Salmon Arm
Partners in Community
Leadership

Youth and Community
Development

In the beginning

The Chinese Symbol for Crisis

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Danger

Local Headlines

Pool hall seen as responsible for increased
drug use, petty crime and violence in
downtown area. Citizens demand police and
local government act.
Opportunity

- Local group of individuals (including youth) and organizations have been meeting for several months looking at ways to increase opportunities and support for youth in the community.
- Newspaper ad appears asking for proposals on crime reduction from interested business groups (NCPC Business Action Program)

Call to action

- Downtown Improvement Association agrees to sponsor proposal
- Community businesses and organizations come on board
- National Crime Prevention Council agrees to fund three year initiative
- Human Resources Development Canada agrees to sponsor Youth Service Canada group for one year

Salmon Partners in Community Leadership Association is created

- Youth Coordinator and YSC Year Team begin.
- Year team trained as program facilitators
- Community consultation begins
Engaging Youth and Adults in Dialogue

Call for Delegates

"Salmon Arm supports the positive development of youth."

Youth & Adults... Speak Out!
A Conference on Youth Development in Salmon Arm

Call 822-0106

"Salmon Arm supports the positive development of youth."
And it's going to take a whole community.
Are you a partner?

SKATEBOARD CLINIC
FOR GIRLS
STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 & 11 from 6-8 p.m.
(4 FOR ONE HOUR SESSIONS)
HELMETS MANDATORY
COME LEARN THE BASICS OF SKATEBOARDING
AT THE PICCADILLY PLACE MALL PARKING LOT
TO REGISTER GO TO THE OLD IMPRESSIONS
CAFE OR RIDE TECH
FOR MORE INFO CALL 822-0106 (Ask for Misty)

100% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO Y.E.A.R.
SALMON ARM YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Wire Wrapping Workshop
Learn how to wrap stones and crystals.
Great for mobiles and pendants.

When: Tuesday, September 24th, 6:30 p.m.
Where: The Y.E.A.R. Project Office
(At the old Impressions Cafe)

Cost: $4.00 (some supplies included)
Registration: By September
Call 822-0106 for more information.

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The challenge begins

- How do we establish ongoing sustainability?
- How do we continue to engage the community?

School District announces school closure

- Community rallies to save school
- District holds firm
- Partners negotiate lease agreement to take over operation of building
- Community groups begin to rent and lease space the building
- Community Sponsor comes on board
Building houses a mix of groups and organizations as well as one time, occasional and weekly users

- YM Mi Association
- Shuswap Children's Association Childcare Resource and Referral
- Shuswap Association for Community Living Day program
- School of Ballet
- Music Academy
- Speech Therapy
- Okanagan University College Literacy Program
- Shuswap Community Counselling Society
- Ministry of Children and Families Youth team

Community Groups and Activities

- Drumming groups
- Pipes and Drums
- Martial arts programs
- Language and dance programs
- Conferences and training workshops

Current Youth Programs

- Community and Youth Resource Centre
- Community Access Portal site with three youth interns to support community use of technology
- RAK Pack (random acts of kindness)
- Girls room development group
- Arts and crafts programs
- Drop in sports programs around the community
- Games club
- Youth GLC
Supporting and participating in

- Formation of Skateboarding society
- YACOS foundation to distribute foundation funds for youth programs
- Xtreme Dreams youth entrepreneurship program
- Developing Native friendship Centre
- Developing Youth based Artisan Cooperative

Dear Abby II (with apologies to John Prine)

- Dear Abby Dear Abby you wouldn’t believe; the kids in my town are starting to leave
- they say we won’t give them nothing to do,
- they say we don’t listen so I thought I’d ask you,

- signed the mayor

- Dear Abby Dear Abby Oh please help me out
- me and my neighbors are awfully put out.
- We say everything is needing a fix
- but all we ever seem to do is bitch,

- signed the neighbor
• **Dear Abby Dear Abby** oh give me a clue
  • The team that I joined it ain't sticking like glue.
  • Some aren't working and some are real mad.
  • I think I should quit, I think I've been had.

  *Signed the Players*

• **Dear Abby Dear Abby** oh what should we do
  • Our star basketball players are drinking home brew.
  • Half the team is on steroids and those that are not.
  • are out of the building and smoking some pot.

  *Signed the Coach*

• **Dear Abby Dear Abby** thought I'd drop you a line.
  • To tell you that things in our town are going just fine.
  • We all got together and started to see.
  • How wonderful working together could be.

  *Signed the community*
Challenge of Community youth Development

- Vision connected to creation vs. problem solving
- Widespread community commitment to and ongoing strategy.
- Committed budget by local government (long term) focusing of innovations and opportunities