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Youth ambassador to Paris climate change conference announced

WHITEHORSE—A youth ambassador will once again join the Yukon government delegation at the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko announced today.

"The Yukon government recognizes the importance of youth involvement in climate change issues," Istchenko said. "Providing young people with opportunities to participate at the international level is one way our government invests in future leadership on climate change issues at home and abroad."

Whitehorse resident Sabrina Clarke, 21, was selected to be this year's Climate Change Youth Ambassador for Yukon. Now in its third year, the ambassador program is an opportunity for Yukoners aged 19 to 23 to meet people from other countries who are involved in climate change, including elected leaders, government officials, researchers and other youth with very different experiences.

"Climate change can quite easily be called the problem of our generation," Clarke said. "It is such a massively complicated issue with large-scale implications and I am honoured to represent the territory as this year's youth ambassador in France."

Clarke will accompany two Yukon government staff to the conference, which runs from November 30 through December 11. The Conference of the Parties (COP) is an annual summit that sets out new direction in response to global climate change. The Yukon group will attend as part of the Government of Canada delegation.

The Climate Change Youth Ambassador program is part of the Yukon government's ongoing commitment to educate youth and further enable their development as active citizens in addressing climate change.

Learn more:
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