

## Youth Partnership Forum – Leadership Team



### **Erika Breen**

Entering into her first year of law at University of New Brunswick, Erika graduated with her Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) from Memorial in 2009. Past volunteer experience includes, the board of director and youth chairperson with the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as Conference workshop presenter and Conference planning committee member with CHHA National. Other accomplishments include achievement of Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program, and the achievement of various scholarships



### **Colin Corcoran**

A 22 year old Business Commerce - Political Science student originally from Cootes Pond, St. Mary's Bay. He is an avid volunteer and active member of his community. Colin is a current member of MUNSU, the Youth Advisory Committee, and the The Telegrams Community Editorial Board. He was elected to the Riverhead Town Council in October and sits on the Placentia-St. Mary's Progressive Conservative Riding Association. While finishing up his joint degree, Colin is working with the provincial government as a Contract Policing Analyst. He is proud to serve the youth of our province and hopes to one day represent the people of his riding in our House of Assembly."



### **Amanda Cull**

I currently reside in Happy Valley Goose Bay, Labrador. I completed the Construction/Industrial Electrical Program. I am currently seeking work but have started my second block. Currently all of my energies are focused on trying to find work within our province.



### **Johnathon Earle**

From Red Bay Labrador, I am currently in my final year of law at the University of New Brunswick, and I have a Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op) from Memorial University. I currently am involved in a couple nationally oriented projects and have been on the Faculty Council at my Law School. Accomplishments and awards I have received include: 2009-10 National Aboriginal Role Model, a 2006-2009 SIFE National Champion, a 2008 SIFE World Cup Champion. My future goals are to pursue law and to complete a MBA.



### **Sabrina Fitzpatrick**

A Business Commerce Student at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Entering into her third year of University Sabrina continues to be active in her community by volunteering with the organization SIFE Memorial. This year she was a part of the Financial Literacy Presentation Team for SIFE Memorial. She was a member of the Youth Advisory Panel for the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy, and now continues her involvement with the strategy by being on the Leadership Team. She was Miss Teen Canada 2006, Miss Teen Newfoundland and Labrador 2006 and continues her involvement in the organization as one of the executive committee. Sabrina also travelled to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip with the group "Hero Holiday" spending two weeks building schools, medical clinics and spending time with Haitian refugees. In her spare time Sabrina enjoys dancing, swimming and reading.



### **Brian Hudson**

A young entrepreneur and community activist, was born and raised in Logy Bay. He now calls Wabush home. He studied at St. Francis of Assisi, Gonzaga High School and Memorial University. In the 2001 municipal elections Brian was elected to the municipal council of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove at the age of 18. In 2005 he was awarded the Newfoundland and Labrador Youth of the Year Award and scholarship from FINALLY! (Futures in Newfoundland and Labrador's Youth). Brian is involved at the board level with a number of community and nonprofit organizations. Brian has experienced a varied career life having work for the St. John's Maple Leafs organization, as an independent consultant and as an adviser to a federal government Minister. Brian is currently employed as Chief Administrative Officer with the Town of Wabush.



### **Greg Knott**

Originally from Norris Point, is a former journalist now working in community development and the not-for-profit field in St. John's. He was elected to the Provincial Youth Council at the 2009 FINALLY annual general meeting. A passionate Newfoundlander, Greg has always been an advocate for youth issues. In 2007 he was appointed by the provincial government to the Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Advisory Committee. Greg holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and History, as well as a journalism diploma from the College of the North Atlantic. Greg has been a volunteer with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and participated in

the Raising the Roof campaign, a national initiative to reduce homelessness across the country. His passions also include rural development, literacy, and the environment. In 2009 he led a successful grass roots campaign, Save Gros Morne National Park, to pressure the provincial government to scrap a proposal to construct a large scale power corridor through the park. An avid, and self-confessed VERY amateur photographer, Greg spends a lot of time slogging around the streets of St. John's looking for a great shot, and when he has the opportunity, he can be found traipsing around the rest of the province. On the greatest of occasions he travels to his hometown located in the amazing Gros Morne National Park. Greg also enjoys, hiking, golfing badly, napping, reading, using scissors and glue, camping, dandelions, peanut butter, peanut butter cups, trivia, watching movies, playing with his stray cat Oscar, and relaxing and doing nothing with friends and family. He is excited for the future of the province and the opportunity to be part of the leadership team with FINALLY!.



**Karla Rix**  
*Coming Soon*



**John MacLean**

A 26 year old child at heart. My passion in life is for helping others and seeing people smile and hearing people laugh. I am one of the former members of the youth advisory panel members. I'm also looking to volunteer with as many places as I can around the city. My free time is usually used up by reading, writing, bike riding, volunteering, and much more. I'm hoping that soon I'll be going to MUN to mainly study psychology because I want to become a counselor.



**Pam Morrissey**

As a member of FINALLY and former co-chair of Hyron Youth Development Council - recipient of the 2006 Newfoundland and Labrador Regional Economic Development Association Excellence in Youth Leadership Award – I have successfully helped plan and coordinate several youth events including leadership and career development conferences, and youth forums. I'm very interested in moving the youth agenda forward in my community and province, and am currently in the process of helping to plan a young women's conference for 2011 with the Labrador West Status of Women.



### **Chris Sheppard**

Is a beneficiary of the Nunatsiavut Government and from Postville, on the north coast of Labrador, but has resided in St. John's since 2004. His passion has been bringing awareness of Aboriginal people, Aboriginal Youth, and challenges facing the urban Aboriginal population. During his time in St. John's he has represented urban Aboriginal youth through several avenues including sitting on the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC), Aboriginal Youth Council representing the Atlantic Region, and for the last 2 years sitting on the executive of the National Board of Directors for the NAFC. He has been involved in the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy in the capacity of Youth Facilitator and Youth Advisory Panel member since it began.



### **Daniel Smith**

The past Newfoundland and Labrador Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, Canada's oldest and largest students' union. The Federation unites over 600,000 students across the country, including every public post-secondary student in Newfoundland and Labrador, in the fight for affordable, high-quality post-secondary education. Daniel became active in the student movement in 2004 and has been fighting for accessible education ever since. Daniel graduated from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and is currently pursuing an advanced diploma in Tourism Studies. While currently living in St. John's, Daniel has lived in several rural Newfoundland communities including Trepassey, St. Anthony, Roddickton, and Pasadena. He feels that moving around the island portion of the province gave him an understanding of the diversity of issues facing many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.



### **Jacenta Hudson**

Jacenta was born and raised in Raleigh, Newfoundland and Labrador. During her high school years Jacenta participated in many youth organizations including the RCMP Youth Advisory Committee and Royal Canadian Air Cadet program. Following high school Jacenta attended Memorial University and completed her Bachelor of Nursing Degree. Currently Jacenta is living in Wabush, Newfoundland and Labrador where she works as a Registered Nurse at Captain William Jackman Memorial Hospital.



### **Kara Snow**

Currently studying a Bachelor of Business Administration through Distance Education at Memorial University from her hometown in St. Anthony. In 2010 she was named one of MUN's most inspirational youth studying through distance education. Kara is currently employed with the St. Anthony & Area Boys & Girls Club as a Program and Events Coordinator. Kara has always been an active volunteer in her community and is very passionate about keeping youth in rural Newfoundland. She was involved in creating the strategy as a member of the former Youth Advisory Panel. Her involvement also includes the Youth Advisory Committee, The Provincial Council of the Rural Secretariat and Kids Eat Smart. In 2011 Kara was the received the UROCK Award that recognizes the outstanding work of volunteers in our Province!



### **Jenelle Welshman**

Originally from the town of Channel-Port aux Basques relocated to the tiny town of Mount Moriah in 2008. Jenelle has completed several courses at both Acadia University as well as Memorial University-Corner Brook before deciding that it was not the right fit for her so she decided to continue on with her passion of desserts and study at the Culinary Institute of Canada at Prince Edward Islands Holland College. After graduation, Jenelle hopes to continue her education into in chocolatiering and open her own bakery. In her spare time, Jenelle enjoys baking, decorating cakes, walking, and volleyball.



### **Heidi Williams**

Just graduated from the Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op) Program at Memorial University and is now perusing a Bachelor of Education and a Masters in Counselling Psychology. Heidi has been involved in the Youth Retention and Attraction Strategy from day one as Youth Panel Member and a Youth Facilitator. Heidi was the 2010 Vice President of SIFE Memorial a student volunteer organization that develops outreach programs that run in the province. SIFE Memorial has won competitions on both a national and international stage, winning four consecutive national championships and placing first, second and third in the world. During her spare time Heidi rows, plays soccer and runs!