

ENGAGING NORTHERN COMMUNITIES USING ARTS-BASED METHODS

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I am grateful to be living, learning, raising my family, on this land.



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- 22min Movie “Happening to Us”
- Q & A



THE ARCTIC



The Arctic is...	Check ✓
COLD!	
Pristine and it's the wilderness	
FAR!	
A place I intend to go to	

IDEAS ABOUT THE ARCTIC

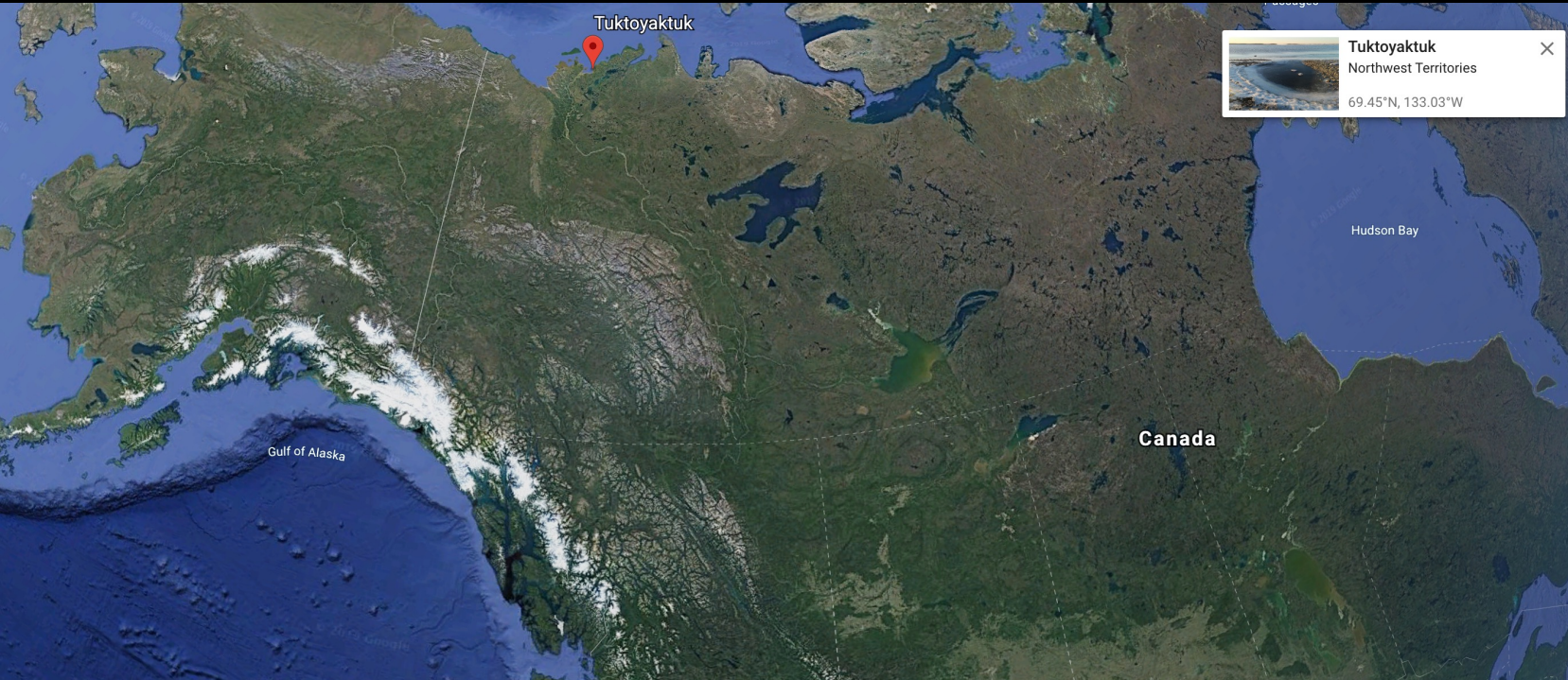
The Arctic is...	
COLD!	Warming up twice as fast than the rest of the world
Pristine and it's the wilderness	NOT pristine unfortunately : end of the ocean circulation... plastic. And no, people don't like the idea of wilderness. 4 million people living in the Arctic and they are a part of the environment
FAR!	Indeed- depending on where you're starting from!
A place I intend to go to	yes

WHY THE ARCTIC? FROM MARINE ECOLOGY TO HUMAN GEOGRAPHY



2009- Studying marine life- during my MSc (Dr. Kim Juniper)

TUKTOYAKTUK, NWT (1000 POP.)



BACKGROUND

- Meaning « place resembling a caribou »
- 90% Inuvialuit
- Base for Oil & gas development in the Beaufort Sea in the 70s & 80s
- Brought many services and the road up North
- Currently the only Canadian Arctic village accessible via all-year road (since Nov 2017)



ECONOMY

- Traditional whaling town
- Subsistence hunting and fishing
- Tourism, transportation, gas



COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY APPROACH

Combination of qualitative participatory approaches:

- CBR Principles: Reciprocity, Respect, Relationships, Relevance
- Participatory Video: June 2019 & Fall 2021 (TBA)
- Focus group & Photovoice: Possibly for exploring the topic of plastic waste
- In-depth interviews: by the youth, of the youth, of community leaders involved in those issues
- Informal meetings, participant observation

RESEARCH GOAL & QUESTIONS

My research is aimed at better understanding your perceptions and solutions related to global changes of concern in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories.

Questions driving this research:

1. In the context of changes affecting Arctic communities, what do youth identify as their primary concerns?
2. In what ways are youth mobilizing around those issues?
3. What strategies and tools might additionally support and possibly amplify those actions?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NO STATS??



QUALITATIVE METHODS

Combination of Arts-based methods to:

1. Mobilize Inuit youth
2. Help address concerns
3. Amplify their voices

PV WORKSHOP

- Participatory video June 2019 (2wks)
- Topics: Climate Change and Living in two worlds
- 15 interviews conducted by the youth:
 - 7 Youth, 3 Scientists/educators
 - 5 Community members
 - Reflection interviews also done with the youth participants



FILM WORKSHOP JUNE 3-19, 2019

5-7 PARTICIPANTS, GRADE 6-9







Climate change, land & subsistence activities

- Erosion, permafrost melting
- Route changes
- Sea ice safety and duration
- Harder to predict the weather and the patterns
- Animal migrations changes



June 2019

Noella Cockney's house



Michèle Tomasino

Release of the National Inuit Climate Change Strategy

Natan Obed, President, ITK



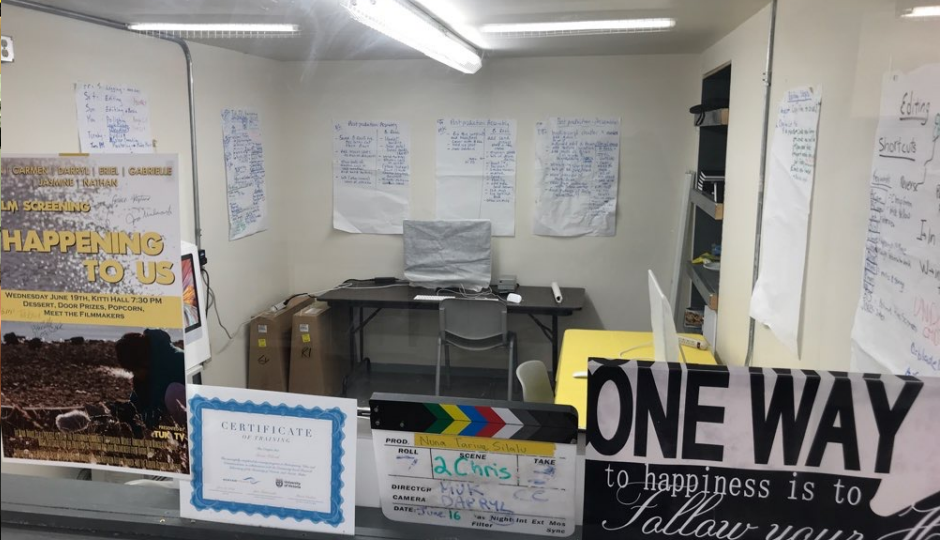
Catherine McKenna, former Minister of the Environment & Climate Change

Spending 6 weeks with my family in Tuk





Kate Snow, Inuvik



Benefits & Challenges of Community-based participatory methods

- Youth engagement
- Co-production of knowledge
- Dialogue
- Awareness
- Time
- Funding timelines
- Ethics



Free and informed consent: together researcher and participants set the goals and the expectations from the research in a protocol



It considers the wellbeing of participants



It seeks justice



TUK TV- ICC DELEGATION AT COP 25



From left to right:

1. Qetun'aq Charles (Emerging Alaska Inuit Leaders Initiative, ICC-Alaska)
2. Darryl Tedjuk (Tuk TV)
3. Carmen Kuptana (Tuk TV)
4. Crystal Martin-Lapenskie (National Youth Inuit Council President)
5. Eriel Lugt (Tuk TV)
6. Dalee Sambo Dorough (Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council)
7. Nathan Kuptana (Tuk TV)

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Inuit Tapiriit
Kanatami

UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (COP 25) MADRID, SPAIN, DECEMBER 2019



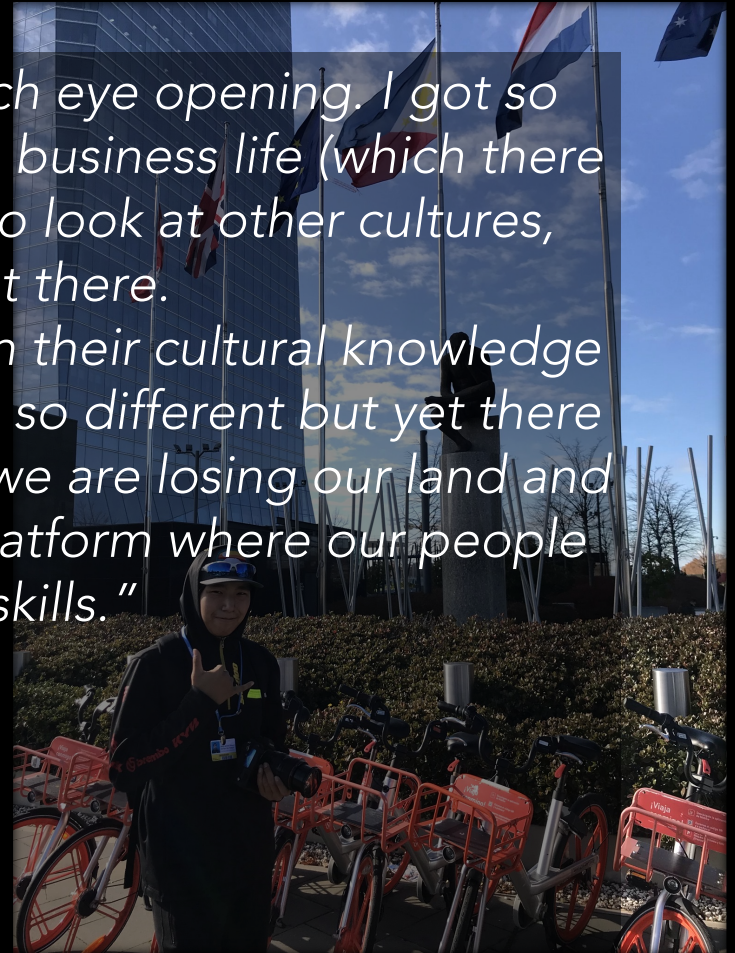
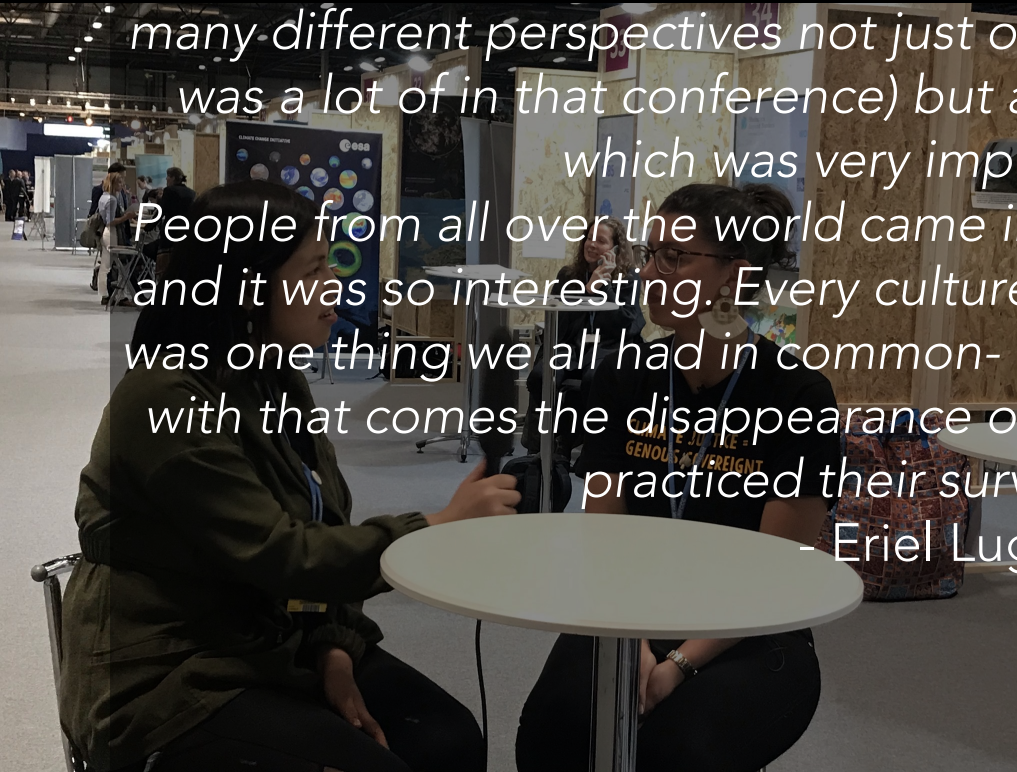




"Going on the trip to Spain was very much eye opening. I got so many different perspectives not just on the business life (which there was a lot of in that conference) but also to look at other cultures, which was very important there.

People from all over the world came in with their cultural knowledge and it was so interesting. Every culture was so different but yet there was one thing we all had in common- that we are losing our land and with that comes the disappearance of a platform where our people practiced their survival skills."

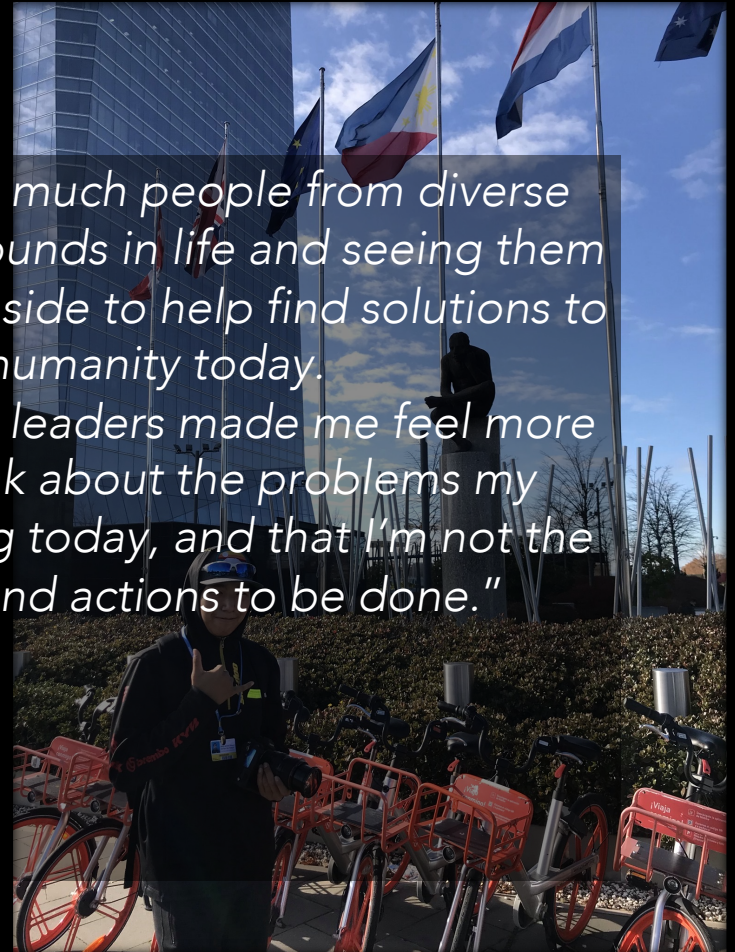
- Eriel Lugt





"My favourite thing about COP25 is seeing so much people from diverse parts of the world, and having different backgrounds in life and seeing them coming together and putting their differences aside to help find solutions to the global problems we face as a humanity today. Also being around other Indigenous youth and leaders made me feel more supported and heard when I wanted to speak about the problems my community (Tuktoyaktuk) and people are facing today, and that I'm not the only one who stands with wanting change and actions to be done."

- Carmen Kuptana



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Sustainable Development Goals Action Awards:
Honorable Mention

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Young people across the world are capturing the attention of policymakers and shining a light on the power of youth as contributors to climate research and solutions. Through the Global Youth Video Competition, organized by the UNFCCC and Television for the Environment, and the Planetary Health Film Lab (organized by the Doha Institute for Global Health Research) participants submit their films which are added to a GIS map, serving as an interactive digital platform for the Youth Climate Report initiative and bringing under-represented perspectives to UN Events.

From Greta Thunberg to activists from around the world, the Youth Climate Report showcases more than 450 videos produced by young people, representing 191 countries across all seven continents. Each year, approximately 60 videos produced by young people are screened at the COP. Additionally, the Planetary Health Film Lab provides training programmes to equip youth around the world with the skills to produce films, while teaching them how to create similar Geo-Box projects.

Participants take this training back to their home countries and teach their peers, thereby extending the network of Youth Climate Reporters and replicating the project around the world. Through this approach to mobilizing youth as reporters, Youth Climate Reporters continuously produce visible evidence of SDG research going under-represented youth cohorts – from remote indigenous communities to those living in extreme poverty – a voice at UN climate summits.



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MEDIA AND EVENTS

- “Their Eyes Opened Up”, CBC news, Dec. 21, 2019: [link](#)
- Tuktoyaktuk teens taking documentary to next level, NNSL Media, Jan. 5, 2020: [inuvikdrum](#)
- “The Youth at the heart of COP25”, Jan. 17, 2020: [Climate Change News](#)
- Polish National Broadcast, Dec.16, 2019. TVP in Poland is the equivalent to CBC in Canada
- Live Streaming link for the Youth Climate Report press conference: [UNFCCC COP25 stream](#)
- Adaptation 2020 Conference, Vancouver, BC (Feb 18-22, 2020)



WHAT'S NEXT?

PHASE II FILM WORKSHOP NEXT MONTH!
YOUTH-TO-YOUTH EXCHANGES



Questions?





Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

