

BCCIC: ONE VILLAGE

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BC Council for International Cooperation:

The role of BCCIC is to support the work of member agencies, facilitate networking locally, nationally and internationally, share information and communication about global issues, organize professional development and skills training for members, coordinate and represent members to governments, other coalitions, groups and councils.

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International Development Week

February 3-9, 2008
www.cida.gc.ca/idw

Semaine du développement international

Du 3 au 9 février 2008
www.acdi.gc.ca/sdi

Dear All,

On behalf of BCCIC We wish you a Happy New Year for 2008.

We wanted to remind you of International Development Week activities during the week of February 3 to 9. This year's theme is 'For a Better World'. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) supports the event:

"IDW celebrates all aspects of international development and highlights the results achieved by Canada and Canadian organizations and individuals. The week will emphasize the importance of international development and will demonstrate that Canada's aid efforts are focused, effective, and accountable (CIDA website)."

BCCIC will highlight international development initiatives by our members in British Columbia. We will have a four-page insert in local newspapers distributed to more than 100,000 households in Vancouver, Victoria and Kelowna. We will also be holding specific events and will let you know the dates. So be on the look out for this special week!



International Development Week 2008

February 3 to 9

BCCIC News

World Federalist Meeting: *Millenium Development Goals*

The BC Council for International Cooperation and the World Federalists - Vancouver Branch invite you to an evening talk and discussion on the Millennium Development Goals with Rehana Meghani. Come join us for a talk on the UN MDG's and learn how you can help in the international commitment to achieve these goals by 2015.

Rehana Meghani of UNICEF will speak on the targets for health, education, environment, and economic development that 189 United Nations member states in the year 2000 agreed to achieve by 2015.

Followed by discussion and refreshments.

TIME: Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Hewett Centre, Unitarian Church, 949 W.49th Ave. at Oak St., Vancouver.
All welcome. Free Parking. No charge.

MORE INFORMATION:

Or to add your name to the meeting reminder e-mail list,
contact Larry Kazdan at (604) 874-9982,
or e-mail: lkazdan@shaw.ca.

The World Federalist Movement Canada - Vancouver Branch meets at this location the third Thursday of every month. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

World Federalists support the development of a global community based on the rule of law and democratically accountable international institutions.

World Federalist Movement Canada - Vancouver Branch

e-mail wfcvb@vcn.bc.ca

URL: <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/wfcvb>

Events

LAWYERS RIGHTS WATCH CANADA *International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Lectures Spring 2008*

Come learn about the critical role of international human rights and humanitarian law to global peace and human dignity.

This four-lecture series will provide information about the development, purpose and substance of international human rights and humanitarian law and its application to current humanitarian and human rights crises. Each lecture will offer a unique opportunity to engage with a distinguished expert on the law and its application to specific issues of global concern.

"There is no greater responsibility of citizens in a democracy than to self-govern. This includes becoming informed on critical issues and engaged in demanding of governments that they act honorably. Human rights, at home and abroad, should be at the top of all of our policy lists, and this important series of public discussions is a call to action."

-Stephen Owen, Vice-President, External & Community Relations, UBC

All lectures are **free**

To subscribe to Realtime teleconferencing, webcast, podcast contact lwrc@portal.ca
Robson Square Theatre, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver
Registration is recommended to ensure seating

Contact Lawyers Rights Watch Canada:

604-822-1444

<http://www.lwrc.org/>

lwrc@portal.ca

1. The Development of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law *Saturday January 26, 2008*

The Honourable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé is an eminently distinguished Canadian jurist and an internationally respected lecturer on human rights.

Mme Claire L'Heureux-Dubé will trace the development of international human rights and humanitarian law from the early days of the League of Nations, to the formation of the United Nations and the historic signing of the UN Charter, to the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and on to the creation of the major human rights instruments and their incorporation into domestic legal systems around the world. She will relate the vision and legacy of those who strove through these law reforms, to create a better world based on peace and justice.

2. Bush's War on the Rule of Law

Saturday February 23, 2008

Marjorie Cohn lectures throughout the world and provides legal and political commentary on human rights and U.S. foreign policy.

Since 11 September 2001, the Bush administration has used the "war on terror" as an excuse for the illegal invasion other countries, torture, illegal spying on Americans, summary executions and willful killing, the Guantánamo Gulag and refusal to execute the law. Professor Cohn will analyze the six major ways the Bush gang has violated U.S. and international law. Professor Cohn will also discuss political responses and explain legal remedies.



amnesty international

2008 Youth Darfur Conference

March 2nd 2008, Vancouver, BC

Overview:

The 2008 Youth Darfur Conference is a unique event that is taking place in Vancouver, Canada in 2008. The conference will allow students of all backgrounds, disciplines and ages to engage in academic, professional and action-oriented discussion about the situation in Darfur. This will be the first time youth have been invited to participate in a conference on Darfur.

The format of the conference is based on the traditional model UN-style structure, but has been customized in two ways. First, participants will represent only nations, multilateral organizations, non-governmental organizations and directly afflicted parties relating to the conflict at the conference. Through this modification, we hope to have truly stimulating and positive discussion on the issues. And second, the day will be split so that 3/4 of the conference will be used to debate two pre-assigned questions among participants, while the remaining 1/4 of the event will be an interactive discussion with experts on Darfur who will give an academic perspective to the same issues discussed earlier.

What:

One day youth conference on the conflict in Darfur, Sudan.

Why:

To bring together youth and provide them with an outlet to discuss a crucial international and humanitarian issue. It is hoped that if the conference is successful, youth will not only gain a fuller knowledge on the crisis in Darfur, but also become motivated to engage in their own individual action on the matter.

Where:

Location will be in Vancouver, however it is not finalized at this time.

When:

Sunday March 2nd, 2008: 9am - 5pm.

Who:

- 100 Participants: High school (gr.11-12) and university students (undergraduate, graduate, etc) residing in Canada
- Organizers: Headed by Amnesty International Pacific Regional Office, but in conjunction with Canadian Students for Darfur, Oxfam Canada, UNICEF, Canadian Red Cross, UBC International Relations Student Association, etc
- Guest Speakers: Clement Abaas Apaak (Canadian Students for Darfur) and others to be announced soon

Registration begins January 7th, 2008. Please visit www.darfur2008.com for more information.

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**Peace and Reconciliation in Nigeria:
The Story of the Imam and the Pastor**
Monday, January 21, 2008

Here's a unique opportunity to start the New Year on a note of community peace building and reconciliation. Get a glimpse of how two "militant religious activists" were able to come together to make a change in Nigeria, a geographical area known for its "intractable conflict".

Peace and Reconciliation in Nigeria: The Story of the Imam and the Pastor, tells the remarkable story of Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Reverend James Wuye who moved from leading opposing armed militias to working together for peace and reconciliation between their respective communities in Nigeria.

The JIBC and Initiatives of Change are proud co-sponsors of this community event. A screening of the documentary *The Imam and the Pastor* will be followed by a presentation and dialogue with Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Reverend James Wuye, the documentary's key characters.

Time: 6:00pm to 9:30pm

Location: Justice Institute of BC, New Westminster Campus 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster

Rate: FREE - Light refreshments will be served.

Register: ccrci@jibc.ca or 604.528.5608 **Registration is REQUIRED - seating is limited**
[Click Here for more Information](#)



Canadian Red Cross



2 days

60 youth

9 engaging workshops

Unlimited great ideas, inspiration and impact!

February 2nd and 3rd 2008

During the *Humanity Strikes Back!* conference, **youth in grades 9 - 12** (14 - 18 years old) will delve into global issues faced by countries in crisis. Interactive **issues workshops** explore the topics and **action workshops** provide skill training and brainstorming around different ways to "strike back".

Issue based workshops cover:

- HIV and AIDS
- Children Affected by War and Small Arms
- Landmines and Cluster Bombs

Action based workshops cover:

- Active Global Citizenship: Individuals Choosing to Make a Difference
- Building a Culture of Peace: Starting With You
- Event 101: Planning for Success
- Working Effectively in Groups: Building Real Consensus

- Using the Media: Getting Your Voice Heard
- How to Run a Global Issues Club

Attend this 2 day youth conference and meet others who also want to make a difference! This is a great opportunity to make an impact by gaining valuable insights and ideas, practical tools and meaningful connections with other youth.

HSB is looking for a diverse group of participants with a passion to act! Whether you're already creating change or looking to start, HSB is for you!

Due to limited space we cannot accept everyone who applies. We will inform all applicants of the status of their application.

For more information, please contact (604)-709-6653 or

humanitystrikesback@redcross.ca

www.redcross.ca/lowermainland

Travelling Pan-African Film Festival (TPAFF)

A True Canadian Heritage Celebration through Dialogue & Art

African/Black History Month 2008 Celebration

Theme: Celebrating our Cultural Diversity, Embracing our Human Kinship (Diversity, kinship)

Dates:* February 2 to March 2, 2008

Locations: Burnaby, Victoria, Bowen Island, and possibly Kelowna

Information: <http://www.vpaff.org>

*Burnaby Black History Month 2008 Event: Co-presented by the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts *

6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby (near City Hall), February 2nd, 2008

Workshops

Volunteer Richmond Information Services

Winter 2008 WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

To register, call 604-279-7020, email info@volunteerrichmond.ca
or visit www.volunteerrichmond.ca

1) Conflict Resolution

Tuesday, January 29

Gain tools for managing conflict in volunteer environment by uncovering the benefits of tension and becoming comfortable with your own conflict management style. Practical exercises for power balancing and managing resistance will help you resolve conflicts between adults in the

workplace.

Led by Nellie Taylor, a corrections professional with expertise in change management and interpersonal practices.

Time: 6:30-9pm

Location: 345-7000 Minoru Blvd., Richmond

Cost: \$30* (\$24 for VRIS members) * Light refreshments provided.

Register by: Tuesday, January 22, 2008

2) Time Management: "Making it Happen"

Friday, February 1

In this workshop you will be challenged to take hard look at the internal and external forces that you are up against. You will leave with an action plan to help you get what you want and need out of your personal and professional life and recommit to taking control of your time

Tracy Scott has been a course designer for fifteen years with the private training company of Tracy Scott and Associates. She has written and delivered a variety of workshops for both public and private sector clients in British Columbia.

Date: Time: 1pm - 4pm

Location: M2004, Richmond City Hall (6911 No.3 Road)

Cost: \$55* (\$40* for VRIS members)* Light refreshments provided

Register by: Friday, January 25, 2008

Our Shared Future

An inspiring new course that asks:

How will we build a more just and sustainable world

Feeling frustrated about the state of the world?

Not sure what to do? Then take this course!

Week One: Introduction: Our Dreams for the Future

Week Two: Inspiring Stories from Around the World

Week Three: Zero Poverty in a Generation

Week Four: The Case for Public Services

Week Five: Combating Climate Change

Week Six: Deepening Democracy

Week Seven: Local Solutions to Global Problems

Week Eight: Overcoming Obstacles and Taking Action

Thursdays 7 to 9:30 PM

January 24 to March 13

1556 East 5th Avenue, just West of Commercial Drive

SPECIAL price for this first run of the course: \$95 (some subsidized spots available)

For more info or to register contact Jessie Smith at:

604.876.4402

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<http://oursharedfuture.wordpress.com/>

Opportunities



Oxfam Canada's art contest: Asking students about the value of education.

Oxfam Canada's regional office in Vancouver is planning an art contest for elementary students in order to promote awareness about the **2nd Millennium Development Goal**, which is to achieve universal primary education for all children by 2015.

Fact: 115 million children are not in school - 56% of them are girls and 94% of them live in developing countries.

To promote thought and discussion on the crucial importance that education has to the lives of all people, we are looking to **elementary school students** for insight on the question: **Why is going to school important for all girls and boys?** We would like students to respond to this question either through visual art or writing. They can use a number of expressive forms, including painting, drawing, prose writing, or poetry.

As part of the contest, Oxfam volunteers can visit participating classes and give students a presentation on the Millennium Development Goals and how the art contest fits into them. After this, teachers can work on the contest with their class. It can be connected to several of the BC Ministry of Education's Prescribed Learning Outcomes, including literacy, social studies, and social responsibility.

Teachers also have the option of participating in the contest without having Oxfam representatives visit their classroom. All teachers who participate in the contest will get a colorful poster courtesy of Oxfam.

Contest submissions are due on **March 25, 2008**. Students' entries will be assessed for both their creativity and their ability to address the contest's guiding question. A winner will be chosen from each class, and the winning

submissions will be posted on Oxfam Canada's and the BC Council for International Cooperation's websites. All students who participate in the contest will receive a certificate from Oxfam Canada.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact its project coordinator Victoria Brown at victoriabrown@shaw.ca

We would like to extend a big thank-you for your help to **Make Poverty History!**



Are you interested in attending a youth camp with Oxfam partner "Puntos de Encuentro" in Nicaragua?

Oxfam is sponsoring (paying all expenses) two youth to attend the "Puntos de Encuentro" Youth camp from Jan 21 - Feb. 2 in Nicaragua.

Youth, as we define youth, range in age from 18 - 30 years. The criteria to participate is the following:

1. participants must be able to speak Spanish fluently
2. Have a valid passport.
3. We are looking for one female and one male participant.
4. Demonstrated committed to Oxfam's work with youth.

If interested, please reply via email to miriamp@oxfam.ca



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Stewardship Coordinator

Terms of contract: 18-months, full-time
Start date: February 4, 2008
Application deadline: January 18, 2008
Location: Vancouver, BC

Evergreen is an innovative charity that builds the relationship between nature, culture and community in urban spaces. Since 1991, we have engaged people in creating and sustaining healthy, dynamic outdoor spaces across Canada - in schools, communities and homes.

Our regional office in Vancouver is seeking an energetic individual with a strong interest in community-based environmental restoration and a knack for event management to act as a Stewardship Coordinator in our Common Grounds program. Common Grounds is a national service that conserves natural and cultural landscapes, restores degraded environments, and protects open spaces for recreation, education and enjoyment in urban, suburban and urbanizing areas.

Reporting to our Manager of Stewardship and Restoration Services, you will support land stewardship in various sites across the GVRD.

For the full job details please visit: www.evergreen.ca/en/about/jobs.html#p
Letters of application, including cover letter and resume may be submitted to andrew@evergreen.ca.

No phone calls please. Only those applicants considered for the position will be contacted for an interview. Evergreen is an equal opportunity employer

Kenya Peace and Solidarity Committee

7 January 2008

Statement on the Crisis in Kenya

The Kenya Peace and Solidarity Committee (KPSC) calls for a peaceful resolution to the current crisis in Kenya. We stand in solidarity with the victims of the recent violence, and we appeal to all sides of the conflict to exercise calm and restraint, and to commit to resolving this crisis through dialogue in peace and good faith. We also encourage Kenyan political leaders to fulfill their democratic

responsibilities by calling outright for a stop to the violence.

We in Canada call upon all interested and affected parties to work for peace and dialogue to resolve the crisis, and to support whatever activities are underway globally to help achieve these goals. A just, inclusive, stable, and peaceful Kenya is in everyone's interest.

KPSC will hold a series of events in the coming weeks in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia to support the objectives described above. The first event will be a memorial to commemorate and recognize the victims of the recent violence. This will be held on Saturday 12 January. The next event will be a public forum on Saturday 19 January. More details on both events will follow shortly.

For more information contact Tara Cooper, Kenya Peace and Solidarity Committee at tlcooper333@gmail.com

Cool Feminist Postcard Art Project

Antigone Magazine is launching a Feminist Postcard art project and fundraiser, inspired by <http://www.postsecret.com/>. But instead of asking what your secrets are, we want to know what your Dreams for Women are.

What are your own dreams for yourself, your friends, your sisters, your daughters? Paint, draw, write, sketch or decoupage your dreams on a postcard and submit it

For more information and samples...check out our post about it!
<http://antigonemagazine.blogspot.com/2007/12/cool-feminist-art-project-dreams-for.html>
