

With many supporting partners and adult-allies in our community, and as a collective voice representing the youth of Melfort, we have been inspired and empowered to form the Melfort Youth Evolution. As the Melfort Youth Evolution, we have created a Council for youth by youth. We have called upon our adult-allies to champion and oversee the formation of our Council and help to structure our sustainability framework. Our core group of youth has recruited other dedicated youth in Melfort to become involved as active Council members or have invited them to participate in our organized events and programs for youth, allowing youth in Melfort to build skills, strengthen interpersonal values, appreciate and explore our cultural diversity, enhance peer relations, build on our communication skills, develop our leadership skills, build our self-esteem and strengthen our self-confidence. Our activities have allowed us to have fun while learning. Having a Youth Council has helped us learn about community services, volunteering in our community and help to develop a sense of pride in our community and in turn, help in making our community a safer, more positive and nurturing environment for everyone.

As a youth-initiated project, we have designed, implemented, managed and evaluated our own projects that we believe create a safer and healthier community. We continue to advocate that by securing a physical safe-space for all youth of Melfort and our surrounding community regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation or ability, this will improve the quality of life for many. We also see our initiative as a compliment to the city's newly completed skate park and as a positive influence in the lives of potentially at-risk youth. By providing a safe environment, by participating in events with community partners and by hosting even more of our own activities, we have the ability to continue to provide an equal opportunity for all youth and enhance our community's well-being.

As a project to increase physical activity by youth in our city, we would like to purchase 4 -wheeled roller skates, helmets and other protective equipment to be made available for all youth to use. Roller skating has seen a resurgence over the last few years and we would like to bring it back to north east Saskatchewan. Skating is easy to learn and it will help to keep us busy and active, interacting with others and it takes no special tools, just determination and hard work. This equipment will be made available to all youth at no cost on a first come – first

served basis during our planned events at the Northern Lights Palace and our new skate park.

We are calling upon you, our friends and family and all of our community to take the time every 24 hours to vote for us from now until 8 a.m. November 25th!! It's super easy, just one vote from each computer address is allowed each day, so be sure to turn off your WiFi when voting from your phones.

LET'S GET ROLLIN' RETRO STYLE!!