

Katimavik



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Katimavik to sign partnership with Capilano College for academic credit

Montréal, February 3, 2005 – Katimavik, Canada's leading national youth volunteer service program, will sign a partnership today with Capilano College in North Vancouver, British Columbia, to recognize the Katimavik program for academic credit. Those who complete the Katimavik program will receive three credits towards Capilano's Global Stewardship program. Katimavik representatives Justin Trudeau, Chair of the Board of Directors, Jean-Guy Bigeau, Executive Director, and Hurrian Peyman, BC/Yukon Regional Director, will be present at the signing in North Vancouver along with the school's representatives.

For more than 25 years Katimavik has offered over 20,000 Canadian youth the opportunity to develop valuable personal and professional skills through volunteer work on community work projects across Canada. Jean-Guy Bigeau says "We are pleased to have Capilano College recognize the academic value of the Katimavik program. I believe that Katimavik is an excellent fit with the Global Stewardship program, which helps young people acquire the necessary skills and knowledge needed to work in a non-governmental organization. The content of the Global Stewardship program is close to our mission of developing Canada's young people through volunteer community work, training and group interaction."

About Katimavik

Katimavik provides young Canadians between the ages of 17 and 21 with a positive and diversified work experience as well as an exciting nine-month journey of self-discovery. The program is based on the concept of service learning, which incorporates personal and professional development through community volunteer work. In addition to working 35 hours a week on community projects, participants benefit from a learning program that focuses on developing leadership and official language skills, living a healthy lifestyle, making cultural discoveries and protecting the environment. Each Katimavik participant contributes an average of 500 hours of volunteer work to a host of community partner organizations. Since 1977, more than 20,000 Canadians have participated in the Katimavik program.

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