



The Indigenous Youth, Art, and Water Initiative

Kativik Ilisarniliriniq

Organization description:

N/A

Location:

Puvirnituq, Quebec

Young Indigenous Ambassadors (YIAs):

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Project Proposal:

Kativik Ilisarniliriniq will create a youth-led community mural on priority issues of water with Inuit artists and create pedagogical kits with curriculum on water challenges, health issues, cultural approach.

Art type:

Mural

Community Water Issues:

The main water-related issues are to ensure that the water is safe to drink and that the sewage dumped in landfills and flowing into nearby rivers stop poisoning ecosystems because marine wildlife species are essential to Inuit subsistence. Water supply pipes generate risks caused by pathogenic micro-organisms that are detrimental to community health. What's more, the consumption of raw meat also promotes exposure to pathogens responsible for infections that can be transmitted from animals to humans. Today, schools are becoming incubators for gastrointestinal infections. Above all, the consequences of global warming will increase the mobility of pollutants. As we know, the balance of ecosystems is already upset.
