

We are happy to present to you the August Edition of the #RisingYouth Grantee Newsletter. This month, the theme is "International Youth Day", which takes place on August 12th this year. Given that this is a celebration of youth initiatives, we have chosen to highlight grantee projects that are designed to empower and engage youth as well as amplify their voices. We will also be bringing you resources created by our very own #RisingYouth Alumni. Don't forget to check the newsletter for this month's giveaway winner and news about upcoming events!

## **M** GRANTEE STORIES



Student Leadership Conference / Mikayla, ON

SLAM is a Leadership Conference designed for high school students across Canada. Hone your leadership skills and learn how to become a global and community leader at this two-day event. Speak with Loran Scholars, UofT Laidlaw Scholars, founding CEOs, and more!

Sign up for the SLAM Conference on EventBrite: https://bit.ly/slam-21

I/O Labs is providing a free robotics program, Power to Choose, for Indigenous youth this summer. The program's intent is to recognize the unique needs of Indigenous youth and deliver relevant programming, in order to overcome barriers to STEAM opportunities. Through robotics and 3D printing, participants are able to experience real world, hands-on applications of computer programming. Students will build and personalize their own robots that will be shared and celebrated at the end of the summer.



Robotics Camp for Indigenous Youth / Alexander, AB





Community Event for International Students & Immigrant Youth / Olamilekan, PEI

This project is an event for international students and immigrant youth from Africa, which aims to bring awareness and offer support for anyone impacted by terrorism, violent extremism, bad governance, religious and tribal conflicts, inflation, and economic hardship. The session will feature speakers, team bonding exercises, wellness activities, and opportunities for reflection in order to create a tighter knit community in for these youth in PEI.

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



#### Thursday August 12th, 2021 at 7pm EST : Grantee Gathering

The #RisingYouth team would like to invite you to join us for a <u>Grantee</u> <u>Gathering</u>. Come say hello to the Grantee Support Team and your fellow #RisingYouth grantees! This is sure to be a great opportunity to ask your Grantee Support Coordinator any questions that you may have! The rest of the gathering will be dedicated to learning more about the different supports that #RisingYouth has to offer its grantees, as well as a short workshop on Storytelling to Build Community.

**Register Here for the Grantee Gathering!** 

The Grantee Gathering will also be available in French LIVE on August 19th, <u>please click here to register for the French Grantee Gathering</u>.



Add YOUR event to our #RisingYouth Calendar!

You can check out the Calendar on the Grantee Support Hub for upcoming #RisingYouth events in the month of June! Watch this <u>quick tutorial video</u> to learn how!

# LinkedIn Learning - Free Year Long Subscription available for ALL Grantees!

We are working hard to offer awesome perks to all those in the Grantee community, and are excited to share this new offering! Thanks to our friends at RBC Future Launch, we have 500 1-year LinkedIn Learning memberships valued at \$300 to offer to #RisingYouth Grantees! Please fill out <u>this form</u> to be eligible to receive a 1-year membership.

We ask that you commit to taking at least 4 courses over the year - a "course" can be as short as a 30-60 minute video. All you need to do is tell us about the first course you'd like to take and how it aligns with your learning goals!

### **Recommendations of the Month**



PODCAST: The Green and Gritty Podcast

This podcast is dedicated to "trying to make environmental education a little more accessible... a podcast dedicated to discussing sustainability and raising awareness for environmental issues". This podcast goes very well with the theme for United Nations Theme for International Youth Day 2021, which is "Transforming Food Systems: A podcast created by #RisingYouth alumni, Taylor Sabatelli and her team of three other Master's Students.

#### Listen Here »



FILM: Ends Together, a film created by #RisingYouth alumni, Spencer Bubis

#### Watch Here »

Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health". You can <u>read more about International</u> Youth Day 2021 here.

"Confronting some of Winnipeg's historical and contemporary complexities, this fictional story follows a day when two boys-despite their differences and society's perceptions-form an unlikely friendship.

This short film deals with overarching themes of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and explores how crosscultural barriers can be broken down between the North and South Ends of Winnipeg-when a Jewish kid meets a First Nations kid."



LinkedIn LEARNING COURSE:

Presented by Michael Kass, founder of StoryImpact

"Learn about the different types of stories that can be told and the key ingredients of a successful story. Discover how to structure your elements into a story that engages your audiences and rallies them around your call to action, whether that's to donate, volunteer, or simply spread the word. Finally, discover different ways to deploy your story, both online and in person."

### AND THE WINNER IS CEYANNA POHL!

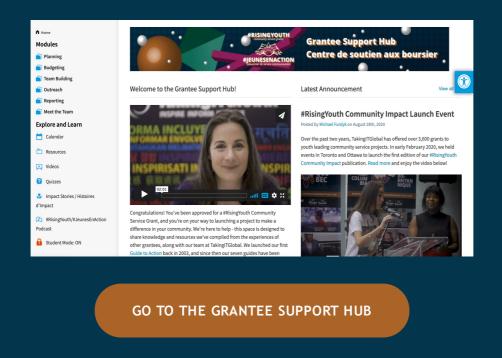
Congratulations on winning a 3 month subscription to <u>Audible</u>, an audiobook service from Amazon, offering the world's biggest selection of titles ranging from much-loved classics to new releases and original podcasts!

Every month, we will randomly select a grantee to win a prize! Feel free to share your prize & tag @risingyouthtig on Instagram!

VISIT OUR INSTAGRAM



The Grantee Support Hub is full of resources created by the #RisingYouth team to help you succeed in your community project.



# PROJECT REPORT

#### You could be one step away from becoming an Alumni!

If your project is completed, please take a few minutes to submit your Project Report on the <u>web form</u> OR by using the <u>#RisingYouth Mobile</u> <u>App</u>.

As a #RisingYouth Alumni, you can become ambassadors for our program and see all kinds of doors and opportunities open to you. To learn about the importance of submitting your Project Report, read our <u>blog post</u>!

# ALUMNI CHAMPION - LAUREN CASTELINO



At only 20, Lauren Castelino (she/her) is already a changemaker.

Soon after she graduated from high school, she founded Pitch It Green, a non-profit with a vision to create the next generation of leaders that embrace environmentalism and entrepreneurship otherwise known as ecopreneurs.

At Pitch It Green, Lauren has reached 5,600 people, primarily youth through organizing, attending and speaking at several events. She is a talented grant and sponsorship seeker and over 3 years has acquired around \$336,000 for non-profit and charitable causes, including her grant from #RisingYouth.

Her journey with #RisingYouth did not end after her project completion. Lauren is a leader by nature and went on to share her knowledge on starting a non profit through our skill development webinar series to hosting her own alumni led event!

As an advocate for environmental justice and an undergraduate in International Studies and Business at York University's Glendon campus, Lauren hopes to use her bilingual education to further her impact for the benefit of the people and the planet.

Follow Lauren's path once you have finished your project. We have tons of Alumni opportunities for you once your project report has been submitted!

