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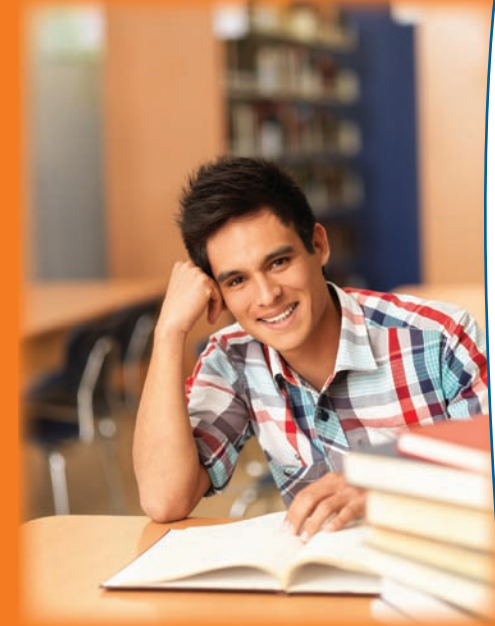
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Urban Native Youth Association

UNYA began in 1988, has 20+ programs, 110+ volunteers, 200+ community partners, 100 staff, and over 25,000 visits per year. Youth are consulted in the development of programs and services as we believe they are experts in their own lives and are in the best position to advise us on youth issues. Our programs are developed to help meet the educational, training, cultural, artistic, and personal needs of Native youth. We continue to focus on community development initiatives, as we believe that the strengthening of our community as a whole can have a tremendous and positive impact on Native youth's lives.

We believe that Native youth have the right to live safe, healthy, and positive lives that are free from negative influences. We strive to address issues that negatively affect their lives by providing a supportive continuum of care, with a large focus on prevention-based activities as we believe that Native youth lack opportunity – not ability. We know that when youth have access to meaningful opportunities, they excel as they have many strengths to build upon. We will continue to adapt to meet the changing needs of Native youth to help ensure that they have the best chance possible to reach their goals and full potential.

Publications available in pdf online at www.unya.bc.ca are focused on health, parenting, sexual exploitation, healthy cooking on a budget, Two-spirit, sports & recreation, and the ins & outs of college and university



Connecting with
Native students
ages 12-18
in Vancouver
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Youth Association

What things do we do?

- Offer a safe, positive space for Native youth to share their experiences and problems
- Provide support to help youth stay in and do well in school – both with school work and with other people
- Help youth stay away from alcohol or drugs and find healthier things to do
- Host workshops to help youth understand the effects of alcohol & drugs on themselves, their family, and community
- Share cultural teachings
- Encourage the involvement of parents/caregivers in their child's school and education
- Help youth find other things to do to deal with stress, anger, or confusion instead of covering them up with alcohol or drugs
- Info and referrals to programs or services that youth can go to for fun, help, healthcare, or culture

What kind of things can we talk about?

- Anything that is important to you
Nothing is too big or small if it is bothering you
- Problems you are having at home, school, work, etc
- How to talk with other people about your problems

Who Do We Work With?

- Native youth ages 12 and over who are in school in the Vancouver School District
- Youth, First Nations Support Workers, Vancouver teachers, community organizations, and others to support youth in reaching their educational goals
- Youth who are thinking about and/or being pressured by others to try alcohol or drugs
- Youth who are using alcohol or drugs, sometimes or a lot
- Parents/caregivers who need info about how to help their youth stop alcohol or drug use before or after it happens

It was great to have someone to talk to when I was having problems with other people or work at school. They helped me figure it out, so that I could focus on learning.

Other Things We Do

- Spring Break Basketball Camp for youth ages 12-14: includes skills building, workshops, and peer leadership (hosted in partnership with UNYA's AYF Sports & Recreation Program)
- Young Spirits Summer Program: a daycamp for Native youth ages 12-14 which includes workshops, outings, and activities
- Other fun and educational activities throughout the year

