

Jesse Mike, National Inuit Youth Council

Panel member for "Makkuktuuvunga, upimmavunga – I am young, and I am proud"

Jesse, 23, is a proud Inuk who was born in Frobisher Bay, NWT, now called Iqaluit, Nunavut. She has lived there for most of her life, having lived her first few years in Panniqtuuq where most of her family comes from.

Jesse attended the Nunavut Sivuniksavut program in Ottawa for one year and since then has been home in Iqaluit working in a job that she had dreamed of when she was younger – working on youth issues as a Policy Analyst for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. She is a coordinator of the Nunavut Stars Hockey Camp, which is run every year in Iqaluit entirely by volunteers. Jesse is currently the Acting President of the National Inuit Youth Council, and has been involved with the council for three years as the representative for the Qikiqtani Region.

Jesse enjoys working with others who work in the areas of “promoting life” and teaching people to do things in fun and positive ways. She has recently become the President of the Isaaksimagit Inuusirmmi-Embrace Life Council and hopes to try and encourage people to celebrate their lives and appreciate the gift of life itself.