

2023
YOUTH ACTION NOW
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



YEAR IN REVIEW

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Youth Action Now is proud to support youth-driven grassroots initiatives that uplift the Ottawa-Gatineau community. YAN fosters an encouraging foundation through grants, resources, mentorships, networking opportunities, guidance and engaging events.

This year, we have helped a total of 17 projects and initiatives in their Artistic Expression, Community Building, Learning & Career Connections, and Issue-Based Advocacy. We have chosen to highlight two notable examples from the 2023 grant cycle in the following page. More examples of the initiatives funded can be found in our seasonal newsletters and social media.

We would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations and thank you to the grant recipients who create a better Ottawa-Gatineau and proof of YAN's vision that youth when supported will use their power to create better communities and a better world.



2023 GRANTS RECIPIENTS



Artistic Expression

8



Community Building

4



Learning & Career Connections

4



Issue-Based Advocacy

1



\$27,350

IN GRANTS GIVEN
IN 2023

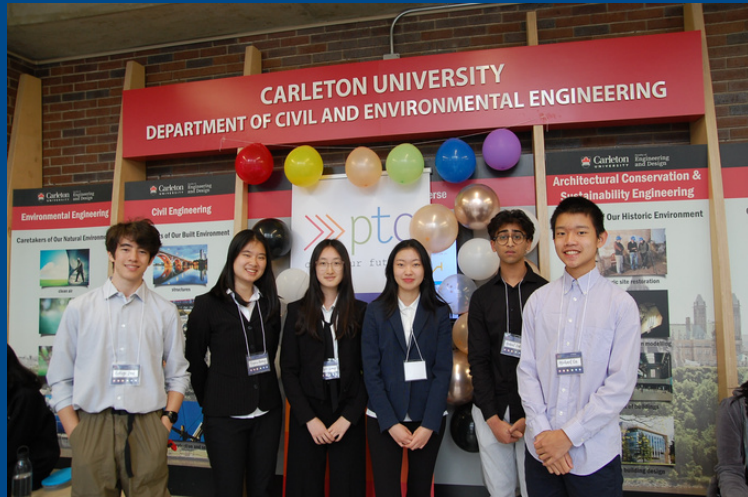
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YOUTH LEADERS
SUPPORTED IN 2023

PROJECT TECH CONFERENCE

GRANT RECIPIENT SHOWCASE

Project Tech Conference Ottawa held a fun, entertaining and educational in-person conference in April where attendees got the opportunity to learn about technology and AI through presentations and interactive workshops! 55 middle and high school students throughout Ottawa explored technology-related careers, gained hands-on experience with artificial intelligence, and connected with professionals in the industry. Project Tech Conference is a youth-led initiative that strives to bridge the socioeconomic barriers and digital gap youth may face when trying to enter tech fields.



I DANCE TO EXPRESS

GRANT RECIPIENT SHOWCASE

I Dance to Express (IDTE) is an organization that has created a women-led, training program and professional showcase that offers intensive choreography and freestyle lessons in Hip Hop, Waacking, Popping, and Afro dances along with workshops from well-experienced dancers of the National Capital Region. IDTE held their showcase in July where they had 20+ dancers and local artists! IDTE offers a safe space for BIPOC folk and supports dancers who come from lower-income households and/or are students. IDTE offers free training opportunities and performance opportunities which greatly benefits many who would otherwise not be able to afford other forms of training.

Thank you

We would like to thank all of our donors! Whether you're a monthly contributor or a one-time supporter, your generosity fuels our mission to provide vital micro-grants, growth opportunities, and connections for youth-led initiatives. Without your help we could not have supported youth leaders of today to carry out their projects and initiatives and create an impact within our community!

