Northern Foundations Ecosystem

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Project Timeline

Background and Rationale
- Interest in landscape and ecosystem(s)
- Limited research on philanthropy in Northern communities in Canada
- Diverse definitions about the North
- Different models of philanthropy in the North?
- Commitment to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

Research Questions
1. What is the philanthropic ecosystem(s) in Northern communities?
2. Is there a representation of different types of philanthropic ecosystems and subsystems in Northern communities?
3. What structural barriers exist (if any) that affects the way philanthropy is conducted?
4. What is the significance of the role played by community foundations and Indigenous-focused philanthropy?
5. Any notable differences found between private foundations and public foundations operating in the “North”?
Relevance

- Correcting an apparent absence of research on philanthropy in northern communities in Canada
- Rural vs. North
- Mapping the philanthropic ecosystem in northern Canada
- SDGs commitment by Canadian government and the nonprofit sector.

Phase 1 - Literature Review

- Literature Review
  - Keywords
  - Databases
- Analysis of Archival Data

Phase 2: Quebec and Ontario

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- Definitions
  - Ecosystem
  - Northern
  - Remoteness
  - Rural

Health Regions
Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

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Conclusion

- Acknowledging no mapping
- Accessing reports from foundations?
- Database?
- Recognition of work
- SDGs commitment
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