

ARCTIC CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOUNDATION

Playing to Strength – What has been happening.....

Between September – December Arctic Children and Youth Foundation (ACYF) Staff traveled to 3 regions to present a power point presentation to youth in grades 11-12. Communities visited included Nain, Inuvik, and Rankin Inlet. A presentation was also given to the first year Nunavut Sivuniksavut students here in Ottawa. Due to weather our visit to Kuujuaq was completed in January 2013. We were able to speak with over 145 youth in each of these communities.

October 2012 two new staff members were hired for the Playing to Strength Project, Stephanie Etuangat, Project Assistant and Jess Tagoona, Web/Forum designer.

February 01, 2013, was the launch of our discussion forum. With the launch we offered a chance to enter into our IPAD contest. Each new registered member has a chance to have his or her name entered into the IPAD give away contest.

March 18th, 2013 training for our new Playing to Strength Moderators took place. Thank you to Nunavut Sivuniksavut for lending us a classroom for the 2-day training. We are pleased to announce our 4 trained Moderators for Playing to Strength;

Lisa Bachellier, Iqaluit
Sam Jacobson, Inuvik
Eric Lawlor, Pangnirtung
Neoma Kipommee-Cox, Ottawa (Nunavut Sivuniksavut)

April 01, 2013 was that launch of Playing to strength with the Moderators. Each evening there is a Moderator on line, available to chat and assist those who join in on the forum for discussions.

We are pleased that we have a registered membership of over 400, we hope that dialogue on Playing to Strength will increase with our registered users. In the near future a new contest will be posted for our registered member to take part in.

ACYF staff and Board members want to send out a big THANK YOU our sponsors who have helped to make Playing to Strength what it is to day, and we look forward to your continued support with Playing to Strength and the ACYF.

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