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## Planet Youth kids share insight into their world; Catalogue of great photos the result of summer project; [Final Edition]

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### Abstract (Summary)

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### Full Text (452 words)

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Wolowic said she is doing this as a thesis project for school. Chad Stewart, the director said her thoughts are that pictures tell more than words.

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He said a lot of people were coming into the Friendship House wanting to buy prints since they were put on display on Third Avenue. They are hoping to make some sales to help their fundraising for a Youth Conference in Victoria in March.

"It's surprising that all the pictures were taken by the kids," said Stewart.

Wolowic handed out a few digital cameras to the kids, he said, she pretty much said show me around, take me to where you go and let me see how you see Prince Rupert.

He said she was here for most of the summer, hanging out with the kids and taking pictures. She left him eight disks full of photos along with the top 100 shots by the kids.

"She was interested in the culture of the kids and what a close- knit group they all are, there is a picture of 15 or 20 of them together and they are all really close friends," said Stewart.

"Her view of it all is that they are a small family, they look out for each other and know each other really well."

Stewart said she walked into Planet Youth and just looked at it from afar, she said it was the same kind of message that he has been trying to bring.

The kids involved were all known as Planet Youth kids, he said. There were only three of four cameras shared by the youth and Wolowic went with them a lot, and got to know the girls groups really well they even went kayaking together.

Stewart said that the assignment was pretty general, then they just went out and did their own thing without any rules, guidelines and little direction or instruction in photography.

The result of which is a self portrait of a group of youth frequently noticed in Prince Rupert public but rarely looked at.

### [Illustration]

Photo: YOUTHFUL LOOK: Some of the Planet Youth photos. (5 photos). ;

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