



## NEXT UP: First Nations, Métis & Inuit Youth in Action

a leadership program for young adults  
committed to social and environmental justice

July 9 – 13, 2014 - 10 am to 5:00 pm daily – with possible programming on some evenings as well  
Saskatoon, SK

### Welcome!

This program for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Youth who are concerned about social and environmental justice is a new initiative of Next Up.

Over five intense days, you will develop new skills, smarts and ideas. We'll look at how change is made in society and we'll meet and learn from some change-makers who are working for a better world.

### Program information

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#### Who should apply? You are:

- Aged 18–32
- Passionate about changing the way the world works, and committed to being active at the centre of social change
- Certain that there are better ways for us to take care of each other and the planet
- Willing to take a risk, join a team, and learn more about yourself
- Someone with leadership qualities (though leadership experience is not necessarily required)

#### What do we mean by leadership?

Everyone has a different take on the word “leadership.” For us, it doesn’t necessarily mean that you’re a big talker, or that you’re the popular person, or the funniest person, or the person who speaks in public a lot. You may have those qualities — or you may not. Leadership does mean that you think about the world around you and take action to make it a better place.

## Who are “we” and why did we create this program?

Next Up runs a 7-month leadership program for 18-32 year olds from October to May every year. In Saskatchewan and across the country, there have been several Aboriginal graduates of the program and we talk about treaties, racism and many other issues that are important to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. This program is part of an effort to Indigenize Next Up – to find ways to make it even more welcoming & relevant to the experience of Aboriginal peoples. After the week we spend together is over, we would like to do a focus group to ask you your opinions about how Next Up can best support young Aboriginal leaders now and in the future.

## What will I learn?

You'll learn more about yourself and your values, and about how to turn ideas into action. You'll be challenged with new ways of thinking, provocative speakers, inspiring mentors and fascinating guests who are leading social change within Aboriginal communities and other communities in Canada. You'll learn new skills and discuss solutions to problems like poverty, climate change and racism. You will meet people working in different areas of public policy and social change. And you'll connect and work with people in Saskatchewan doing innovative social and environmental change work. Our goal is to equip you with the skills and tools needed to become an effective leader in movements for social and environmental change.

The sessions will be delivered by the Coordinators, Max FineDay & Tracey Mitchell, and by guest presenters.

## What level of commitment is required from me, and when?

We expect participants to attend all five days and some evening sessions so you would need to

take Wednesday, July 9 to Sunday, July 13 off from school or work. We will also ask you to participate in a half-day or evening focus group after the program is done. Once you have completed the program and focus group, those who attend all sessions will receive an honorarium of \$200.

## How much does it cost?

It's free! – for you! In fact, if you attend all sessions and the focus group after the program, you will be paid! The cost of the program is about \$1,000 per participant. But the program will cover those costs. You have to commit time, energy, curiosity and a desire to change the world.

## I live outside Saskatoon. Can I still attend?

We encourage applications from people anywhere in Saskatchewan and we will do our best to help support travel costs and find billets for people outside Saskatoon. **Please indicate in your application if you will need support for travel costs and your estimated costs.**

## Is childcare provided?

We encourage applications from participants with children and will do our best to help subsidize your childcare arrangements if you need it. **Please indicate in your application form if you need childcare support and the ages of your children.**

**We encourage applications from people of all genders, Two-Spirit, and people with disabilities. We acknowledge the obstacles and barriers that may make participation difficult and we will do our best to assist people who want to participate.**

## Will food be provided?

Yes, we will provide lunches throughout the program.

## What important dates do I need to know?

- **Friday, May 16** (11:00pm, Saskatchewan Time) Final Application Deadline.
- **Friday, May 30** Successful applicants will be notified by this date that they have been selected to participate in Next Up.
- **Wednesday, July 9 – Sunday, July 13** – the program will run 10 am to 5 pm each of these days. We may also run programming on one or two of the evenings.
- **Wednesday, July 23** – a focus group discussion will be held in the evening to help us evaluate the program and determine how we can best support young Aboriginal social change leaders in Saskatchewan.

## What is the language of learning for the program?

All sessions will take place in English, though some presenters will share some words in their own Indigenous languages.

## Where does the funding come from?

Support for Next Up: First Nations, Métis & Inuit Youth in Action has been provided by Saskatoon Health Region and Multicultural Organization of Saskatchewan. We are grateful for their support!

## I have a different question, who can I ask?

Contact Tracey Mitchell and Max FineDay,  
Saskatchewan Coordinators at [sask@nextup.ca](mailto:sask@nextup.ca)  
Check us out online at [www.nextup.ca](http://www.nextup.ca).  
Give Tracey a call 306-244-4955

# NEXT UP Saskatchewan Application Form

July 9 – July 13, 2014 - Saskatoon, SK

Thanks for applying to Next Up. We're really looking forward to hearing from you. Applications must be received by **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00pm, Saskatchewan Time**. We will confirm receipt of your application by email.

## If you are submitting your application electronically:

You can submit your application as either a PDF or as a .doc

- Please name your resume `firstname_lastname.doc` or `firstname_lastname.pdf`
- Please name the document (text or audio file) containing your application questions and answers `firstname_lastname_app.doc` or `firstname_lastname_app.pdf`
- Email your application file to [sask@nextup.ca](mailto:sask@nextup.ca).
- If you are unable to use either of these formats please contact the coordinator.

## You can also send us your application by post: (mail only, no drop-off)

Next Up Saskatchewan  
1013 Lansdowne Ave. Suite 201  
Saskatoon, SK S7H 2C2

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please answer all of these questions: (200 words maximum per question)

1. Name, email, phone number & age.
2. Do you identify as:
  - ☐ First Nations
  - ☐ Métis
  - ☐ Inuit
  - ☐ Other: Please explain:
3. What is your home community?
4. Why are you applying to Next Up?
5. Tell us about your work, volunteer, family or community involvement. What is something you've done that you are proud of, and/or think reflects your values and beliefs?
6. Name an issue, cause or situation that is important to you and tell us why.
7. How will you make time in your life for this program? What will be difficult about participating in this intense program for five days and how will you overcome the challenges?
8. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you or that you want to share?
9. Do you live outside Saskatoon? If yes, do you require support for transportation? If yes, what are your estimated costs? Note: This will not affect the likelihood of getting in.
10. Do you need help with childcare for the week? If so, how many kids do you have and what are their ages? Note: This will not affect the likelihood of getting in.