

# What canadian rural teacher won a million dollars

The prize Global Teacher Prize in 2017 got Maggie McDonnell, who lives and works in the Inuit village called Salluit located deep in the Canadian Arctic. To get from there to other settlements only by air. This is one of the two most Northern Inuit settlements in Canada. Just lives here 1300 people.

The Inuit are an indigenous people of North America. Included in the more numerous ethnic group of Northern peoples — Eskimos. Global Teacher Prize: the teacher in a million

Every day Maggie McDonnell dressed like the North pole (this is not a common metaphor, to the real North pole there not so far) and *otpravitsya* to teach children and adolescents. However, the school day ends at 15:00. The life of a small Arctic community suggests that interaction with students does not end when school doors close.

Maggie McDonnell was the teacher of the year by the Global Teacher Prize due to the fact that it seeks to change the life of the settlement, not limited to the classroom. She decided to work in the Northern village to help the indigenous peoples who suffer from economic and social inequalities and psychological problems in a changing world.

In only one Salluit in 2015, there were 6 suicides. All the victims were young men. Teenagers in the background of isolation often turn to alcohol and drugs. In addition, on the background of the traditional way of life in Nunavik widespread gender issues: high levels of sexual violence, teenage pregnancy. Often girls are unable to study because of the abundance of household duties. Video of the Maggie in the village.

How difficult it is to live in Salluit, it is possible to tell long. Teaching method Maggie McDonnell is to help students to switch from problems to solutions. She has developed "the Program of life skills" includes three main points:

- Young people need to be motivated to study through involvement in diverse projects that will interest them — from cooking to mechanics.
- These talents and interests are used to solve practical problems of the community.
- Students receive praise [coding homework help](#) and recognition, their new skills are appreciated in the community, which originally refers to studies without special loyalty.

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Maggie with his disciples built the fitness center is very useful in the village, where the number of healthy options holidays limited. The students helped with everything from room design to Assembly equipment. As a result, the project benefited not only the pupils but the whole community. It helped in the treatment and prevention of such common among Inuit diseases like obesity and diabetes. In addition, sports help to relieve stress.

School in the snow.

Here is another example. Goods that *dostavlyaetsya* by air is always expensive. Students Maggie McDonnell opened the store of the day, collecting donations for the "mainland". So they managed to learn the skills of store management, entrepreneurship and handling money, while the community gained access to cheap used goods.

Maggie also created a separate "Program of life skills" especially for girls, who thanks to this have become interested in learning. In particular, within the women's program, the girls are preparing food for the villagers. So spread knowledge about the principles of healthy eating and how to make the food safe in the absence of sanitary control.

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Global Teacher Prize is an award in the amount of one million dollars that is awarded by Varkey GEMS Foundation in Dubai. The prize is awarded to the most outstanding teacher of the year, which, in the opinion of the jury, has advanced views, cares about his students and inspires the others.

The prize is awarded every year, the organizers are waiting for information about teachers that deserve recognition in the world — we already told you how to apply.