

regionalization :

a tool to make certain that needs unique to areas are met

Rotary [Adventures in Health Care](#) was created in 2017 to provide an opportunity to introduce Adventurers to post-secondary education, applied training and career opportunities in the health sciences in northern British Columbia. The program has become extremely successful with constant positive feedback from collaborators, students and parents alike. This past spring the program was recognized with a Healthier You Award for Youth Initiative of the Year.

Unfortunately, success has created a problem. The goal of the program has become watered down with many, many more youth applying than we can accommodate. We have concluded that we cannot be everything to everyone. Although the project has great potential it is not scalable. There is a limit to providing the quality of program that has been developed. There is only so much room in each group that allows for front row, hands on experiences. But fortunately, the program format can be easily replicated.

As a result, Yellowhead Rotary has decided to regionalize the Adventures in Health Care program starting in 2020. By regionalization, we mean to share our experience in a formal manner and encourage other Rotary clubs to host the program in their region, as opposed to one program for the whole Province of British Columbia. To do this we have taken the following steps.

1. Adventures in Health Care has developed a ‘package’ of documents that will be of interest and some guidance to Rotary clubs who are interested in replicating the Prince George model. It is likened to a” project in a box.”

It includes:

- 12 steps start up timeline for 12 months
- Draft work plan for 12 months
- Prince George Project Charter – *for information only*
- Summary of Recommendations, Rural Health Care Recruitment – Select Standing Committee on Health, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, March 1, 2017

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2. Adventures in Health Care, Prince George - We will only be accepting applications from communities in North Central British Columbia. (100 Mile House to Yukon border).

With interest from two regions in the Province already, we hope to reach out to all Districts through their respective District Governors in British Columbia. This project has been a great opportunity to make new connections in our community, as well as build the Interact and Rotaract programs, as they touch both in many ways.

This is an exciting new opportunity for Rotary to reach into their own community and make new connections while providing a service to not only youth but society at large.

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