



*“I look forward to reconnecting and working with the people of Arviat. I hope to engage in collective learning, develop my abilities as a facilitator and provide a positive and supportive space for young women in the community.”*

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When returning to Arviat, I hope to expand on a previous initiative I developed there to establish a positive and safe space for young women to engage in conversation and activity. This group will provide opportunities for dialogue and sharing of common challenges they have overcome, hopes and fears they have for their future and current struggles. Ultimately, the group will support their empowerment to ignite change in their own lives and community.

Arviat is a small town of fewer than 4,000 people, located on the shores of the Hudson Bay. While Arviat faces many challenges that remain a concern for people, particularly youth the community is rich in the cultural teachings and traditions of the Inuit people.. Over the past two years I have spent three months living and working in the community, partnering with the Youth Leadership and Resiliency Program and helping to facilitate a group for high school girls.