



News Release

Nunavut schools participate in SchoolNet's GrassRoots program

IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 13, 1999) – The Department of Education is hoping more students will become involved in designing web sites through a partnership with SchoolNet's GrassRoots program.

Nunavut has partnered with Industry Canada in a program designed to encourage schools to develop creative and interactive learning projects on the Internet. The Department of Education will use the \$18,600 it has received from the program to fund schools participating in the GrassRoots project.

GrassRoots Projects are initiated and implemented by teachers and students. Schools are awarded \$300, \$600 or \$900 to produce curriculum-relevant web sites.

“This is a wonderful way to get young people interested in technology in a fun and rewarding way,” said Minister Arvaluk.

Qiqirtaq Illihakvik in Gjoa Haven, awarded \$900 for their web site www.cgdi.gc.ca/ccatlas/ghaven, was named the Microsoft GrassRoots site of the week. The school has also won a laptop computer from Industry Canada's Computer for Schools program.

The Department of Education will use funding received from Industry Canada's Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) program to hire a youth to work on GrassRoots promotion and development.

The Department of Education is proposing to host its own GrassRoots site, using Inuktitut, French and English content.

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