



## OUR YOUTH BOARD IS AWESOME!

One of the unique features of the Gwaii

Trust is our Youth Board. We established this board in 2011 to give young people living on Haida Gwaii a bigger say about the programs that affect them, and to give them the opportunity to take on leadership roles. We also had an eye on the future - we believe that giving local young people experience on a board increases the possibility they will end up serving as Gwaii Trust directors down the road, or serving their communities in other ways.

The Youth Board mirrors our regular board, with eight directors and eight alternates representing the communities of Haida Gwaii, all between the ages of 13 and 21. They meet throughout the year to make decisions on applications for youth grants, talk about issues facing young people on Haida Gwaii, and come up with new ideas. Each year, they award approximately \$100,000 worth of grants for educational and/or recreational projects aimed at youth. The Youth Board

is interested in funding projects that build

relationships, support opportunities for youth in sports, culture, arts and outdoor activities, reduce barriers to participation, and promote youth leadership, and they are especially interested in applications from young people themselves. In addition to our regular Youth Grants, our 30 Under 30 program provides \$30,000 a year (up to \$5,000 per community) for projects spearheaded by islanders under the age of 30.

### OUR YOUTH DIRECTORS 2016-17

- Teanna Russ & Taylor Lantin, representing CHN Old Massett
- Mary Williams & Isaac Hill, representing CHN Skidegate
- Dion Lewis & Sol Reynolds, representing Graham Island North
- Sarah Adams & Bella Perry, representing Graham Island Central
- Destiny Davidson & Mary Edgars, representing Old Massett Village Council
- Alexis Buxton & Jenna Shelford, representing Skidegate Band Council
- Annika Martynuik & Isabelle Romas, representing Graham Island South
- Morgan Chisholm & MeiLin Precourt, representing Moresby Island

### INTERESTED?

Some of these directors are graduating this year and moving on to post-secondary studies, which means we are now looking for new directors to take their places - specifically for Graham Island South, Moresby Island, CHN Massett and CHN Skidegate. If you're interested in this opportunity, check our website, contact your local director, or call our office for more information about how to apply!