

WHATSSUP?

BUSINESS NEWS FOR YOUTH * 2ND EDITION * JANUARY 2005

WELCOME
TO THE
2ND EDITION
OF OUR
NEWSLETTER
- WHATSSUP?
Business News for
Youth.

From all of the staff at
dāna Nāye Ventures ,
we want to wish all of
our Youth readers a
Happy New Year!

This is a time for
reflection on what you
have accomplished
over the past year,
and an opportunity to
pursue your business
ideas and goals for
2005.

Read on for more
details on the exciting
events that we have
lined up next year to
help you!

Explore, Dream
Discover!



"COORDINATOR'S CORNER"

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Gerri Thomas, your new Youth Services Officer. A true Yukoner, I was born and raised in Watson Lake, then moved to Teslin to raise my family. I am a strong believer in entrepreneurship. My partner and I have been in business here for 25 years.

I am a bookkeeper by trade, and also have an accounting and finance background. Prior to coming to dāna Nāye Ventures, I helped several Yukon businesses to start up, and I am pleased to say that they are prospering!

I am looking forward to working with young entrepreneurs who have exciting business ideas! I can help you develop your ideas and am here as your mentor and support person.

Please feel free to contact me regarding our pre-business workshops, or simply to ask me any questions that you have. I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming Youth Camp in January.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season with your family and friends!

Sincerely,

Gerri Thomas



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"ON THE SPRINGBOARD"

For the second year in a row, dāna Nāye Ventures is pleased to support the Sundog Retreat. This is a fantastic opportunity for youth under 30 to pursue self-employment and learn essential business skills as they learn to carve. Scott is one of seven participants who are learning about creating art from some of the Yukon's best carvers.



The program started in November and will run until September 2005. The participants will attend eight all-expense paid sessions (five days each) at the Sundog Retreat, a fantastic training center 25 minutes north of Whitehorse. They will also receive carving tools to get them started and learn business skills to help them sell their work & start a career as a carver. As a bonus, each student receives a small salary per week to help them as they learn their new trade.

In return, the students give a commitment to practice carving all year and keep substance-free during sessions at Sundog retreat.

"It's a wonderful place to share our ideas and learn from each other"

....(SCOTT JAMES)

Sundog
RETREAT

HERE'S THE SCOOP.....

It has been said that the start-up rate for Aboriginal businesses is more than twice the national average. Aboriginal Youth are leading the way. They are two and a half times more likely to start their own businesses than Canadian Youth in general.

This news comes from "Venturing Forth" - a compelling documentary series that celebrates the successes and growth of First Nation's entrepreneurial spirit in Canada.

For more information, please go to www.filmwest.com and click on Venturing Forth

CHEAT SHEET



Look here for tips on all aspects of business – marketing and sales, taxes, finances and much more....!

Don't get caught! Soon after Christmas, tax –time will be upon you.

- Many taxpayers think of income tax only in April. Tax planning is a year-round process. April may be the last month to file individual tax returns — but by then it's too late to start hunting for ways to reduce the amount of tax you owe. Make tax planning part of your everyday life and you'll reap the benefits in April.
- Having written proof for each claim is an important tax basic. Collect receipts and other documentation throughout the year so that you'll be prepared for all allowable claims. Don't think you're off the "paper" hook once you've sent in your tax return. Although the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) usually assesses claims within months of filing, keep returns and related papers for at least six years, just in case.
- File, even if you owe no tax. Build up RRSP contribution room. You may need it in a more profitable year.

Please call us to find out how we can help

ENTREPRENEURSHIP - A LIFESTYLE CHOICE

"ADVENTURES IN BUSINESS - EXPLORING NEW DIRECTIONS"

JANUARY 23-28, 2005

FIRST NATIONS YOUTH CAMP

AN ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG
ENTREPRENEURS

At this exciting Youth Camp, young entrepreneurs will work together to develop their business plans, in an environment that helps them explore new directions and learn critical leadership skills.

If you are a first Nation citizen between the ages of 16 and 20, and have a keen interest in self-employment as a career choice, please write us a letter outlining why you would like to attend. Please submit one letter of support from an Elder, Chief, Counselor, Teacher or Employer.

Deadline is January 10, 2005 and there are only 12 seats available.

* This experience is funded by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation's Youth Business Program.

**2ND ANNUAL YOUTH
ENTREPRENEUR SYMPOSIUM**
FEBRUARY 21-24, 2005 FAIRMONT
PALLISER HOTEL, CALGARY, ALBERTA

**Business Opportunities -
Marketing - Finance
Experience three days of
learning!**

dāna Näye Ventures is pleased to be able to sponsor two youth to attend this symposium. To qualify as a Youth delegate, you must be between the ages of 19 and 30. You also are an Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneur who owns a business, is in business, or is looking to start a business in the near future. Please submit a letter of interest stating why you should be recruited, to Gerri Thomas by January 10, 2005. We will also require one letter of support from an Elder, Chief, Counselor, Teacher or Employer.



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**Don't miss your
chance to attend!!**

YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR'S WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 9 & 10, 2005

dāna Näye Ventures is hosting a "Youth Coordinator's Workshop" in Whitehorse. We will sponsor 1 individual from your community to attend. The individual must be working with the youth or coordinating youth projects. The sponsorship will cover travel, meals & accomodation.

If you are interested please contact Gerri Thomas @ 1-800-661-0448 before 3:30 pm February 4, 2005

PREPARE FOR 2005!

No doubt you have already begun thinking about your business goals for this year....right? Of course you have! **dāna Nāye Ventures** offers training in business performance. We can help you, and look forward to seeing you at one of our Winter Courses:

	Date	Time	Fee	Registration Deadline
Business Management				
GST & Small Business	January 19	6-9 pm	\$ 95	January 14
Proposal Writing	February 9	9-4	\$150	February 4
Record Keeping	February 16	6-9pm	\$ 55	February 11
Contract Law	March 2	9-4	\$150	February 25
Computers				
Computer File Management	January 12	9-12am	\$55	January 7
Web Page Design	January 22-23	9-5	\$175	January 19
Excel 2003 Level 1 *NEW	February 18-20	9-5	\$225	February 15
Word 2003 Level 1 *NEW	March 4-6	9-5	\$225	March 1
PowerPoint 2003 – Level 1 *NEW	March 8-11	1-4	\$175	March 3
ABC Computer Literacy	March 18, 21-24	9-4	\$350	March 15
Personal Planning				
Personal Budgeting *NEW	February 2	6-9pm	\$ 95	January 28
Finance				
AccPac GL for Windows	January 15-17	9-4	\$550	January 12
Easy Pay	January 29-31	9-5	\$475	January 26
AccPage A/P for Windows	February 12-14	9-5	\$550	February 9
Introduction to Bookkeeping	Mar 7,8&10	9-3	\$375	March 2
AccPac a/R for Windows	Mar 12-14	9-5	\$550	March 9
Understanding Financial Statements	March 16	6-9pm	\$95	March 11

*Please call Colleen Johnston to Register! Toll-free 1-800 661-0448

Registration Forms and Course Outlines are also available on our website www.dananaye.yk.net

'TALK BACK'

"Whatssup" is always looking for your ideas and success stories – we want this to be your newsletter – to exchange ideas and to provide you with useful information about how you can pursue your business dreams. We welcome your ideas and input!

TRIVA CONTEST

We will send you a free gift for every story and article that we publish! If you have had an interesting business experience, or would like to share even a joke! Please send it to us!
Gerri Thomas, Youth Coordinator

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