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First pilot project between Yukonstruct and a school

Yukonstruct and the Francophone High School Program Académie Parhémie have joined forces to offer applied design skills and technologies in French! Possibilities will include woodworking, metal work, welding, sewing, digital modelling and fabrication to students from grades 8 to 12 initially. It is the first pilot project of this kind between Yukonstruct and a school!

The pilot project started in October 2017 and will continue for two months. This partnership allows students at Académie Parhémie, for the first time, to access facilities and equipment to complete the applied design, skills and technologies curriculum. Every day, for two months, one bloc of one hour and a half is reserved at Yukonstruct for the students. Students are separated by classes and groups take turns during the week to access the facility.

Hours of training were given to the Académie Parhémie teachers so they can deliver the classes in French. There is always an employee from the Yukonstruct team to supervise and help if need be. It is a collaborative approach that benefits students and the Yukonstruct team. The intent is to renew the partnership going forward.

Quote

“Up to this point, Francophone students have not had any access to this type of facilities. Therefore we are very excited about this partnership and the educational opportunities it offers to our students.”

Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon, Executive Director Marc Champagne

“Yukonstruct is so excited about this initiative. We have been working to provide access to shared technology tools and connect the maker community of the Yukon and have been searching for ways to ensure youth have earlier access to technology and entrepreneurial skills earlier in life. Académie Parhémie is leading the way to providing these opportunities for Francophone youth and we hope this is a long partnership and paves the way for other Yukon schools.”

Yukonstruct Makerspace Society, Executive Director Jaret Slipp

Quick facts

- Yukonstruct mission: To provide access to communal space, quality resources, shared knowledge and a collaborative environment to help anyone build anything.
- Yukonstruct opened its doors to the public in the Summer of 2014.
- In Fall of 2015, Yukonstruct opened (co)space on Strickland Street to provide a shared coworking space.
- Yukonstruct and (co)space are funded by Yukon Economic Development and Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency in addition to membership fees, and a number of local private sponsors.
- <http://yukonstruct.com/> and <http://cospacenorth.com/>
- Yukonstruct workshops <http://yukonstruct.com/events/>
- The Francophone High School Program Académie Parhémie was created in 2006. The Program is hosted at École Émilie-Tremblay. <http://ap.csfy.ca/>

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