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2023 FOOD SECURITY & TRADITIONAL ECONOMY TOUR

TOUR START TIME:

Monday, June 12th at 3:00 pm

TOUR PICK-UP LOCATION:

This tour will begin from in front of the Midnight Sun Complex

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY:

TBA

TOUR HOST:

The Food Security and Traditional Economy Tour will be hosted and guided by Arlene Hansen

INUVIK COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE AND HYDROPONICS UNIT

ADDRESS: 80 Gwich'in Road

CONTACT: Kenny Stewart & Colin Mitchener

FEATURE: Locally grown food, greens, flowers, plants and community food initiatives are all part of the operations of the Community Greenhouse and Hydroponics Unit. Established in 1999, the Community Greenhouse has been a huge success for promoting gardening in Inuvik and the Beaufort Delta area. Each year bedding plants are sold to excited gardeners and plots are available to society members in the Greenhouse. In May 2021, the Hydroponics Unit arrived from Whitehorse and has been growing greens and herbs for local sales and consumption.

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INUVALUIT COUNTRY FOOD PROCESSING AND TRAINING FACILITY

ADDRESS: Industrial Road

CONTACT: Bradley Stillie & Scott Kasook

FEATURE: Brian Wade is the Director at the Inuvialuit Community Economic Development Organization (ICEDO), and the Manager for the Country Foods Processing and Training Unit. With funding from the Federal government, the Inuvialuit were able to acquire the food processing unit in 2016 and begin training community members on how to better prepare and process country foods.

INNOVATE – CENTRE FOR ARTS, CRAFTS & TECHNOLOGY

ADDRESS: 68 Veteran's Way

CONTACT: Justin Pascal

FEATURE: Meet with local artists, small business owners and have a personalized tour of the equipment, facilities, and initiatives.

The Innovate Centre for Arts, Crafts and Technology merges traditional arts and crafts with new modern technologies and production techniques to create economic opportunities for artists and other creative individuals in the Western Arctic.

From first conversations back in September 2017 until the June 13th, 2019 announcement of generous funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) the Centre has had the support of many organizations. Partners working to realize this initiative include the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the Government of Northwest Territories Departments of Industry, Tourism, and Investment and Education, Culture, and Employment, Aurora College, and the Aurora Research Institute.

The result is a space where northern artisans can acquire new skills, use new technologies, and grow their small businesses.

