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Social innovation investment in the youth of the Listuguj community

Listuguj, November 26th 2019 – The Gaspé and Magdalen Island Community Foundation / Fondation communautaire Gaspésie les Îles (FCGI) and the RBC Foundation are providing a \$15,000 grant to support the Listuguj community for a youth lead social economy project.

The project called Ta'n Wetapegsulti'gw, meaning "Where we come from" in Mi'gmaq was submitted by young people of the Listuguj community as part of a national competition led by the country's community foundations and funded by a contribution from the RBC Foundation.

"The goal of the program we are implementing through this grant will be to empower our young people and develop skills in entrepreneurship and community involvement, in order to support social, economic, environmental and cultural development in our community. We want this initiative to be a network for our youth to nurture their strengths, abilities, and knowledge to build a strong leadership voice and to help propel each other forward." stressed Ms. Paige Isaac, instigator of the project.

As part of RBC's *Future Goal Community Challenge competition*, similar grants will be awarded to youth-led projects in 150 small and medium-sized communities across Canada. The goal of this program is to transfer power into the hands of young leaders working for positive social or environmental change in their communities, while enabling these young leaders to acquire valuable skills and experience. "Young people are not just leaders of the future; they are also agents of today's social and environmental change. Through this collaboration with the RBC Foundation, we have the great honour of supporting inspiring projects such as this one in the Listuguj community," said Pierre Harvey, President of the FCGI.

"At RBC, we believe that young people have the power and potential to make a difference in the community in which we live and work," says Mark Beckles, Senior Executive Director, Innovation and Youth Strategy. We look forward to seeing the power and potential of these young leaders shine as they bring their bold and innovative ideas and solutions to life. »

The press is welcome to attend the Listuguj Career Fair on November 26th at the Listuguj Bingo Hall, 42 Dundee Road. There will be a public announcement to highlight this funding initiative.

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