

*A Tamarack Institute Webinar*

# AUTHENTICALLY SHARING POWER WITH YOUTH

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# TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **We've got you covered** - You will receive a full recording of the call, the slides as well as a collection of links & resources
- **Join the conversation** - Use the Q&A panel on your Zoom client to submit and vote for questions you'd like us to discuss
- **Technical Support** - You can use the chat panel to ask for technical support throughout the webinar

# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



# WHO'S JOINING TODAY?



## Who is in the virtual room today?

- **179** individuals have registered from the following countries:  
Canada, Australia, United States, New Zealand, Cameroon and the United Kingdom
- The sectors and issues represented today include:  
Climate change, public health, academia, philanthropy, municipal government, food security, literacy, youth networks and community development.

## Five intriguing organizations registered for the webinar:

1. The Climate Reality Project Canada - [www.ruraldevelopment.ca](http://www.ruraldevelopment.ca)
2. Institute for Community Prosperity - [www.mtroyal.ca/nonprofit/InstituteforCommunityProsperity](http://www.mtroyal.ca/nonprofit/InstituteforCommunityProsperity)
3. Community Food Centres Canada - [cfccanada.ca](http://cfccanada.ca)
4. Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth - [www.aracy.org.au](http://www.aracy.org.au)
5. Saint John Human Development Council - [sjhdc.ca](http://sjhdc.ca)



Youth Engagement  
Northfield, MN

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**Northfield.....**

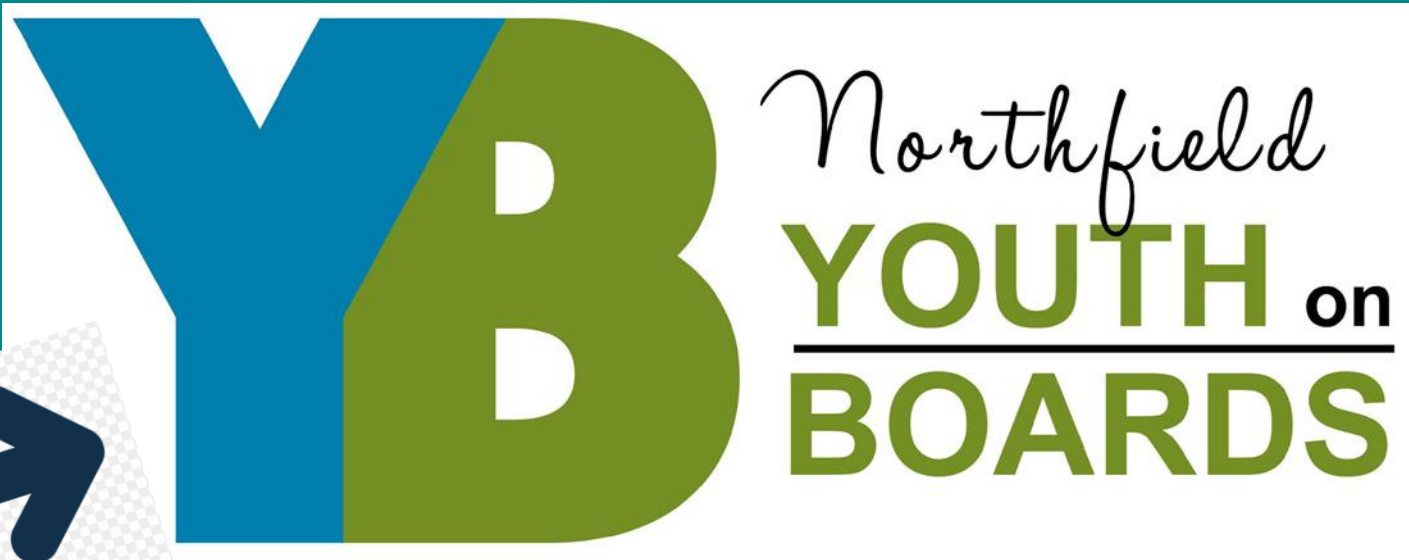
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*“Cows, Colleges  
and Contentment”***

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# **YOUTH VOICE IN ACTION**







“Young people will  
design our future”



# So where do youth serve on Boards in Northfield?



 Northfield Arts Guild



## Why Youth on Boards?

young people  
should be involved  
in decisions  
that impact  
their lives

Don't underestimate  
young people

Kids are  
creative, involved,  
interested and  
bold in what  
they want to do

I want to have  
a voice in the  
things I care about





## Benefits to the youth participants:

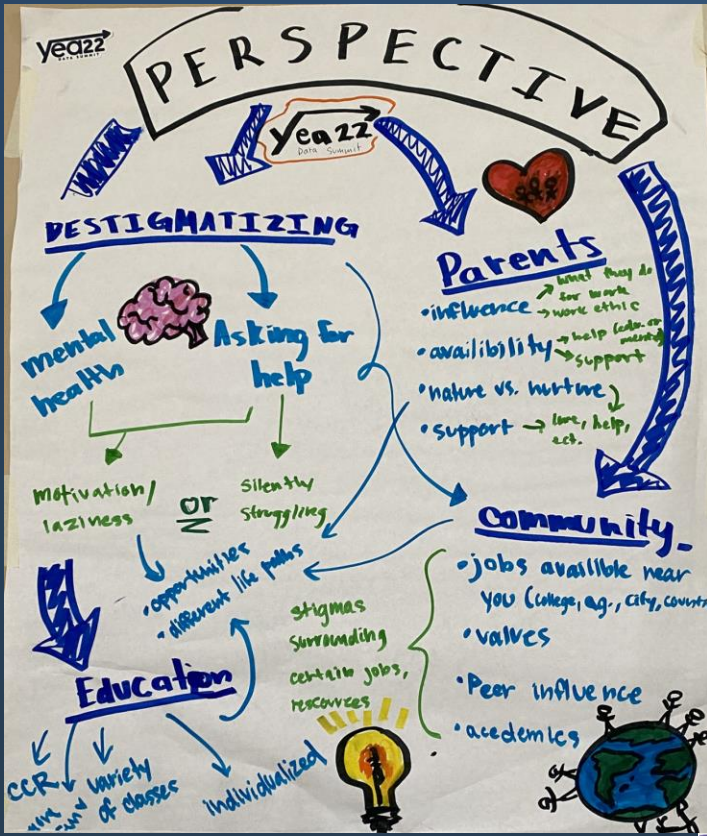


## Role of the Adult Advisor

- First and foremost ensure that the spaces youth are entering are safe and welcoming and that the adults involved are ready to authentically engage with youth participants
- Coordinate monthly meetings for large groups and ensure youth are prepared for and attend their board and commission meetings
- Help youth determine which issues should be raised up to city legislators and our school board
- Work to broaden youth understanding of city government, board governance, etc. through monthly speakers and presentations
- Act as a touchpoint for city staff, board chairs, etc.







**Group 4**

- diversity amongst teachers
- introducing languages at young age
- tutoring more 1 on 1 with students
- engaging and relatable teachers
- including everything in everyone
- teacher/school → parent communication about programs & support
- making programs financially inclusive

- 80 youth from across four school districts
- Demographic and credit attainments information shared
- Asked to interpret what they saw in the data and to give solutions
- Charged with holding administration accountable



# Northfield Youthbank

FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH



YOUTHBANK  
INTERNATIONAL

## What Is a YouthBank?

A YouthBank is a youth-led grant-making organization which channels money into projects that will improve the quality of life of local communities. Local YouthBanks are run by young people for young people. YouthBank is unique in that it puts money directly into the hands of young people who decide on how it will be spent.

- Currently in its ninth year
  - 66 youth have been trained in as team members
  - 108 grant proposals have been received
    - 461 youth (duplicated) have been involved in writing a grant proposal
    - 299 youth have seen their grant proposal funded
- As of January 2023, 61 grants have been awarded with a total dollar amount of **\$164, 628**





# Some funded grants:

The Northfield Union of Youth's  
**Intergenerational Discussion on Mental Health**

**Thursday, 5/13  
5pm - 6:30pm  
Virtual Meeting**

Join local youth and adults for open conversations about mental health. To-go meals will be available upon request to enjoy during the virtual event.

For more information or to RSVP for virtual location and a meal:

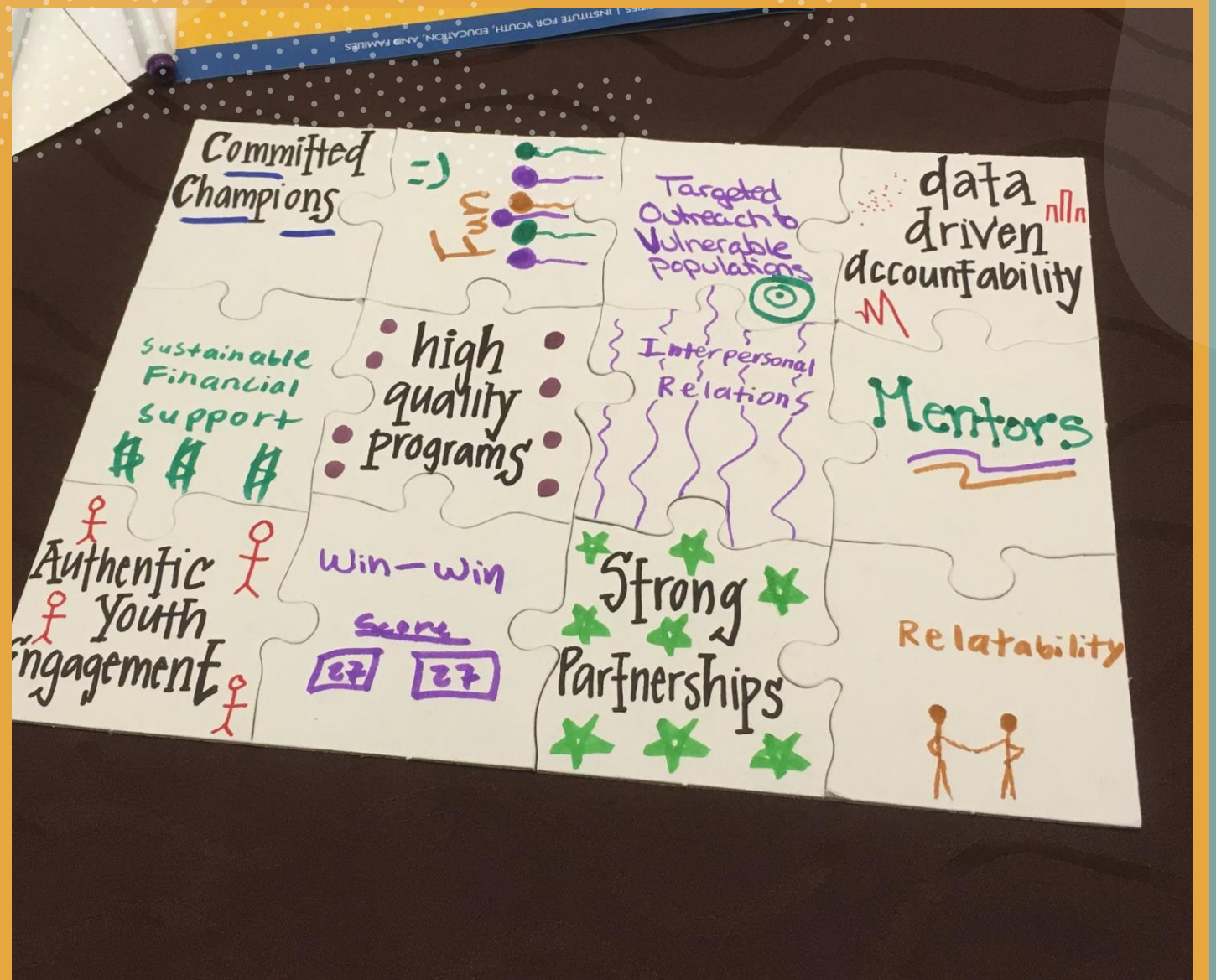


NHS BSU PRESENTS...

## BSU BOOK CLUB!

Fill out the attached google form if interested in participating!

# Key Components to making it work:





# Creating the Youth First program:

## Funding:



Individual Donors  
and other Grant  
Funders



**In Kind support:** meeting  
space, office space



# Committed Champions

- Who have been key champions:
- Superintendent and High School Administration
- Key City staff members
- Chairs of the commissions
- Non-profit leaders



# Targeted Outreach to Underrepresented Populations

- Recruiting:
  - Current participants recommend their peers
  - Teachers and School Administrators recommend
  - Reach out to those that work with underrepresented students





# Mentors



- Can play a variety of roles:
  - Someone to sit with at meetings
  - Provide technical assistance; i.e. how to read financials
  - Act as a sounding board for ideas





Fun!

# THANK YOU!

## RESOURCE:

<https://northfielddyouth.org/getting-started/>




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**QUESTIONS?**



## Build your skillset through Tamarack's Foundation Online Learning Courses

 <p><b>FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b> THE ONLINE COURSE</p> <p><b>TAMARACK INSTITUTE</b></p>		 <p><b>FOUNDATIONS OF COLLECTIVE IMPACT</b> THE ONLINE COURSE</p> <p><b>TAMARACK INSTITUTE</b></p>		 <p><b>FOUNDATIONS OF PARTICIPATORY EVALUATION</b> THE ONLINE COURSE</p> <p><b>TAMARACK INSTITUTE</b></p>	
<b>Foundations of Community Engagement</b>		<b>Foundations of Collective Impact</b>		<b>Foundations of Participative Evaluation</b>	

Courses are available in French and English

To learn more visit: <https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/online-courses>

## Upcoming Events



**Webinar: Investing in Place-Based  
Change: Practice and Innovation**

July 5, 2023



**Webinar: Grassroots Versus Grasstops: The  
Complex Dynamics of Achieving a Just Transition**

July 28, 2023

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**THANK YOU**