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Yukon skills research and engagement

This research project aims to find solutions that support Yukoners recovering from the economic impact of COVID-19 and foster resilience to prepare for future shocks. Its goal is to provide Yukon-specific outcomes that allow for findings specific to

Partners

Yukon University

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

Locations

Yukon

Additional Partners

Yukonstruct

Topics

Future Skills
Inclusive Economy

Related Tags

entrepreneurship,
indigenous,
indigenous populations,
mentorship, rural,
shock-proofing,
skills training

the
territory's
unique
socio-
economic
context.
The
project
will
explore
the
current
reality
and
future
needs
of
the
region,
including
those
of
Yukon's
rural
communities
and
First
Nation
populations.
The
project
aims
to
inform
the
development
of
future-
facing
solutions

such
as
skills
training,
mentoring
and
networking
to
help
ensure
that
Yukon
will
continue
to
develop
a
resilient
and
sustainable
economy.

The pandemic has heightened awareness of the vulnerabilities in Yukon's social and economic systems. Tourism and related industries were hardest hit economically. As digital transition accelerated, Yukoners living remotely experienced greater isolation given limited internet, cell coverage, and other services. Furthermore, 25% of Yukoners are First Nations citizens whose populations, cultures, and practices are not well served by online delivery. They need providers like the university's Innovation

&
Entrepreneurship
(I&E)
team
and
Yukonstruct
to
understand
the
systemic
changes
needed
to
offer
support
in
a
culturally
appropriate,
respectful
way.

**Evaluation
Report:**
Yukonstruct
Evaluation
Report

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Despite these vulnerabilities, responses from businesses, government, and service organizations demonstrated Yukon's potential to adapt. This research will identify these and other potential vulnerabilities, highlighting ways to increase resilience. The team will research the effects of the technology gap, areas of future competition for the territory, skills needed to access future opportunities, how entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial skills can prepare youth and the current workforce, and how organizations

like
I&E
and
Yukonstruct
can
continue
to
offer
relevant
services.

Future Skills Centre is investing \$220,422.50 in this 1-year project. The focus will be to enable Yukoners to recover from COVID-19 and prepare for a healthy, prosperous future while maintaining and growing capacity to direct the territory's social and economic future. The research results will inform an approach that supports Yukoners in recovering from COVID-19's economic impacts and fostering resilience to prepare for

future
shocks.

Research
results
will
enable
I&E,
Yukonstruct,
YukonU,
and
our
partners
to
focus
our
training,
courses,
programs,
and
partnerships
to
mitigate
identified
challenges,
accelerate
training
and
local
innovation
potential,
and
track
progress.
The
learning
and
resulting
programs
will
be
shared
across
the
territory
via
YukonU's
network
of
campuses
and
relationships
in
11
Yukon
communities
and
the
specific
focus
on
Indigenizing
education.

Evaluation Strategy

This project is evaluated using tools and approaches aligned with its goals, context, and stage of development. The evaluation focuses on generating the right evidence at the right moment to move the intervention forward. [Read more about our evaluation strategy.](#)



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.

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