

CPRA Award of Merit - Kimberley Young, Kugluktuk, NU

Awarded to individuals, organizations and community groups in each province and territory who have influenced the parks and recreation sector on a local, regional and/or national level, Kimberley Young has done that for more than thirty years.

In 2015, Young moved to Sanirajak where she led the recreation department, quickly elevating the community's programs to engage residents with a variety of initiatives. Two years later, she was recruited to lead and grow community services in the role of Senior Administrative Officer (SAO).

Now living in Kugluktuk as SAO, she's helped to provide several recreation coordinators with mentorship and training support to elevate recreation in her community. In 2018, Young joined RPAN's board as VP of Finance and ascended to President last year. She continues to work tirelessly to ensure funding is available to deliver quality programs in her community and across Nunavut.

CPRA Partnership Award - Recreation North

Awarded to recreation sector partners whose collaboration, creativity and innovation enrich individual health and community well-being and enhance Canada's parks and recreation community, which describes the Recreation North training program.

Delivered through a pan-territorial partnership between the three territorial recreation and parks associations, with the ongoing support of the territorial governments and the 2015 Arctic Inspiration Prize, the Recreation North training program has become an invaluable tool to help individuals to develop confidence and the relevant competencies among recreation leaders in rural, remote, and northern communities.

With a common vision to reduce barriers and strengthen the capacity for recreation across the North, "Rec" North has reached 68 communities and more than 270 individuals in 5 provinces and all 3 territories since launching a few short years ago. It has, and will continue to improve the education, employability, and lives of individuals to contribute to better, healthier and more active communities through the programs they deliver.

About the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) is a national organization dedicated to realizing the full potential of recreation and parks as a major contributor to community health and vibrancy. Our members include the 13 provincial and territorial recreation and parks associations and their extensive networks of service providers in over 90% of Canadian communities.

About the Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut

The Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut (RPAN) is a not for profit organization dedicated to advancing the recreation sector by broadening the knowledge and experience base of our members and advocating for the value and benefit of leisure and recreation opportunities for all. Incorporated in 2010, our goal has remained constant; to positively impact the health and wellbeing of Nunavummiut through the recreation sector. We are committed to supporting and building healthy communities by developing and promoting recreation.

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