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Arctic Speaker Series

Pinnguaq: Playing for Keeps

Speaker:

Ryan
Oliver

Date:

Thursday,
November 21, 2019

Time:

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Location:

University of Calgary;
Science Theatre 128



Pinnguaq means "Play" in Inuktitut and was created in 2012 in Pangnirtung, Nunavut with the goal of bringing technological opportunities to Nunavummiut and has since expanded to offer tech opportunities to people across Canada living in Rural and Remote communities. This conversation will focus on a key component of Pinnguaq's delivery methodology. Sustainability. The argument will be made that to truly impact change in rural, remote and Indigenous communities, outside actors need to accept that any support, research or projects being run in those communities need to build sustainability into their roots. The era of "quick fixes" must come to an end as they've done nothing. Accepting that the community knows best means not only ensuring projects are community led but

permanent. We will explore how Pinnguaq 'moves in for life' and builds sustainability in communities by making our success dependent on the community succeeding. We will explore how this can apply from everything to research to business development.

Biography: Ryan Oliver is the founder and Executive Director of the Pinnguaq Association. He founded the organization in 2012 and has since grown it into an organization with staff and initiatives across Canada. Pinnguaq Association, a not-for-profit organization, incorporates STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) into unique learning applications that promote storytelling, health, wellness and growth with rural and remote communities. At its core, Pinnguaq embraces diversity and creates opportunities in order to empower all people.

This event is **free and open to the public**

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