

Heather Finton

Facilitation, planning, program development and evaluation, research, writing, and fundraising services



Heather has worked as a facilitator, trainer and management consultant on a range of strategic planning and community development initiatives. Her strong oral and written communications skills have been utilized for years in a variety of Yukon contexts: as a CBC North radio journalist, published author, media advisor to the Yukon Cabinet, researcher, and small business owner. She has a particular affinity for working with Yukon First Nations and NGOs, and was co-founder of the Sundog Carving Program.

Heather holds a B. A. cum laude in Philosophy (1990) from the University of King's College, Halifax. More detailed information on approaches and past projects is readily available.

Clients enter into contracts with her company, 32862 Yukon Inc., which was first established in April 2001. The company carries YWCHSB insurance and \$2 million in CGL.

Facilitation and Team-Building Experience

- Citizen "think tank" for Selkirk First Nation (2010)
- Yukon College distance education students workshop (2010)
- THSSI Debrief for YG Health and Social Services (2010)
- Staff development workshop for First Nation Health Programs, WGH (2009 and 2005)
- Federal Department of Justice visioning session (2008)
- Staff development workshop for Trondek Hwechin Health and Social Programs staff (2004)
- Focus group consultations, including youth in care and teen parent centre clients (2004) for Children's Act Revision Project, Yukon government

Planning Experience

- BloodTies/4Directions strategic plan development (2007)
- Yukon Health and Social Services Council facilitated strategic plan review (2006)
- Yukon Volunteer Bureau strategic plan development (2005)
- Yukon College Board of Governors strategic planning session (2004)
- Strategic planning sessions / action plan development for Bringing Youth Towards Equality (2004)
- Strategic planning sessions / goal-setting with Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Health and Social Programs Department (2001-2004)

Program Development & Program Evaluation Experience

- Development, implementation and evaluation of programming for more than 60 clients of the Sundog Carving Program, including specific projects funded by a range of local, territorial and national funding partners (2004-2010)
- review of the Intensive Support and Supervision Program, Youth Justice YTG (2005)
- evaluation and development of the *Training Policy Committee 10 year plan*, looking at training needs for all Yukon First Nations (with Touch the North, Inc. 2004)
- Sundog Retreat/N2K "Women's Tourism Product Development Workshop" (2004)
- Sundog Retreat/Yukon First Nations Tourism Association "Cultural Tourism Product Development Workshop" (2004)

Research & Writing Experience

- *More Than A Roof: Call to Action for a Youth Emergency Shelter/Safe Home Youth* for Whitehorse Youth Coalition/Yukon Family Services Association (2007)
- *Room to Grow: A Made In Yukon Model of Service for Homeless Youth* for Whitehorse Planning Group on Homelessness/HRSDC (2005)
- *Labour Market Development Agreement Gaps Survey Research Project* (2004) for Advanced Education, Yukon government
- *Yukon First Nations Child Support Needs Assessment 2003* for Court Services, Yukon Government
- Dozens of successfully funded project proposals for a variety of clients
- Poetry and reflections blog at www.heatherfinton.com