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SCYP Profiles

An Interview with Terri Trembath

An interview with a past participant and staff person who still loves co-ops!

Name? Terri Trembath

Where do you live? Halifax, Nova Scotia

What do you do for work? I'm a Videojournalist for Global Television

What kinds of skills and knowledge do you use in the work that you do?

Interviewing, writing, editing, shooting video.

How were you involved in SCYP? I went through all 3 levels, I alumni-staffed a grad seminar, and alumni-staffed a pilot first nations seminar.

How did your involvement in SCYP influence you?

Oh where do I start on this one? It influenced my way of communicating and treating others, first and foremost. At my first year of "camp" I felt like one of the "cool" kids, and never would imagine myself actually sitting by, or god forbid talking to one of the "geeks". I'm sure I was no different from any other 14 year old girl there. I remember thinking how cool it was that, by the end of the week, those same people I wouldn't be caught dead talking to at the beginning of the week, were some of the funniest, most generous people I had met. And that attitude has remained, not to judge people - and it totally helps being a news reporter, you learn quickly that everyone has a story.

What influenced/led you to do the work that you are doing now? I did two years of radio journalism in Lethbridge, AB, then a year of T.V. production, and just sort of fell into a production job in Lloydminster. From there, just found an interest in cameras and editing, and from there, moved to Calgary for a bit then was given a chance to try my hand at the "on-camera thing" in Moncton N.B in 2004. I moved to Halifax to continue working as a videojournalist.

What do you find inspiring in your work? That I can make a difference sometimes. People who need the media to send a message like homelessness or racism - and to see how their situations get better. That's inspiring.

What else inspires you? My family. I know that if they didn't support me living on the other side of the country, it would be much harder to experience what I'm doing.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Right now? I would go to Hawaii.

Favourite summer activity? Surfing

Last book you read? A Complicated Kindness by Miriam Toews

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? Umm.. just that coming from a small town like Cabri, Saskatchewan - living in Halifax and working in the media is like night and day - and along with friends and family's influence, I know that the people at co-op camp (other participants and especially the staff) showed me some of the best ways to handle challenges and conflicts - and I'm very grateful for that! So go to camp! You won't regret it!

