

Moving forward with the Community Recreation Leadership Program



Recreation North, a partnership of the territorial recreation and parks associations, works together to enhance individual, community, and environmental wellbeing by strengthening Northern recreation leadership capacity. With Arctic Inspiration Prize funding, and territorial government encouragement, Recreation North developed a Community Recreation Leadership Program and is [currently piloting this training](#) across the North.

Online training delivered by Northern trainers has allowed participants to learn without interrupting the regular flow of work and family life. [Four participants](#) have earned their Certificate in Northern Recreation Leadership and others will achieve this certification before the Pilot concludes at the end of May.

Recreation North has committed to continuing training through the Community Recreation Leadership Program. Informed by evaluation from the Pilot, the Program launch is anticipated next fall or winter. Building on experiences and evaluation from the Pilot, the Program will be:

- Relevant to rural, remote and Northern workplaces and communities;
- Focused on the application of knowledge and skills with flexibility for certification;
- Evolving and innovative in its training approaches (e.g. blended learning);
- Grounded in Northern experience and in Indigenous ways of learning; and
- Aligned with the Framework for Recreation in Canada.

Strengthening Northern recreation capacity is a priority for Recreation North. Recreation touches many aspects of our lives and fosters health and well-being. Recreation helps people grow and be healthy; builds strong families and communities; provides opportunities for those who are disadvantaged; protects the environment; stimulates the economy; and adds overall to the quality of life in our communities.

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