



The Indigenous Youth, Art, and Water Initiative

WAG-Qaumajuq

Organization description:

Non-profit art gallery

Location:

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Young Indigenous Ambassadors (YIAs):

Victoria Redsun, Paige Miswagon

Project Proposal:

WAG-Qaumajuq will create a social art exhibition inviting youth from the Fox Lake Cree Nation, Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, and the Winnipeg area to create art pieces that share their own viewpoints on water issues and reflect on their personal relationship with water in response to the exhibition “Dark Ice” which features work by Inuit photographer Robert Kautuk and Ottawa-based artist Leslie Reid and addresses the profound effects of climate change in Northern communities while offering a promising path forward in the face of global warming.

Art type:

Art exhibition

Community Water Issues:

Changes in the world’s oceans, lakes, rivers, creeks, streams, the aqueducts and water tables are affecting our health and life of our communities. Industry and economics, privatization of water, hydroelectric dams do not honor the treaties and traditional subsistence connections to the water like fishing, hunting rights and access to clean drinking water. While not broadly acknowledged, there continues to be boil water advisories in Indigenous communities globally – including where Winnipeg gets its water supply – Shoal Lake.
