

Become a partner



The Garden Cities Project, Moncton

Katimavik



Become a volunteer placement partner!



About Katimavik

Founded in 1977, Katimavik is a Canadian national youth empowerment and youth development charitable organization.

The word 'Katimavik' originates from the Inuktitut language, meaning 'meeting place'. Since 1977, Katimavik has brought young Canadians together to learn, to exchange culture and language, and to help build stronger communities across Canada.

We engage with youth from a wide diversity of communities across Canada, including Indigenous youth, newcomer youth, Black youth, white youth, youth of colour, 2SLGBTQ+ youth, and youth of different faiths and religions, as well as youth from various socio-economic, linguistic and geographic backgrounds. We bring these young people together in common purpose, through active volunteerism and to support communities.

Through this work they develop deep unyielding respect and understanding of one another. They form life-long bonds of friendship, which reflect important values, along with a strong commitment to active citizenship. We believe, as a result of Katimavik's influence, we are fostering a more tolerant, informed, understanding, respectful, and inclusive Canada.

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We serve communities



Katimavik's approach goes beyond volunteering, by imparting an innovative pedagogical approach known as service-learning. This approach aims to empower and educate Participants throughout their period of service, providing them with valuable skills to carry forward to their personal and professional lives and inspiring a lifelong commitment to civic engagement.

The relationship between Katimavik Participants and community partners is a win-win opportunity for everyone involved.

The partner organization benefits from Participants' work to advance a project and Participants benefit from a significant learning opportunity, while developing valuable, transferable employment skills. Both the partner and the Participant also benefit from providing valuable services to the community.

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Katimavik Participants brought knowledge and passion, that was so helpful and refreshing during the time where there is so much uncertainty in the world! ”

Justin Dafoe, Strategic Advancement Manager,
Homefront Calgary

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Types of work



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Katimavik Participants are Canadian youth from all regions and demographics of the country. While they may or may not have previous work experience, they are highly motivated by their desire to learn and become engaged as active citizens in their communities.

The replica of Fort Gibraltar trading posts, rebuilt in the neighbourhood of Saint-Boniface in early 1990s - with the help of Katimavik Participants.

Community organizations can improve, increase and diversify services offered locally through the volunteering done by Katimavik Participants. Some of the ways that Katimavik participants can lend their skills include:

- Manual work (sorting clothes, renovation, maintenance)
- Environmental initiatives (park clean-up, community gardens)
- Customer service (front desk, sales, food services)
- Program Planning & Implementation
- Communications (public relations, fundraising, promotion)
- Offer direct support to specific groups or individuals
- Office work (reception, computer work)
- and much more!



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Katimavik welcomes partnership requests from all community organizations. The following are criteria assessed for selecting our valuable partners:

- The Participants will be given a specific role, task, or project to work on.
- The work will provide a positive and realistic experience for the Participants.
- The work will allow the participants to acquire personal and professional skills.
- The organization's staff is available to supervise the participants.
- Appropriate safety measures are in place at the workplace.
- The tasks assigned to Participants do not take work away from the local workforce.
- Projects the Participants work on must be consistent with Katimavik values.
- The organization is willing to take an active role and interest in the work being done by Katimavik Participants and embrace Katimavik's service-learning model.





Together, we can create stronger communities.

Contact us to learn more about establishing a Katimavik partnership with your community organization!

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