



# The Indigenous Youth, Art, and Water Initiative

## Water Ways Collective

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**Organization description:**

Indigenous Grassroots Collective, unincorporated

**Location:**

Cutler, Ontario

**Young Indigenous Ambassador (YIA):**

Quinn Meawasige

**Project Proposal:**

Water Ways Collective will create a map and booklet with findings from water testing, and bring youth and community members to these sites to create PhotoVoice art based off their experiences and feelings of connection to the lands, water and space.

**Art type:**

PhotoVoice

**Community Water Issues:**

River Pollution and devastation. Uranium radioactive waste tailing ponds and dams that are located in traditional territory within the Serpent River watershed. The water became sick, the animals and plants became sick and started dying, their community became sick with different cancers and diseases. This trauma stopped a lot of transmission of knowledge between generations so a lot of stories and knowledge is at risk of being lost because we stopped going to the lands and waters for food.

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