

Isaruit Year End Report 2023 Activities



Spring: Showcasing some creations

A display of Fox furs from
Radisson Furs (Bouchette, QC)



Seal skin boots and mitts



Hand Sewing Projects

Duffle slippers and bead work by sewing worker Aglak Pettypiece



Isaruits' line of seal skin ukpiks and mitts



Sewing area still in room #117 before the move

Installing a closet for sewing samples



Gwen and Heidi showing what creating handmade clothing looks like



Shop Programs Depend on Instructors Mentoring New Artists

David showing Carissa Coe Metcalfe how to make a Qulliq



David carving out a Qulliq



Seal Products Department Was Developed In 2023

Aija Komangapik learning how to scrape and prepare seal skin



Asenath Kannutaq teaching how to scrape and prepare a seal skin

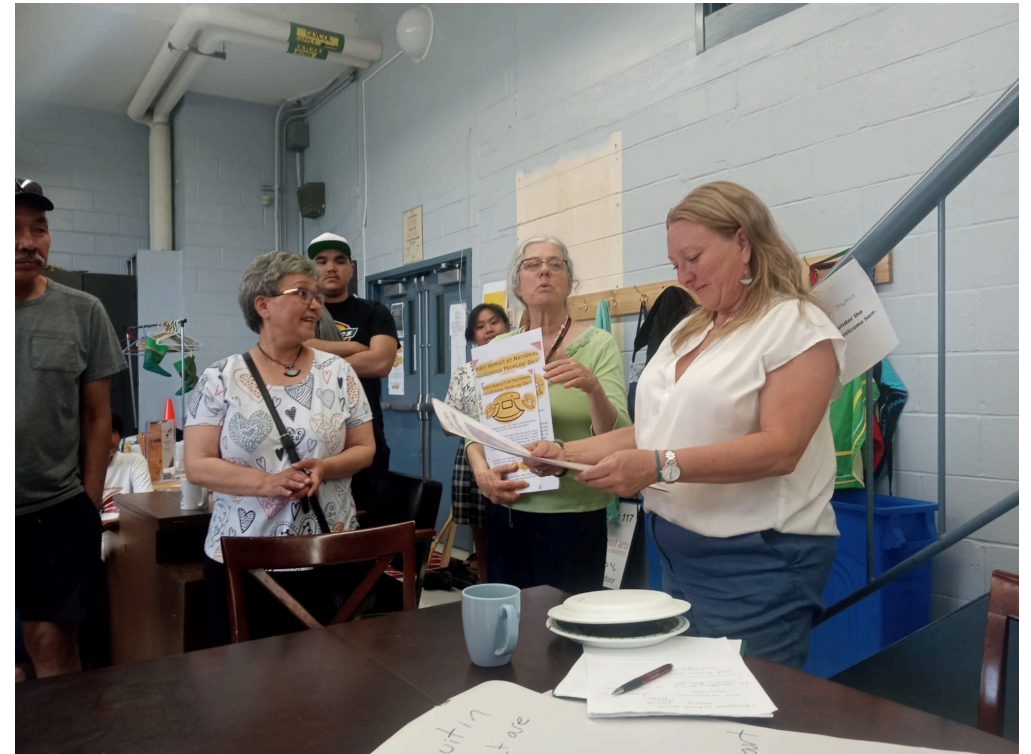


Truth and Reconciliation Work With Government People

Asenath lighting a Qulliq and welcoming Mona Fortier



Isaruit staff presented MP Mona Fortier a set of IQ principles posters to share with the Prime Minister and his caucus and government Ministers



Isaruit Continuously Welcomes Collaborators & Supporters from the Wider Ottawa Community

Friday drop in with Grace Xin, Ruben Komangapik, Carissa Coe Metcalfe tending the qulliq, Beverly Illauq and OCF Donor Lucy Grossman Hensel



Carissa Coe Metcalfe lighting for the first time a qulliq that she made out of soap stone from Isaruits' shop



Isaruit has learned that connection, listening and trust are the roots of Truth and Reconciliation

Aglak and MP Mona Fortier/Treasury Board President showcasing a beaded wallet Aglak made and Isaruit presented to Mona to help her look after Canada's money and remember she is connected with Inuit through Isaruit



Ulayuk Komangapik with MP Mona showing off a purse that was ordered by Mona from Ulayuk



Isaruit Added Room #302 to its Space for Quiet, Peaceful and Practical Sewing Room

Youths hired to move stuff into the new sewing room take a rest



Participants at the sewing room in the "Mirror Room" #302



Isaruit Continues to Be Supported by John Houston, both in Elder Consultations and Product Development and Marketing

John Houston and Shop Coordinator, Ben Illauq, discuss Isaruit's workshop projects



John checks out a new line of Inuit toys Isaruit is developing made of epoxy



Reaching Out to Other Organizations and Consulting with Staff is how Isaruit Continues to Develop

Jeannie Manning, Phoebe Pitseolak and Bev Illauq were invited as consultants to tour the beautiful, artistic, new Native Women's Association of Canada's headquarters in Hull, with David Ironstand, NWAC outreach employee



Truth and Reconciliation discussion amongst staff at Isaruit, June, 2023...
Going forward! Isaruit DOES Reconciliation!



National Indigenous Peoples' Day- 400 Inuit and Non-Inuit Came By

Visitors to Isaruit's NIPD activities watch Ruben Komangapik's carving demo



Where else could you get BBQ seal meat on National Indigenous Peoples Day ? Only at Isaruit



Market Day at National Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebrations at 815 St. Laurent Blvd.

Gwen and Aglak showcasing Isaruit's line of Ukpiks for sale



Zorga along with other vendors selling their art during NIPD. It was hot!



NIPD- A Great Opportunity to Connect!

...With beloved family members from Larga to remind us of who we are



...And with various members of the Ottawa Community. Inuit Games being presented at NIPD



Isaruit Shares Inuit Creations and Culture to Promote Connections

Asenath was able to light a Qulliq during the heat at NIPD, with the help of a fan and Isaruit's electric generator!



Ruben Komangapik, Isaruit's Vice Chair performing 3 of his Grandfather songs



Isaruit Artists and Arts Workers on the Staff Are Encouraged to Develop Their Own Creations

Ulayuk Komangapik completing her first wall hanging



Shop instructor David Erkloo enjoying Ulayuks' art!



Isaruit has Monthly Market Days

artists to sell, share their artwork and to network with other artists and marketing opportunities

Amanda Latraille selling her creations at Isaruit's Christmas Culture and Market Day

**ISARUIT INUIT ARTS
MARKET DAY**



Join us from 1:00pm-4:00pm
on Friday, August 4th
for our monthly Market Day!

Room #117, Rideau Hub,
815 Saint Laurent Blvd.

Come by to buy our beautiful creations. Come by to sell!
For more information or to book a vendor's table, contact
us at:
613-809-1194
Or
Info@isaruit.ca



Note that Isaruit Market Day's are now held on the first Friday of the month.



Market Day Vendors and Creations

Zorga's offering Inuit vendors' Market Day at Isaruit, August 4, 2023



Lizzie Flaherty laying out her ware at Isaruit's Market Days



Isaruit Creators At Work!

Earrings for sale during the market day



Visitors to the shop learn about Kasungautik making from Asenath Kannutaq



Isaruit Specializes in Partnerships with Other Inuit & Non-Inuit Organizations

Phoebe Pitseolak teaches qulliqiriniq for Youths from Inuqatigiit, June 28th.

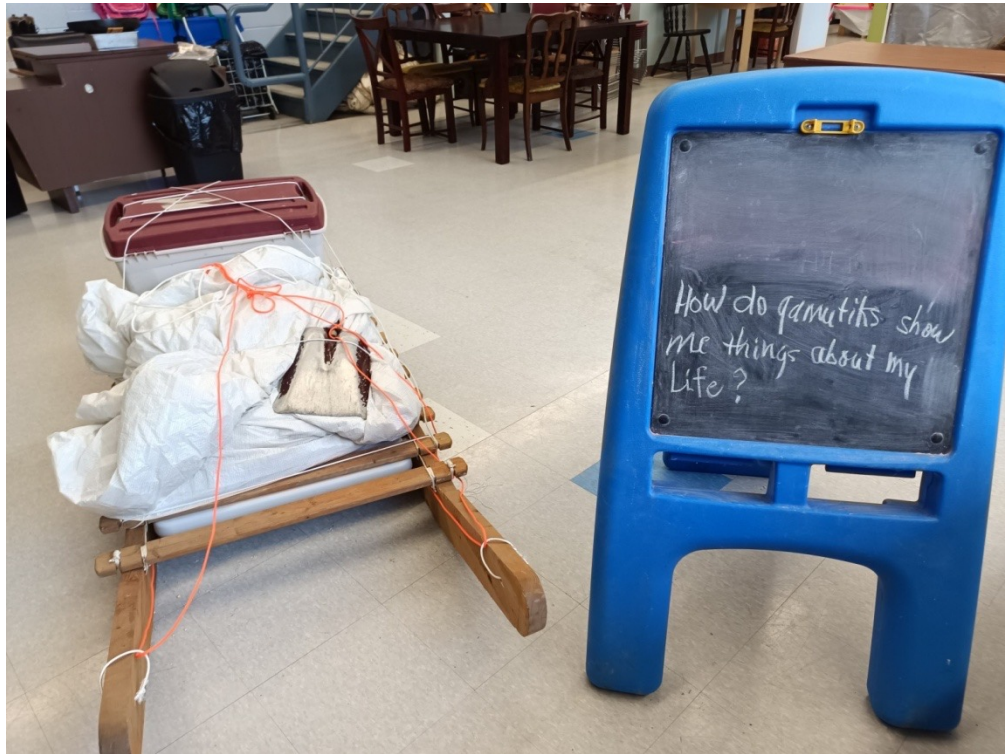


Throatsingers perform for other youths from Inuqatigiit at Isaruit's Qulliq workshop, June 28th



Isaruit Elders Use Demos and Hands-On Activities to Mentor Youths in Inuit Culture

Isaruit Qamutik workshop and life lessons



Isaruit's Qamutilirini workshop with Inuit youths from Inuqatigiit, Aug 30th, 2023



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Tying and loading the qamutik



Pat Inuaraq consults with Inuit youth, Donovan Gordon Tootoo on tying up a qamutik



Collaborating With Other Orgs

Isaruit Staff welcomed seniors from the African Black Caribbean Wellness Centre



William Komaksiutuksak presenting Isaruit's mentorship possibilities at the Michael Jean Foundation Youth Connections event



MP Lori Idlout Found Friends and Associates at Isaruit and is an Isaruit Partner

Lori Idlout, MP for Nunavut, visiting Isaruit's workshop discusses qulliq making and knife designs and materials with Ben Illauq, Shop Programs Coordinator , September 8th Market Day



David Erkloo, Lori Idlout MP, Nunavut and Jessie Kangok, founding host of Uqqalavvik Inuktitut radio station in Ottawa, and Isaruit's Communications Director of the Board



Isaruit - a great space to drop in, to create and connect any season of the year! Tungasutiarisi!

The whole Ottawa Inuit Community belongs here



Isaruit specializes in Inusiutit



Isaruit Elders Leading National Truth and Reconciliation Day Events at Isaruit

July Papatsi, David Erkloo sharing stories and knowledge



Martha Flaherty lighting a qulliq and speaking to the group who gathered



Isaruit artists create.....

Ulus of all kinds and materials



Clothing of all kinds and patterns



Isaruit Creators are Innovators

David transforming a shopping cart into a made to measure custom trolley for the shop



Success!! (It fits exactly through the doors)



Inuqatigiit donated dust collecting carving stalls to the shop

The trolley transporting the carving stalls to Isaruit



Isaruit artists and employees installing the donated carving stalls in the shop



Pilot Project for Seal Products Department

Learning how to scrape and stretch skin with instructors Sarah Kunuk



...and Aija Komangapik



Shop Supporting Seal Products Work

Making and teaching the use of irngnirvik



The end result of tanning, scraping, and stretching seal skin



Some Isaruit Inuit Arts Products

A metal qulliq, a polar bear carving, soap stone ulu, soap stone qulliq and hand made ulus.... and Isaruit t-shirts



Pat Innuaraq's under the ice net walker *Nuvisijut* or *pisuutik*

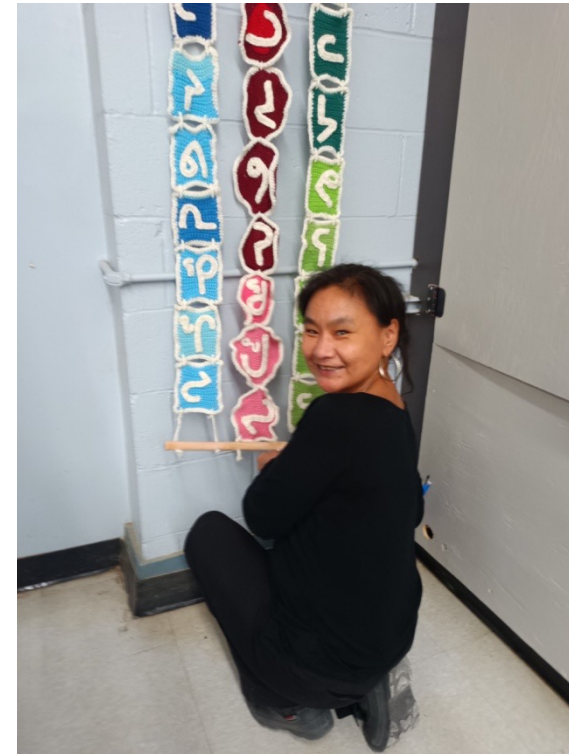


Inuit Creations for Use and Purpose

July Papatsi and his Inukshuk candle holder



Admin Assistant Ulayuk Komangapik finishing her unique crocheted syllabics chart



Weekly Drop-Ins at Isaruit are like elders welcoming everyone to their home for Inusiutit

Providing people with a sense of belonging as you would see in your home community.



July prepares Palaugaq (Bannock) weekly for Drop-Ins



An Up and Coming Arts Offering at Isaruit

Some music after a gym workout next door



July Papatsi drum dancing for the first time in a long time



Isaruit Youth Connections Project

William Komaksiutiksak Youth connections coordinator



All Inuit youth welcome Sundays 3-5PM

INUIT GAMES, BASKETBALL AND MUSIC YOUTH DROP IN

Isaruit welcomes Inuit youth ages 13-29,
to join us every Sunday in January &
February from 3:00-5:00PM to connect with
community, learn & play Inuit games,
play basketball, and more!

**YOU CAN CALL 613-355-1631 OR SEND AN
EMAIL TO INFO@ISARUIT.CA FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

815 St Laurent Blvd in the gym
Bus tickets will be provided

isaruit inuit arts



Isaruit Specializes in Mentoring Through Inuit Arts

Ben Illauq instructing qulliq making



Natalie Ittinuaq learning amauti making from Elder Elisappie Burmingham



Teaching the Next Generation and Their Parents

Sanding down soap stone.



Learning how to sew.



Sharing food prep skills and eating together – what a caring community looks like

Jimmy cooking ujjuk



Country food and conversations for every “Inuk”-
every human being



For the third year in a row - with the help of collaborators

Reconseal provided seal meat



Nunavut Sivuniksavut Students



Isaruit hosted International Inuit Day events at Annie Pootoogook Park

over 400 people ate and enjoyed the day's events



Meeka Kakulluk, qulliq lighter enjoying Ottawa throat singers, Janice Ulayuk and her daughter



Isaruit - providing a place to connect with
and a place to play music, laugh and
be yourself – a place to ground and
grow

Tungasugitsi!

