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BCCIC Update

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International Development Week

International Development Week (IDW) 2010 will take place from Sunday, February 7, to Saturday, February 13. IDW highlights and illustrates the work of Canada's development community. IDW provides a great opportunity for Canadians to:

- increase the awareness of the role many Canadians play in international development;
- learn more about life in developing countries; and
- find out how they can become global citizens, actively involved in international development

If you have any events that you would like to include in the BCCIC's IDW calendar, please email info@bccic.ca.

CIDA Dialogue on Development in the Americas

On December 1st, CIDA hosted a roundtable discussion with BC partners on CIDA in the Americas. Development consultants, NGOs, university representatives and individuals from the private sector came together to learn about CIDA's program direction in Latin America and the Caribbean. Julian Murray led the discussion by outlining the current development policy context for the Americas and highlighting major development trends in the region.

Participants discussed their experience in the region and exchanged ideas on how CIDA can best contribute to equitable sustainable economic growth, securing the future of children and youth, and food security in the Americas.

BCCIC Holiday Hours

Happy Holidays from BCCIC! Our office will be **closed from December 23 to January 3rd**. We will return on January 4th to bring in an exciting new year. We wish you the best in the New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2010.



International Development Drinks Night - January 21



BCCIC is excited to announce our next International Development Drink's Night! Please join us on **January 21, 2009 at Ceili's Irish Pub and Restaurant**, 5-8 pm (670 Smithe Street, Vancouver) for a casual gathering of people and organizations interested in international development. This is an opportunity to chat, debate, socialize and connect with others who are passionate about working, volunteering and learning more about international development.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Nicole at info@bccic.ca.

Fair Trade Conference Call

On November 24th, BCCIC hosted a conference call surrounding Fair Trade in British Columbia. Nine BCCIC member organizations joined in on the call with Fair Trade Manitoba and Fair Trade Vancouver. The purpose of the call was to learn which BCCIC members are working in Fair Trade, discuss how BCCIC can better support our members who work in Fair Trade, learn about the successes and challenges of Manitoba's Fair Trade movement and develop ways to collaborate in British Columbia.



If you would like a copy of the minutes to this call, please contact Nicole at info@bccic.ca.

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Global Learning Symposiums in Kamloops and Prince George

On November 19th, BCCIC joined with the Kamloops Women's Resource Group Society and the Centre for International Social Work for the Global Learning Symposium at Thompson River University in Kamloops. Miriam Samuel, Head of the School of Social Work at Madras Christian College in Chennai, India spoke on the Millennium Development Goals from a gender lens. Miriam brought with her extensive knowledge of community mental health practice, gender development, expertise in the field of gender analysis and is very involved in the post-tsunami reconstruction efforts in Tamil Nadu.

The symposium also featured panel presentations from Duane Seibel with the School of Social Work and Human Service, Nicole Bachynsky - a TRU 4th year student doing an international practicum in Botswana, Alixandria Stupich - TRU student who travelled with Developing World Connections to Peru and Shams Alibhai with BCCIC.



Speakers and Organizers at Kamloop's Global Learning Symposium

The Prince George GLS took place at the University of Northern BC on Friday November 6th. The symposium was organized with the UNBC International Development Student Society for their Global Friday event. Godwin Ugah and Juliet Olory both spoke at the event. Students, faculty, members of the community and people interested in issues of resource extraction were present and some interesting links were made between resource extraction in Nigeria and mining issues and challenges in Prince George.

BCCIC is also excited to announce that a **video from our GLS in Courtenay**, "Striving for Equity in Nigeria" is now

available on YouTube for viewing.

Please visit

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmlsJag0CFQ

to watch excerpts from the day.



Restoring funding to Kairos

On November 30, KAIROS received notice from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) that their project proposal for 2009-2013 had been declined. They were not given an explanation for this decision, other than that our program did not fit CIDA priorities.

This decision terminates a 35-year history of cooperation between CIDA and KAIROS and its predecessor organizations, and compromises the work of human rights and ecological integrity in the developing world. This decision also negatively affects the ability of Canadians to develop skills and knowledge in the exercise of their global citizenship.

To learn more about what you can do to show your support, please visit the KAIROS webpage at kairoscanada.org/index.php?id=645.

News Flash

Betty Plewes Fund Award 2010.

The third \$15,000 award of the Betty Plewes Fund will be offered in the spring 2010. The Fund was created by CCIC's Board of Directors to honour the contribution made by Betty Plewes while President-CEO of CCIC. The purpose of the Fund is to award an African non-governmental organization engaged in research and policy development on issues of priority to women. Submit nominations by December 11, 2009 to the Selection Committee by mail and email.

2010 Alan Thomas Fellowship to Promote Civil Society and Voluntary Action

Awarded for the first time in 2008, this initiative is aimed at strengthening leadership for civil society and promoting greater understanding of the significance of voluntary action. The Fellowship will again be awarded in 2010 to a leader in the NGO/non-profit sector who would not normally have access to a sabbatical leave. Valued at a maximum amount of \$60,000 for up to one year, the award is intended to allow the recipient, at a transitional moment in his or her career, to make a significant contribution to the sector, through research and reflection, leading to possible publication, or dissemination in another medium. The award is designed to support individual leaders, but also to build a broader network of researchers and practitioners. Visit www.carold.ca for more details on the Fellowship and the 2009 recipients. The new deadline for applications is March 26, 2010, and the 2010 Fellow will be announced in late June 2010.



Member News & Events

FH Canada's Gift Guide

Wondering what to get people for the holidays? Check out FH Canada's annual Gift Guide that directly benefits their field projects. For someone with everything and someone with nothing. www.fhcanada.org/gifts.



Gender Equality - Who's Problem is it Anyway?

The Victoria International Development Education Association (VIDEA) is pleased to announce a new educational resource and interactive workshop titled *Gender Equality - Who's Problem is it Anyway?* The resource will engage students and teachers to think critically on the impact of gender equality on achieving the MDGs and human rights. A full-version of the educational resource will be available on-line for free download from the VIDEA website in Spring 2010. www.videa.ca, lpalmer@videa.ca



New Arrivals from Global Village Nanaimo's Store!

GVN announces the arrival of an order from South Africa. Many of the products are made from recycled and reclaimed materials – pop cans, old telephone wire, car parts all turned into beautiful art and functional pieces.



'We Can' launches their new website

The new site went live on November 25 and has great features including videos, resources, and an online community for Change Makers. Join the online community at the bottom right of the We Can homepage (www.wecanbc.ca) to register as a Change Maker.



The Justice Education Society's International Programs website has a new look!

Use the left column to navigate to discover current projects, events, the online newsletter, international resources, past projects, and our team. at www.JusticeEducation.ca/international



Café Ético, CoDev's social enterprise, has some fantastic options for holiday gifts!

Looking for the perfect gift for the holiday season? Café Etico has a variety of fair trade, organic gift packages, all festively wrapped with a fair trade holiday ornament. The packages are all available in whole bean or ground, and custom packages are available upon request. 604-708-8782, etico@etico.ca.



Poverty Revolution—FH Canada's Revolutionary Solution to the Poverty Crisis.

Beginning January 1st 2009, FH Canada is proud to announce the launch of a new and interactive online platform to engage Canadians in the development process called *Poverty Revolution*. FH Canada's new website will feature profiles of their current developing communities and allows Canadians to join one or more of these online communities for free. www.povertyrevolution.org



Oxfam Advocacy and Outreach Committee Goes Caroling

December 14th, 6:30pm

Robson Street

Come join Oxfam Vancouver's AOC for songs and fun as they go caroling along Robson to promote the Oxfam Unwrapped campaign. miriamp@oxfam.ca



The 9th Annual World Community Film Festival

January 29-31, 2010

Langara College

Join in on this unique opportunity for people in our community to come together to tackle global issues like international development, environmental concerns and human rights, with a focus on ways to build positive alternatives in today's world. www.codev.org/filmfest



CPAR's 2010 Study Tour

May 11-27th

Malawi

See for yourself development projects in action, learn about how health and development projects are implemented on the ground from local field staff and to meet directly with communities and project beneficiaries. While in Malawi the Study Tour will visit projects focused on CPAR's key areas of intervention. Cost \$5500. www.cpar.ca



Stories from the Field

Firefighters Without Borders Deploys Abroad

On January 21st, 2010 there will be 24 members of Firefighters Without Borders Canada deployed to El Salvador. This team comprised of 14 fire fighters from five Metro Vancouver fire departments, four recent graduates of the JIBC Fire Academy on an international scholarship and four local students filming a documentary who will spend 11 days training with the Cuerpo de Bomberos de El Salvador. The training will be delivered to fire service members from El Salvador, Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras.



This trip will deliver four pieces of fire apparatus (two fire engines, one ladder truck & one utility vehicle) in addition to over 100 sets of fire fighter personal protective equipment and two sets of the Jaws of Life. Appropriately enough, following Hurricane Ida, some of the training will focus on enhanced multi-agency emergency response and incident command. Other deployments in 2010 include Paraguay and Thailand in March.

The Quest for Environmental Justice

Dr. Yuri Melini is the director of the Center for Legal Action in Environment and Social Issues (CALAS) in Guatemala. He is a long-time defender of environmental justice and the rights of Indigenous people. In June, 2008, CALAS won a case in the Constitutional Court of Guatemala resulting in changes to the opencast mining law – changes that will better protect communities near the mines. Three months after the Supreme Court ruling, Dr. Melini survived an attempt on his life when he was shot seven times. On the same day of his shooting, 50 other environmental activists in Guatemala received threats. Dr. Melini was in Canada in October, 2009 for a speaking tour organized by the Social Justice Committee of Montreal.

An interview with Dr. Melini from *Au Courant* published by the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) is available online at www.ccic.ca/aucourant/aucourant_fall_nov_2009/aucourant_fall_2009_4_e.html.



Member Profile

Engineers Without Borders

Engineers Without Borders Canada (EWB) creates opportunities for rural Africans to access clean water, generate an income from small farms, and have improved access to services and infrastructure they need to improve their lives. EWB harness the problem-solving approach and creative pragmatism of the Canadian engineering sector to address the root causes of poverty in rural Africa. With 26 student and 7 regional Chapters across the country, EWB is a network of 36,000 enthusiastic members who share a common drive to promote human development.

At EWB Vancouver, the focus is to work with other international development organizations to build awareness of their cause and help coordinate and execute events. With a dedicated and talented network of volunteers, EWB has put on major annual events, such as the Bridging-the Gap Conference (March) and the Run-to-End Poverty (July). EWB is excited to partner with Fair Trade Vancouver on other local initiatives such as a Fair Trade Fair (May) and to be an integral part of the Make Poverty History Coalition alongside Oxfam and Amnesty International. Working in synergy with the BCCIC and its passionate member organizations, EWB looks forward to driving change in and from BC! For more information, please contact them at vancouver@ewb.ca.

www.ewb.ca



Community Update

Pull Focus Films' intensive workshop on Documentary Filmmaking

Pull Focus helps students develop story ideas for compelling, authentic, thought provoking documentary films. Students are taught to write, produce, film and edit, broadcast-quality, 10 minute mini docs to advance the media content of charity organizations. These mini docs are useful for fundraising purposes or community outreach work. Films may also be screened on the web, cable TV, private events and functions. Students will also develop a written blueprint for a long format documentary film.



www.pullfocusfilms.com



Google Grants for Non-Profits

Google Grants is a unique in-kind donation program awarding free AdWords advertising to selected charitable organisations. Google supports organisations sharing their philosophy of community service to help the world in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy and the arts. www.google.ca/intl/en/grants

Gifts with Justice & Dignity from Zapatista communities in Mexico

If you're looking for special gifts for yourself or loved ones, think of gifts that contribute towards social justice in our world and that are made with justice and dignity. Defendamos Nuestra Tierra Artesanias are made by Mayan indigenous women organized in the Zapatista social movement for justice, dignity, land and indigenous autonomy in the Southern state of Chiapas in Mexico. erikasdream@yahoo.ca, www.schoolsforchiapas.org

Walmart - Evergreen Green Grants Program

Green Grants, a Canadian community greening program sponsored by Walmart Canada and led by Evergreen will provide funds of up to \$10,000 to community groups working on naturalization projects focused on the restoration and stewardship of urban habitats. This grant also supports community gardening projects that involve native plants and food gardening. <http://evergreen.cmail4.com/t/y/l/ujtdky/kkkykkk/r>



2010 Riding to Break the Cycle (RTBTC) tours

Global Agents for Change invites you to become an Agent of Change by taking part in one of our 2010 tours. RTBTC provides a unique learning experience while generating critical discussion, funds and awareness for global poverty. www.globalafc.org/projects

Vantage Point and the IdeaEncore Network

Vantage Point is excited to let their friends know that you can now access their materials and resources more easily. Through IdeaEncore, not-for-profit organizations can share, sell, and buy all types of practical knowledge, planning materials, and management tools. <https://www.ideaencore.com>

Canada's Impact on Human Security in Africa

Tuesdays, 6-9pm, Jan - April 2010
Liu Institute, Room 121

This seminar examines the impacts of various of Canadian actors on human security throughout Africa and compares it with Canadian perceptions. Students will apply their knowledge and work in small groups to plan a strategy to address Canadian involvement in Africa. contact@acacdrcongo.org

Storytelling and Oral History Workshop for Seniors

5 workshops between Jan 15-23
411 Seniors Centre Society

Seniors! Here is your chance to attend an interactive and fun workshop on the art of storytelling and record your oral history. At this workshop you will learn how to articulate your life stories and record them, from which they will be uploaded to a CD for you to keep and share. This project aims to embrace diversity and multiculturalism in Canada through the sharing of oral histories.



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604.684.8171 ext.231

Being Good at Doing Good: Safeguarding Yourself and Your Charity in a Complex World

February 22 & 23, 2010
Toronto

Plan to join Capacity Builders in February for a groundbreaking conference that will explore good governance and accountability, financial controls, and how you can prevent your resources from being misused. www.capacitybuilders.ca/clip

KEY INTERNATIONAL DAYS

December

- 10** Human Rights Day
- 18** International Migrants Day
- 19** UN Day for South-South Co-operation
- 20** International Human Solidarity Day

January

- 27** International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust

Opportunities

Administrative Assistant Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) Ottawa

Under the supervision of the Communications and OD Coordinators, the Administrative Assistant (following CCIC policies and guidelines) is responsible for providing administrative and organizational support to the teams. The Administrative Assistant is a member of both teams and contributes to their overall functioning. recruitment@ccic.ca



Graphic Design Coordinator SAWA Global

The main objective is to advise on and design the branding elements for SAWA Global. www.sawaglobal.com, govolunteer.ca/cgi-bin/page.cgi?id=29&posting=14144



Pain and Un-Paid Internships Oxfam Canada

If you are looking for an opportunity to learn, apply your skills and make a difference, Oxfam invites you to join the team in one of their offices – in Vancouver, Saskatoon, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax or St. John's. Oxfam is currently recruiting volunteer and paid interns to join their team in a variety of placements – focused on campaigns and communications to programs and policy, starting in January 2010, for 3 months to 9 months. www.oxfam.ca/what-you-can-do



Oxfam International Youth Partnership (OIYP) Oxfam Canada

OIYP is a global network of young people working with their communities to create positive, equitable and sustainable change. Between 2010 and 2013, you will have opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding and to talk and exchange with other young people from around the world. You will be able to use these opportunities to support your work with your community. Your participation in OIYP will start in March 2010. If selected, you must be available to attend an event in November 2010 in New Delhi, India. www.oiyf.oxfam.org.

Project Manager Livelihoods and Market Development CHF Partners

Ethiopia

CHF (formerly Canadian Hunger Foundation) is inviting applications for the three-year post of Project Manager (PM), Livelihoods and Market Development, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The PM would be responsible for the field-level management and implementation of the CHF components of the consortium-based Food Security and Economic Growth (FSEG) project in the Region of Benishangul-Gumuz. www.chf-partners.ca/about-us/employment.shtml



Volunteer Canadian Museum for Human Rights Vancouver

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights will be an active partner in Centre Place Manitoba – Manitoba's pavilion at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver. Thousands of visitors will have a chance to learn about the museum through a series of interactive displays and exhibits. The museum is seeking volunteers to help manage the display booth during the Olympics, February 12 to 28, and the Paralympics, March 12-21. info@humanrightsmuseum.ca.

CANADIAN MUSEUM *for* HUMAN RIGHTS
MUSÉE CANADIEN *des DROITS de la PERSONNE*



Opportunities

Various Positions Canadian Crossroads International Toronto and Montreal

Last year, Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) marked its 50th anniversary as an international volunteer cooperation organization working to create a more equitable and sustainable world. Recently the board of directors approved a new vision, strategic plan and organizational structure focused on promoting equality for women and girls and the right to sustainable livelihoods for all. For positions to be filled, visit bbnc.cciorg.ca/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=408



Canadian Crossroads International
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International Community Development Volunteers Canadian Crossroads International Bolivia

Canadian Crossroads International is looking for committed Canadian citizens or permanent residents to work overseas with Bolivian partners in community economic development (CED) from February to July 2010. All positions require a minimum of high intermediate Spanish and specific job skills and requirements as posted on the CCI website - www.cciorg.ca.

Office Space for Rent Vancouver

119 West Pender Street – Downtown Vancouver close to stores, restaurants, post office, public transport, etc. The space is available to sublet or share with the current tenant - Canadian Crossroads International. The space includes 3 comfortable offices of varying sizes, a storage photocopier room and a large meeting room. The office has high speed internet, telephone system, use of copier and printer, A/C and heating and utilities. Available from February 1st, 2010. aranka@cciorg.ca, 877-967-1611, ext. 228.

Who We Are



BCCIC is a coalition of individuals and non-governmental organizations working to achieve sustainable human development. We support our members by providing networking opportunities, information sharing, training, and by representing their interests in dealing with government and other parties.

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- African Canadian Continuing Education Society, Vancouver
- Africa Community Technical Service, Comox
- Canadian Crossroads International, Vancouver
- Canadian Food for the Hungry, Abbotsford
- Canadian Harambee Education Society
- Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief
- Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, Vancouver
- Canadian Red Cross Society, Burnaby
- Capilano University: Global Stewardship Program, North Vancouver
- Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria
- Co-Development Canada, Vancouver
- CUSO- VSO, Langley
- Engineers Without Borders Canada
- Firefighters Without Borders BC Charitable Society
- Global Aid Network, Langley
- Global Smile Oral Health Association, Vancouver
- Global Village Nanaimo
- HOPE International Development Agency, New Westminster
- IN Network Canada, Kelowna
- Interamericana Community Self Development Society, Vancouver
- International Centre for Sustainable Cit-
- ies
- International Institute for Child Rights and Development, Victoria
- Justice Education Society of BC
- Lotus Outreach Society Canada
- Maria Helena Foundation, Vancouver
- Mennonite Central Committee, Abbotsford
- Operation Eyesight Universal, North Vancouver
- One Sky - Canadian Institute of Sustainable Living, Smithers
- Oxfam Canada, Vancouver
- Pacific Peoples' Partnership, Victoria
- Partners for Prosperity, Shawnigan Lake
- RESULTS Canada, Victoria
- Seva Canada Society, Vancouver
- Society for the Rehabilitation of the Horn of Africa, Vancouver
- Teachers Without Borders Canada
- The Kesho Trust, Saanich
- Trans Himalayan Aid Society, Vancouver
- Victoria International Development Education Association
- Willing Hearts International Society
- World Neighbours Canada Society, Oliver
- World Community Development Education Society
- YMCA of Greater Vancouver