

YUKON GIRLS ROCK CAMP TO TAKE A 2019 HIATUS

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The Yukon Girls Rock Camp has evolved to become a beloved and highly anticipated program in the Yukon summer calendar. Since the inaugural camp in 2015, the program has gotten bigger and better every year, all under the incredibly supportive umbrella of the Dawson City Music Festival.



With support from the Association's Board of Directors and staff, the Yukon Girls Rock Camp committee have decided to split from the Festival's organizational umbrella and become an independent non-profit entity. In this endeavour, organizational finances and volunteer sustainability are top of mind.

"We're taking the time we need to restructure the organization so that we know YGRC is healthy, our volunteers and leaders are healthy, and we have the strength and sustainability to deliver our powerful programming for years to come," says YGRC Founder, Lana Welchman.

Yukon Girls Rock Camp is a week-long youth empowerment camp that seeks to amplify the voices of girls, and gender-nonconforming youth through music. The 8-18 year-old campers are introduced to their instrument and form bands on Monday morning; by Saturday, they perform their own original song at the Dawson City Music Festival Mainstage showcase. During the week, the campers learn about consent, speaking out, and some tools to navigate the still very male-dominated music industry.

"YGRC would not have been able to grow into what we are today without the ongoing and dedicated support of the Dawson City Music Festival. While it is bittersweet that the time has come for YGRC to spread its wings, we look forward to working closely with this organization that is dedicated to amplifying the voices of girls and gender-non conforming youth. And of course, we look forward to seeing our campers again in 2020." continued Welchman.

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