

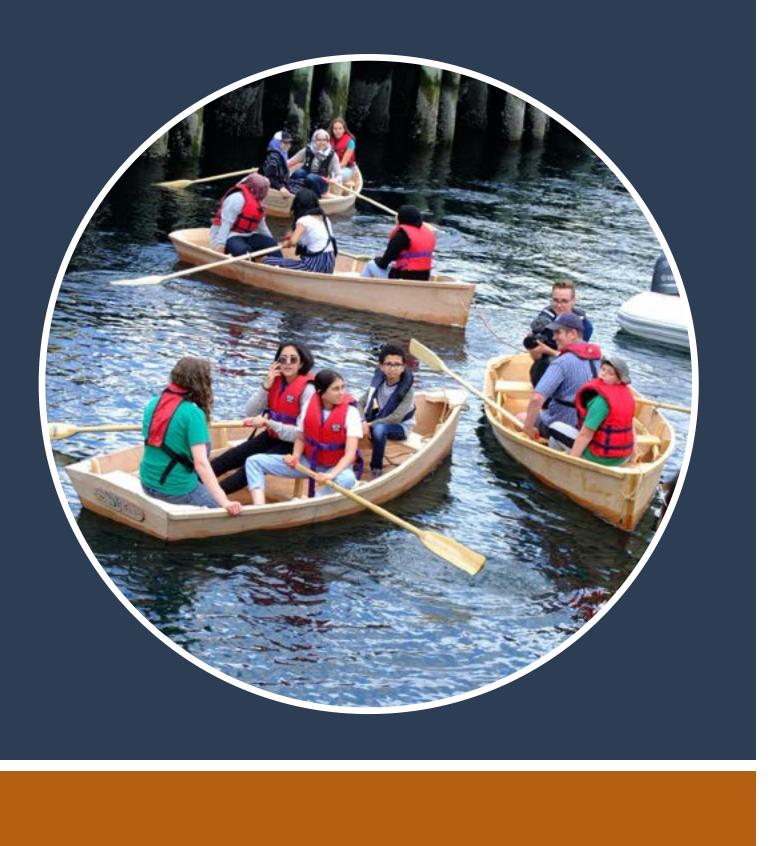
BUILDING BOATS, CHANGING LIVES

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Making positive impacts in the lives of Nova Scotia's youth since 2015.



- Boat School is a free program that creates inclusive and transformative maritime experiences for everyone, but especially for youth from underserved communities.
- Participants develop pride, purpose and recognition of life's possibilities.
- Boat School unites community and co-creates life-changing learning experiences.
- Demand has outgrown the capacity of our current facilities.

We believe that everyone should have access to our shared maritime heritage!



We started by building **BEVIN'S SKIFFS**: Three magic days from a pile of wood to a boat that floats.





PARTNERSHIPS, like with MSVU and Pictou Landing First Nation School, are critical.





Our community partners bring us students for Boat School programs; support them while they're busy boat building; and help us to track the impact of their Boat School experience after they leave.

Community Partners

- Mount Saint Vincent University
- Nova Scotia Sea School
- YMCA Immigrant Youth Services
- HomeBridge Youth Society
- Mi'kmaq Two-Eyed Seeing Project
- Delmore Buddy Day Learning Institute
- HRM Centre for Education (O2 Program)
- IWK Youth Forensic Services
- NS Boat Builders Association



These two short **VIDEOS** capture the essence of Boat School. They're definitely worth watching!

Building Boats, Changing Lives Pictou Landing First Nation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGypdvkpfzA

Building Boats, Changing Lives **YMCA** Centre for Immigrant Programs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4bQ7V2luq4







THE BOATS WE BUILD: Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner





BIRD CLASS (Intermediate, 17-week program)





PUFFIN One of several Advanced Projects (Built over four semesters.)

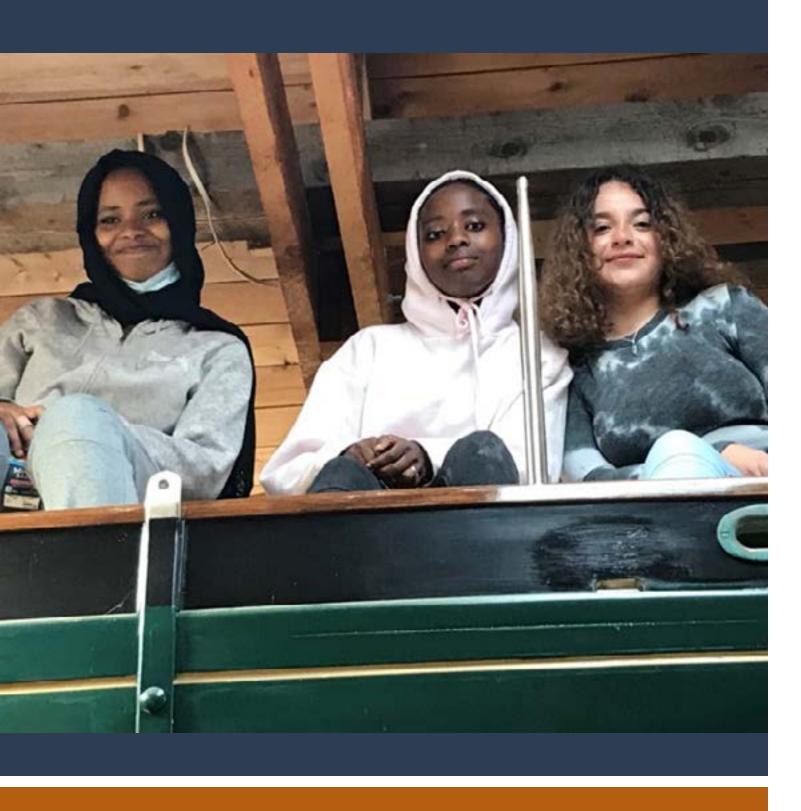




We also build toboggans! (It only takes a day and draws on many of the same woodworking skills used in boatbuilding.)







Testimonials from Youth

"I feel accomplished!"

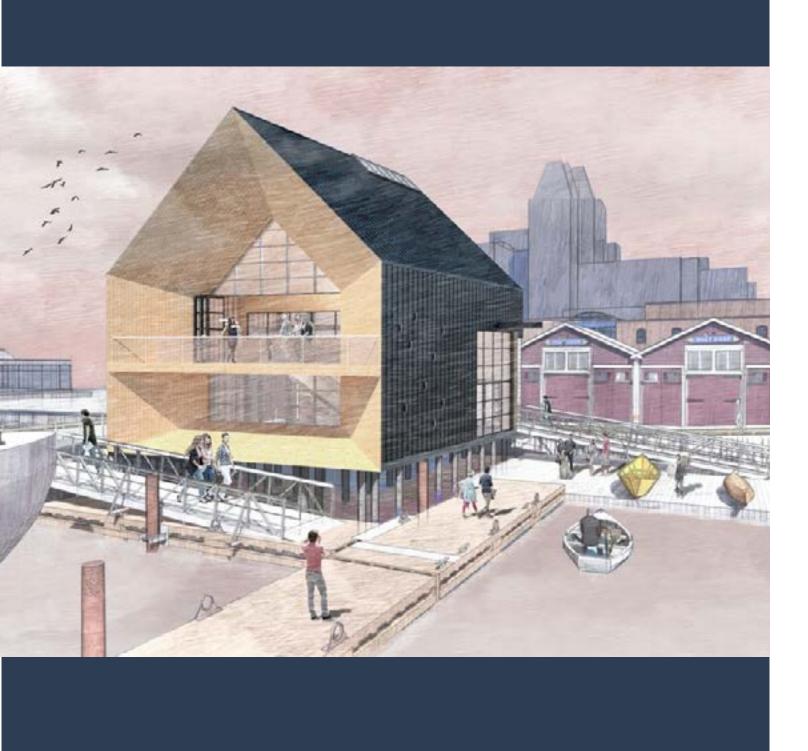
"I thought that it was great."

"When everyone comes together, we can do great things, such as learning to build a boat."

"In only a few days I learned things I never thought I could ever learn. ... Everyone felt the same way."

"The fact that the boats actually floated was a successful and proud moment."



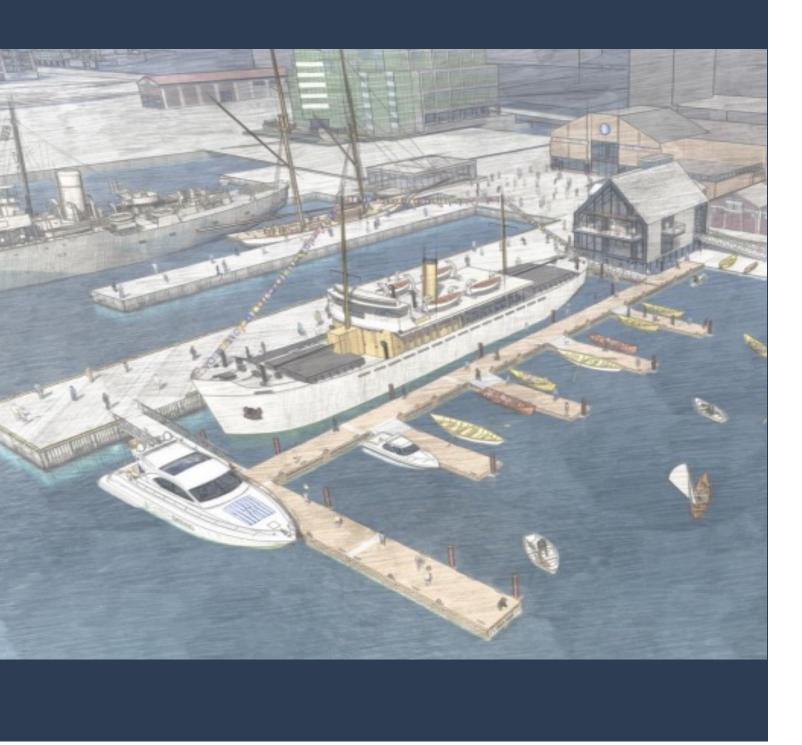


Successful programs

create demand! We can't meet the demand for our boatbuilding and on-the-water programs within our current facilities.

We need to build a Boat School.





For the past five years, our Building Boats, Changing Lives pilot programs reached between 50 and 90 youth each year.

Our new Boat School will expand this capacity ten-fold.

- The new Boat School building will include a boat construction gallery, a boat building workshop and a combination maker space and classroom.
- Classrooms, workshops, and maker spaces on board the recently restored CSS Acadia will also be folded into the Boat School's facilities.
- The small boat marina we're creating will enable a major expansion of the Boat School's On The Water program for youth.

When the Boat School is fully operational, it will serve at least 850 at risk kids every year.





The Boat School also will bring to our community: • A new tourism attraction on the Halifax Waterfront, and a key feature of the

Maritime Heritage District

- Space for short programs for casual visitors to the Waterfront
- Facilities for university partner programs
- Space for maker-programs for groups of women, seniors, and survivors of PTSD, for example
- A central home for a core staff of boat builders with capacity to conduct programs across the province.



With your help we can make this happen! Please

Donate Now!



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