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# Lighting up the North

## Partners

Yukonstruct

**Participants** Indigenous Peoples; People from rural, remote, and northern communities

## Locations

[Yukon](#)

## Investment

\$545,000

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## Topics

Career Services  
Inclusive Economy  
Innovation and scaling  
SME Adaptability

## Related Tags

[entrepreneurship](#),  
[mentorship](#), [rural](#),  
[skills training](#)

Yukonstruct  
designed  
*Lighting*  
*up*  
*the*  
*North,*  
a  
suite  
of  
partner-  
focused  
programs  
with  
tailored  
support,  
connections  
to  
resources,  
and  
activities  
that  
help  
entrepreneurs  
spanning  
multiple  
target  
groups  
to  
be  
better  
equipped  
to  
step  
into  
entrepreneurship,  
grow  
businesses,  
and  
access  
the

right  
funding  
for  
their  
ventures.



With a focus on bringing entrepreneurship curriculum into schools, the project also aims to motivate and extend support for future entrepreneurs through network building, storytelling, and mentorship. In parallel, the program aimed to increase the capacity of investors to consider capital instruments that are stage- and context-correct for businesses that break down traditional models that have proven to be inequitable. Integrating activities under three thematic areas

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Youth  
Skills,  
Inclusion  
and  
Social  
Innovation,  
and  
Ongoing  
Support  
for  
Local  
Investment  
Ecosystem

–  
the  
project  
brought  
together  
a  
variety  
of  
existing  
collaborations  
and  
newly  
identified  
stakeholders  
in  
the  
region  
to  
explore  
cross-  
cutting  
barriers  
and  
opportunities  
to  
expanding  
the  
Yukon  
as  
an  
innovation  
hub.

The Future Skills Centre acknowledges that the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee share a special relationship to the ‘Dish With One Spoon Territory,’ where our office is located, bound to share and protect the land. As a pan-Canadian initiative, FSC operates on the traditional territory of many Indigenous nations across Turtle Island, the name given to the North American continent by some Indigenous peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to work in this territory and commit ourselves to learning about our shared history and doing our part towards reconciliation.