

News Release

YWCA NWT Kicking Off 60th Anniversary with Two Community Events

YELLOWKNIFE (February 16, 2026) – YWCA NWT is kicking off its 60th Anniversary with two events co-hosted with [Fora: Network for Change](#), focused on advancing equitable, inclusive leadership opportunities. Fora is a national organization that delivers programs and opportunities that prepare the next generation of leaders to amplify their voices in decision-making spaces.

February 18: Lunch & Learn

- Location: Northern United Place (Room 205)
- Time: 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided.
- Topic: [Equity on boards](#) Interactive session that focuses on equity on boards and introduces practical tools from FORA's Equity in Action Toolkit to expand leadership opportunities for young women and gender-diverse leaders. Ideal for those looking to recruit board members, current board members, and those interested in governance and leadership.

February 19: Interactive Panel Discussion

- Location: Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
- Time: 5:30p.m. (refreshments and networking, panel starts at 6:00 p.m.) to 8pm
- Topic: [Leading the Future, Together](#) Attendees will hear from a panel of diverse northern leaders about leadership, mentorship, and opening pathways for youth and gender-marginalized leaders, followed by a Q&A.
- Panel members include Cynthia Mufandaedza, Liz Liske, Sarah Arngna'naaq, and Keneisha Goulbourne-Buddoo. Danielle Wendehorst will moderate the conversation. Panel member bios available on the [Facebook event page](#).

“Boards are strongest when they reflect the communities they serve. Inclusive governance brings lived experience, diverse perspectives, and leadership that supports meaningful growth, equity, and positive change in an organization,” said Hawa Dumbuya-Sesay, Executive Director, YWCA NWT.

“Over the past year, I’ve learned so much from working alongside community leaders in the North while co-creating training resources and enhancing equitable programming for youth. I’m proud to host this celebratory event with YWCA NWT to connect with more leaders in Yellowknife and continue advancing equitable leadership opportunities for gender marginalized youth,” said Ariba Dara, Regional Manager, Fora: Network for Change.

Both events are free and open to the public, with food and refreshments provided by Sundog Trading Post.

YWCA NWT will continue to share events, highlights, and news about its 60th Anniversary on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and the [YWCA NWT website](#).

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The YWCA NWT advocates for and serves Northern women, families and youth. We provide safe and supportive housing as well as a range of integrated and culturally relevant programs and services that contribute to their safety, empowerment, and ability to thrive.