

Outland Youth Employment Program

Providing pathways to education, training and work opportunities for Indigenous youth since 2000.



98% of OYEP participants graduate from high school



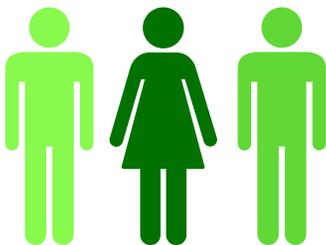
97% program graduation rate and over **430** program participants

61% of OYEP graduates pursue post secondary education or training



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Participating Indigenous communities



Over **1,000,000** trees planted by OYEP participants



417 Co-op credits granted



99% Participant satisfaction rate

The Outland Youth Employment Program

OYEP is an industry driven initiative that focuses on education, training, and work experience in a structured, live-in and fully supervised remote camp environment.

Since 2000, OYEP has been successfully offering specialized training and meaningful opportunities for Indigenous youth.

OYEP has a number of regionally specific curriculum that reflects labour market trends and industry needs. Youth are fully immersed in a resource based work culture including safety training, time management, remote and rotational work schedules, and work/life balance. OYEP works alongside industry, government, Indigenous communities and educational institutions to offer cutting edge curriculum for program participants.

With a 97% program graduation rate and 98% high school graduation rate of OYEP participants. OYEP has been closing the education and economic gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

OYEP Training and Transferable Skills	
First Aid/CPR	High School Co-operative Education Credits
WHMIS	Financial Literacy
Chainsaw Training	Health and Nutrition Education
ORCKA: Level 1 and 2	Life and Leadership Skills
SP102 and S100 Fire Fighter Training	Career and Education Planning
Chainsaw Training	Personalized Learning Plans
Brush Saw Training	Cultural Curriculum
Tree Planting	Networking
Cook Training + Food Safe	Management Opportunities

The Cost of OYEP : Preventative Action

OYEP is a proven example of preventive action against poverty, incarceration, substance abuse, chronic unemployment, and drop rates for Indigenous youth. OYEP operates with unrivalled efficiency and effectiveness. Inputs have been thoroughly vetted by dozens of stakeholders over nearly two decades of operations to yield significant impacts on beneficiaries.

The average cost per youth at OYEP is \$15,000.

The Cost of Poverty: Reactionary Fees

34.2% of Indigenous households in Canada live in poverty.

One year in a shelter can be as much as \$42,000.

One year stay in prison or a psychiatric hospital can be as much as \$120,000.

Poverty costs taxpayers more than \$24 billion per year.

A reduction in poverty through increased skills and productivity amongst young adults would generate a high rate of return. If the federal and provincial governments took an integrated view of poverty and its root causes, they would quickly recognize that investments in poverty prevention would reduce the costs of treating its symptoms significantly over time. They would see the link between the persistent pressures on the costs of poverty-alleviating programs – such as OYEP – and the inadequacy of the investments in programs that keep at-risk youth from dropping out of school, and programs that give low-income adults the skills they need. All Canadians should make every effort to break down barriers that keep people poor and dependent.