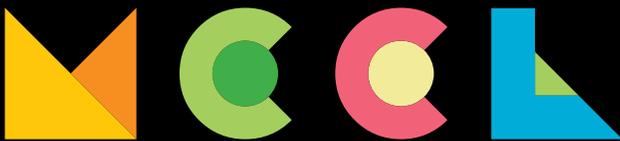


Contribute to a life with purpose



MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning

MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning (MCCL) empowers youth between the ages of 12-19 by connecting passion with purpose through the arts. Located in downtown Dartmouth, this community hub inspires creativity and confidence by offering unique programs in visual arts, music, videography, creative writing and technology in a

safe and inspiring space. By bridging the learning gap in those who are disengaged from traditional education MCCL helps in the development of confidence, lifelong learning skills, an appreciation for the value in giving back to the community and increased potential for employment in our communities. We give NS youth a voice through the arts.

Almost one in six Halifax teens won't finish high school.

Many youth in Halifax are failing to fulfill their potential even before they reach adulthood. By investing in the future of our youth we can provide a sense of direction to those in need of it and build a better community as a result.

At MCCL you get to learn about new things and you meet new people. That is what I like best. —STUDENT

It all comes down to opportunity.

MCCL provides positive development for youth who have an interest in creative learning but don't have access to the usual opportunities to fulfill their potential. We level the playing field for youth who face barriers to access, are disengaged in traditional learning, or come from a disadvantaged socio-economic background.

The unique programming at the centre is an effective entry point to re-engage youth in order to improve academic outcomes, provide direction, assist with career objectives, while also decreasing dropout rates and increasing cultural development.

Change lives. Invest in the future of our youth.

By taking disengaged youth out of their usual environment, MCCL nurtures the natural creative ability of students and highlights career opportunities. There are no limits to the imagination, especially when given the right conditions to flourish. Youth who participate in the programs offered leave with a renewed sense of their own potential and the ability to give back positively to society.

I believe youth deserve a chance to prosper, to build lives for themselves. —AL MACPHEE, DONOR AND PATRON CHAIR

Education equals empowerment, happiness and financial independence.

MCCL was founded in 2009. The centre was named in recognition of a generous donation from Al and Mary MacPhee who contributed a quarter of a million dollars to our capital campaign.

Situated in the fully renovated historic Union Protection building at 50 Queen Street in downtown Dartmouth, the centre features 20-foot ceilings, exposed beams, original

plank floors, and plenty of natural light. MCCL has been designed with direct input from the young people who use the centre.

When you give young people creative flexibility and mentorship they'll do something special. That is what they will remember. —TERRY SAMPSON, DARTMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Building a community through partnerships and mentorship.

Agreements are in place with the Halifax Regional School Board and the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design. MCCL also works closely with the Nova Scotia Community College. Artists inspire youth to discover creative learning through high-caliber instruction and mentorship that compliments traditional education.

The centre has been funded through the generous support of the Nova Scotia government, corporate sponsorship and private donors.

The best part of coming to the Centre is the inspiring people I get to meet. —STUDENT

Education is a cornerstone for life's rewards.

At MCCL we believe success is built on the foundation of life-long learning. Four pillars help to support this outcome:

1. Knowledge: understanding that enrollment and participation in school matters
2. Action: learning to be self-motivated through creative confidence and entrepreneurship
3. Awareness: gaining self-esteem and social skills in order to achieve one's full potential
4. Collaboration: enabling a sense of community and desire for positive participation in society

I can relax and not feel like I am being pressured at the Centre. I like that. —STUDENT

We believe in the importance of inspired youth.

The success of local youth is tied to education. By re-engaging youth and breaking down barriers, MCCL ignites a love of learning and helps them to remain involved in school through to graduation.



THE WORK THAT MCCL DOES WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS HAS A POSITIVE MEASURABLE IMPACT ON GRADUATION RATES, EMPLOYMENT AND MOST IMPORTANTLY SATISFACTION IN LIFE. MCCL IS A SAFE SPACE FOR FEARLESS CREATIVITY.



99% of students really enjoyed their MCCL experience

100% of students really connect with their MCCL instructor



100% of students are excited to continue with MCCL and creative learning

99% of students would try new programs at MCCL



100% of students say MCCL's location is convenient

100% of students feel safe in MCCL's building.

100% of students would recommend MCCL programming to friends

84% of students would take a week-long summer camp

99% of students feel inspired and engaged in the learning process

*MCCL PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

Testimonials.

We are completely amazed by the effect MCCL programming has had on our daughter. She has had a total change in attitude for the better—new drive, more energy, takes ownership for things she hasn't done and things she should do. She has become passionate about the Centre and what she is learning. We can't thank you enough. — PARENT

MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning has the potential to offer inspiring co-curricular programming to further engage youth on their educational journey. After school programming can serve as a creative laboratory—a space where young people can be inspired through hands-on opportunities, complimenting what is already happening in the classroom.

—ELWIN LEROUX,
SUPERINTENDENT HALIFAX
REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Your investment. Their future. Our Community.

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