



Access to Legal Knowledge: *Update*

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Pangnirtung community welcomes Access to Justice contributors for successful week long events

This past May, the community of Pangnirtung welcomed as part of the Law Society of Nunavut (LSN)'s Access to Legal Knowledge Initiative, representatives from Community Justice and various other legal and non-legal organizations, including lawyers from the PPSC and MTLs. Throughout the week, multiple events took place, including: a workshop on the justice system at the Ysouth Centre, lunch at the Auyittuq Lodge with members of the Justice Committee, build a courtroom activity at Attagoyuk High School, session at the visitor's centre with Elders, and distribution of Public Legal Education (PLE) materials. All of these activities were designed to create relationships and begin a dialogue with these organizations and the community.



Community members enjoy lunch at one of the A2J events held in Pangnirtung

Building bridges through personal relationship makes it easier in the future for people to know what options are available to them, and the events of this week laid the foundation for future success. Important connections were developed with the hamlet, the schools, services providers, leaders, Elders and the general public. Members of the justice system were present and engaged, answering questions and distributing information materials.

Being the first Access to Legal Knowledge Initiative held outside of Iqaluit, it gave stakeholders the opportunity to learn about and strengthen this Initiative to better serve and connect with the community. Over the course of the week, the various events provided the opportunity to learn how to deliver and participate in various Access to Justice activities, which will allow for smooth events in the future. Developing a strong collaborative framework and continuing to foster relationships with all parties involved will be critical to the ongoing success of this Initiative and will allow a basis of trust between participating members to be built upon. Overall the event was a huge success, providing valuable opportunities to connect with different members of the community and learn more about their interests and needs in regards to Access to Justice issues for the future.



Community Justice recognition lunch



Students participating in the 'build a courtroom' activity, Attagoyuk High School