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Media Release: Youth Action Network, New Coordinator and Grand Re-Opening

Exciting winds are blowing through the Rossland YAN these days!

First off, the Rossland YAN is excited to announce that we have a new YAN Coordinator, Holly Borwick. Holly has lived in Rossland for the past 4 years, but grew up on a farm outside of Drumheller, Alberta. As a teenager, she spent her summers working at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of paleontology and her winters working at the local ski hill. The formative nature of these years is undeniable. Ask Holly her favorite things and she'll be quick to answer, "dinosaurs and skiing." Between getting a degree at McGill University in Montreal and working/playing in various other ski towns in BC, Holly finally ended up in the place that she now calls home- Rossland, BC.

Holly has worked with youth in various capacities for the last 8 years. She has spent time working at outdoor centres and camps all across Canada- guiding trips, facilitating workshops and planning courses. Here in Rossland, she began working as a support worker for children with special needs while also starting an outdoor learning company called One Tree Adventures.

You may also recognize Holly from the slopes of Red Mountain, where she is a volunteer ski patroller, or from the skate-park, where she is simultaneously learning to skateboard and learning to teach skateboarding to young women as part of One Tree Adventures' Radical Girls program. Holly admits that the YAN Coordinator position is her dream job, and is excited to continue this wonderful program and to continue engaging with youth and the local community.

Other exciting news, the north side of the building is near completion with only a few remaining touches yet to be completed! Regular programs- including after school drop-in- are set to begin on September 17. Stay tuned for the continuation of past YAN programs including Dungeons & Dragons, Creating a Supportive Rossland, Makerlab, and Magic the Gathering. Want something new? Youth input sessions will take place early in the fall to get some ideas rolling for new and exciting programs! A grand opening for the whole building will be held on September 30, as part of National Culture Days happening throughout Rossland.

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