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Celebrating the life of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT

An inspirational and committed champion of young people worldwide

It is with great sadness that The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award BC & Yukon division acknowledges the death of our Founder HRH The Duke of Edinburgh KG, KT.

Sixty-five years ago, His Royal Highness established The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the UK with the goal to support young people on their journey of self-development, regardless of their background, culture, physical ability, skills or interest. In 1963 The Duke of Edinburgh's Award made its way to Canada. Since then, it has, equipped and empowered over 500,000 young Canadians to build the skills, confidence, and resilience they need to support their communities and be ready for the world.

President of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award BC & Yukon division, Glenda Ouellette says:

'On behalf of the British Columbia & Yukon Division of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, we are saddened to hear of the passing of our Founder, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. He was an extraordinary individual who created a legacy through his passion for what young people have and can achieve, given the right support. In BC and Yukon we have thousands of participants actively focused on their personal development, inspired through the framework that HRH Prince Philip established. We will continue to honour his dedication and commitment to young people in setting their goals and celebrating their achievements.'

John May, Secretary General of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation says:

'The International Award family mourns the loss of our inspirational Founder. Prince Philip's belief in the infinite potential of young people, coupled with his championing of non-formal education and learning, positioned him as a leader and thinker of truly global stature.'

Through the personal leadership and involvement of Prince Philip, the Award that bears his name has transformed the lives of millions of young people since it started in 1956 and has impacted countless more in local communities. As young people face exceptional challenge and change in

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the wake of the current pandemic, this “do-it-yourself growing-up kit”, as he described it, is even more relevant today than ever.

His Royal Highness’s passion for, and commitment to, the work of the Award and the development of young people continued until the last. His determination, energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.’

From its founding, The Duke has been committed to ensuring the Award is accessible to young people of all backgrounds. Across Canada the Award has provided opportunities to at risk and marginalised young individuals, disability groups, indigenous peoples, and young offenders.

Every year, more than a million young people participate in the Award worldwide, supported by around 200,000 volunteers. Canada and the BC & Yukon division is a leading force in the Award. In an average year, over 4,000 youth in BC and Yukon work towards earning their Award and 750 Awards are achieved with 200 trained Award Leaders encouraging them along the way.

The International Award family encourages anyone who would like to share a message of condolence, or memories of the Award and what it means to them to visit: www.facebook.com/intaward.

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