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Yukon government invests in national training for Yukon First Nation artists

WHITEHORSE—Two First Nation artists from Yukon attended a national training program in Ottawa this week aimed at building the business skills needed for a successful career as an artist.

The Government of Yukon contributed \$5,000 to the Cultural Human Resource Council to enhance The Art of Managing Your Career, a course for Aboriginal Canadians working as visual artists, craftspeople, writers, dancers, actors, musicians, digital media content creators or filmmakers. The Yukon government also funded travel for the two artists to take the training in Ottawa.

"The cultural sector is a significant contributor to Yukon's economy," Minister of Tourism and Culture Elaine Taylor said. "The Yukon government is pleased to support this important initiative that will enable Yukon artists to strengthen their own creative careers while building capacity within First Nations' artistic communities."

A local committee selected First Nations artists Melaina Sheldon from Teslin and Heather Steinhagen from Whitehorse to attend the program. It is anticipated that they will share their learning with other emerging Yukon First Nations artists and cultural workers.

"I am honoured to have been selected to take part in The Art of Managing Your Career training for First Nations artists," Sheldon said. "I am excited about what it means for the careers of other First Nations artists and I look forward to sharing my newly acquired knowledge."

The course took place September 22 and 23. It was the first time the course was programed specifically for Aboriginal participants. The Art of Managing Your Career was previously offered in Whitehorse in February 2014, funded by the Government of Yukon's Cultural Industries Training Fund.

The Cultural Human Resource Council was created in 1995 to strengthen the Canadian cultural workforce. It aims to bring together cultural workers and employers to address training, career development and other human resource issues.

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