

Media Advisory

Monday, March 2, 2009

Inuit Employment Forum Designed to Prepare Territory for Economic Growth

Nunavut Workforce Connex - Monday/Tuesday, March 2-3, 2009, Frobisher Inn, Iqaluit

Iqaluit... In 2007 Nunavut's economy grew 13 per cent, there was a 63 per cent increase in private-sector investment and unemployment dropped below nine per cent in the 10 largest communities. Unfortunately the territory was not ready to take the best advantage of that growth.

Source: Graeme Clinton, co-author, 'Our Future to Choose: 2008 Nunavut Economic Outlook'

Nunavut Workforce Connex is designed to prepare Nunavut for a better economic future through the advancement of Inuit people in the workforce.

Nunavut Workforce Connex is a sold out interactive and results-driven forum designed to create training and employment opportunities for Inuit people. With a program-base built on group conversations; the forum will establish partnerships between employers and the Inuit community that are founded on mutual understanding, respect and progress. Nunavut's employment and labour development players are in an ideal position to do the work that is necessary to advance a skilled labour resource that can maintain and accelerate economic prosperity throughout the territory for years to come.

Visit the forum at the Frobisher Inn for information, stories and interviews with leaders in Inuit workplace inclusion and employment. *Nunavut Workforce Connex* is the eleventh forum to be delivered within the national forum series.

Highlights

Monday, March 2, 2009

7:00 pm

- Welcome: Minister Louis Tapardjuk, Department of Education, Government of Nunavut
- Welcome: Daniel Vandermeulen, President, Nunavut Arctic College
- Presentation: Women Building Futures (successful Alberta based initiative opening its borders)
- Entertainment: Becky Kilabuk and Associates, Fur Production Program

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

9:00 am

- Jane Cooper, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Economic Development and Transportation
- Elisapee Sheutipik, Mayor of Iqaluit
- Kelly Lendsay, President and CEO, Aboriginal Human Resource Council

12:00 noon

- Premier Eva Aariak
- Inuit Worker Success Stories

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