Williams says that showcasing the *This Is Our Arctic* adds diversity to their collection.

"We're excited about these photos," says Williams. "In our permanent collection, we don't have much representation from the Inuvialuit settlement region."

The gallery typically focuses on Inuit art from Canada's northeast, but Williams says *This Is Our Arctic* allows audiences in Toronto to learn from the perspectives of the western Arctic's Inuvialuit and First Nations youth.

So far, everyone who's seen the exhibit has been thrilled, says Williams.

"I have to admit, I was really stunned by the images," she said. "I saw them online, but seeing them in person—they're really beautiful."

The Toronto Museum of Inuit Art is located at 225 Queens Quay West in Toronto.

BYTE hopes to raise funds for this project at the third annual Winter Eco Ball in Whitehorse on December 27th at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. Funds will be used to host a feast and a community screening of the film in Old Crow.

More information on this project can be found at yukonyouth.com/this-is-our-arctic-on-display-in-toronto . Photographs are available by request.

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