



**Arctic Institute of Community-Based Research**  
*For Northern Health and Well-Being*  
Yukon, Canada

**Yukon Indigenous Community Climate Change Champions (YIC4)**  
**Project Description & Application Form for Youth**

**APPLY BY: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Description:** This two-year project will focus on training Indigenous youth, aged 18-30 years on climate change and leadership skills for gathering and mobilizing new and existing knowledge, from global, local and Indigenous perspectives, for climate change adaptation in the Yukon.

**Dates/Location of the training:** November 27-30 2017 & Summer 2018 (Dates TBD); Yukon Inn, Whitehorse.

**What will youth get out this training?**

- Connections built between Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing with western science around climate change
- Exploration of the causes, effects and adaptation strategies of climate change from global, national and local perspectives
  - These topics will be explored and guided by the four elements of earth, air, fire, and water
  - A mix of traditional Indigenous teachers, scientists and local knowledge holders will be involved as trainers and facilitators
- Incorporation of hands-on, experiential lessons and time to practice and apply learned knowledge
- New connections with other Indigenous youth across the territory and Canada's North
- Gain concrete knowledge and skills that can be applied to future careers (educational and professional) in land/community monitoring, community-based research, leadership, and environmental education (among others)
- Learn how to conduct a community assessment related to exploring climate change adaptation needs and strengths through water, earth, air and fire elements that can be applied to action & future projects in your community
- Learn from other territories and northern regions about climate change challenges and adaptation strategies
- Increased confidence in the areas of leadership and climate change justice
- Opportunities for ongoing communication and educational opportunities through the participation in the Yukon First Nations Climate Change Adaptation Network

**How will this training benefit your community?**

- Communities will have increased understanding of strengths and needs with respect to climate change adaptation.



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- The future generation of leaders in preserving homelands and counteracting climate change will be trained to explore ideas for action.
- The knowledge gathered will directly benefit the communities involved and can compliment other training and professional development opportunities that exist for climate change, land monitors, and/or other lands- and environment-based young leaders.

**Expectations & Responsibilities:**

- Travel to Whitehorse and participate in **two** training sessions focused on climate change and adaptation strategies in Yukon communities. The dates for the training sessions are **November 27-30 2017** [year 1] and **July 2018** (Date TBD) [year 2]
- Uphold guidelines discussed in training
- Once trained as Community Climate Change Champions, youth will be equipped and expected to work on initiatives and activities in their communities, including conducting a community assessment, with the support of local Renewable Resources Council and community
- Ongoing communication with AICBR, project partners and other Community Champions as part of **Yukon First Nations Climate Change Adaptation Network** throughout 2017-2019 [i.e. bimonthly webinars/teleconferences]

**Project Duration: November 2017-December 2018.** Two FREE four-day training sessions; other hours will vary dependent on needs of each community, and level of participation in the Yukon First Nations Climate Change Adaptation Network.

**Compensation:**

- Champions will receive a small stipend for participating and attending each training (November 2017 and July 2018).
- There are limited funds to support youth travel to the training events (based on need).
- Further compensation of Champion hours, post-training may be covered dependent on resources and community agreements.

**Participant Criteria:**

- Indigenous youth aged 18-35 years (preference for youth between ages of 18-30 years)
- Have good communication skills, ability and willingness for public speaking an asset
- Solid education in Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and teachings; minimum high



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- school education (preference for grade 11/12 completed)
- Understanding of community's land claims, Indigenous food systems, and environmental ecosystems in communities, an asset

***Preference will be given to those with Aboriginal ancestry, aged 18-30 years if indicated on application form.***



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**Yukon Indigenous Community Climate Change Champions (YIC4) Training  
Application Form**

**Dates/Location of the training:** November 27-30 2017 & Summer 2018 (Dates TBD)  
**LOCATION:** Yukon Inn, Whitehorse Yukon

To apply please fill out the following form and either email to [molly@aicbr.ca](mailto:molly@aicbr.ca); fax to: (867) 668-5543; or drop off/mail to: 308 Hanson Street, Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 1Y6; **Registration form can also be completed online:** <http://www.aicbr.ca/application-form-youth>

**\*\*You also have the option of submitting a video application of your answers to the essay questions. Please ensure you submit a written note with name and contact details (for yourself and reference person) & that the information you provide is complete (answers all questions) and clear in video.**

**Application Due Date: October 20th, 2017**

We will be notifying applicants by November 1<sup>st</sup> and will follow up with further registration details. Training event details will also be posted on our [website](#).

For more information please contact us at (867) 668-3393; [molly@aicbr.ca](mailto:molly@aicbr.ca) or [norma@aicbr.ca](mailto:norma@aicbr.ca)

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Community: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you self-identify? (i.e. Aboriginal, Caucasian, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\*The starred questions above are required.



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**The training will be happening in Whitehorse.** We have a *limited amount* of funding to support participants in need of accommodation, registration, or travel funds.

I need assistance with travel:  Yes  No

**How did you hear about this initiative?** \_\_\_\_\_

**[In 250 words or less] Please share why you are interested in applying to be a Community Climate Change Champion.**

**[In 250 words or less] Please describe your prior experience with the issues of climate change, food and or water security issues in your community (i.e. witnessing changes on the land, hearing stories from Elders, work-related or school-related experiences, etc.).**



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**[In 100 words or less] What are some of your future goals plans for the next two years (i.e. Do you expect to be around for November 2017 and Summer 2018)?**

**Along with this application, please submit a name and contact (phone #) of one reference person from your community.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does this person know you?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ (daytime telephone)

**:** \_\_\_\_\_ (evening telephone)