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## BCCIC Update

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### Podcasting Workshop in Victoria, October 6

With the success of the first podcasting series in Vancouver, BCCIC has planned another podcasting workshop in Victoria for Tuesday October 6. Learn from Scott Paton, author of *Podcasting Unleashed*, and Umeeda Switlo from CUSO-VSO how podcasts are used by NGOs.



By the end of the day you will know:

1. The successes and challenges of podcasting
2. How to prepare and plan for a podcasting series
3. What tools and software you need for uploading and downloading your own podcast
4. How to embed a podcast into your website and track the size of your audience
5. How to recorded and uploaded your OWN podcast!!

For more information please contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca) or refer to the flyer at [bccic.ca/frontpage\\_news/PodcastInvitation.pdf](http://bccic.ca/frontpage_news/PodcastInvitation.pdf).

### International Development Drinks

Come out for a night of networking, sharing, storytelling and fun. After a successful International Development Drinks night in July, BCCIC is happy to announce that we will be having our second drinks night in October in partnership with Engineers Without Borders. More details will be sent closer to the date. For information, please contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca).



### CCIC's Living our Principles: Workshops on Ethical Practice in CSOs

BCCIC will be partnering with the Canadian Council for International Cooperation in offering two learning sessions on promoting ethical practices in organizations. These workshops will take place at the end of October in Vancouver.

The first learning session entitled "Leading the Way: Ethics and Governance", participants will become more accustomed to seeing decisions through an ethical lens; work through scenarios applying ethical principles; and learn how to make sound decisions when ethical values are in conflict.

The second session, "Focus on Ethics: Images in Fundraising" focuses on the ethical side of fundraising. During this session, participants will develop an understanding of the issues in the sector around ethical fundraising images; learn how to apply an ethical framework for addressing conflicts in values in moving toward innovative practice; and obtain resources to help promote ethical principles with peers and service providers.

Find more detailed descriptions at [www.ccic.ca/e/002/ethics\\_sessions\\_schedule.shtml](http://www.ccic.ca/e/002/ethics_sessions_schedule.shtml) and for more information, contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca).



## BCCIC Update

### My Call to Action

Be A HERO invites you to an exciting upcoming event in Kelowna, BC: *My Call to Action: an evening with Mia Farrow and Ray Zahab* on September 29, 7pm at Trinity Baptist Church. Actor and activist Mia Farrow's remarkable life journey has taken her from Hollywood to the world's deadliest war zones – throwing herself fearlessly into the fight against genocide in the Darfur and other atrocities against mankind. Ray Zahab, an extreme athlete and activist will recount his record-breaking ultramarathons across the Sahara desert and to the South Pole, and dare you to join him in improving global health and providing clean water. Tickets and program information is available at [www.mycalltoaction.ca](http://www.mycalltoaction.ca)



### STOP: Steps to Overcome Poverty

To mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, everyone is invited to a day-long public forum entitled **STOP: Steps To Overcome Poverty**, on Saturday, October 17 at Vancouver Community College, City Centre

campus. The day will feature guest speakers, panel discussions, and opportunities to learn and share strategies around ending local and global poverty.

Representatives and guests from a wide range of local and global organizations will be on hand to describe their programs and campaigns, and by the end of the day participants will be well equipped to take action.

Presented by the multi-agency Working Group to End Global Poverty. For more information on this conference, including an agenda and how to register, please e-mail Don Wright at [dwright@amnesty.ca](mailto:dwright@amnesty.ca).

### CIDA training session in Edmonton

Five organizations from British Columbia participated in a CIDA Voluntary Sector Capacity Development workshop in Edmonton, hosted by the Alberta Council of Global Cooperation (ACGC). The organizations came from Comox, Victoria and Vancouver. They included World Fisheries Trust, Maria Helena Foundation, World Community Development Education Society, Lingana Foundation, Sawa Global and BCCIC. During the 3-day workshop at the University of Alberta, participants covered the ins and outs of applying for funding through the Voluntary Sector Fund (VSF) and Voluntary Sector Project (VSP).

Bethany Scott, a Global Studies student at Vancouver Island University and a board member of World Community Development Education Society, attended the workshop. She experienced the VSF/VSP training as valuable to the work of WCDES in supporting the social justice, fair trade and community development initiatives of the Courtenay-based non-profit. Topics covered included: guidelines for the Voluntary Sector Fund/Project application process, the importance of addressing gender equality and the environment, an introduction to Results Based Management, and how to prepare a budget.

ACGC hosted a reception where people from across the Western provinces were able to meet, network and share information about the work of the diverse organizations represented at the workshop.

This learning opportunity is one training session offered by CIDA through BCCIC. Other sessions include more in-depth training on Gender Equality and Results Based Management. Contact BCCIC for upcoming sessions.

## News Flash

### Rebecca Mellett is the new Director of CIDA's Pacific Regional Office

Prior to taking on the position of CIDA's Director of the Pacific Region, Rebecca was the CIDA Head of Aid and Development Counsellor in the Canadian Embassy in Lima Peru. She held an interim position as Head of Mission and Head of Aid in Honduras following her role as Regional Program Manager and Senior Analyst for CIDA's Central America Program. She joined CIDA's Policy Branch in 2001 and worked closely with Africa, Asia and Americas programs and the Canadian Partnership Branch to redefine "governance" policy. In the 1990s she worked in federal social and aboriginal policy research, strategic planning and intergovernmental affairs. Her graduate studies in development economics and the management of aid (LSE 2000) rounded out a focus on native studies (MA Carleton U. 1996) and undergraduate studies in linguistics and systems theory. Her academic research explored the cooperative mode of enterprise, and current interests include the relationships and processes required for sustainable socio-economic-environmental change. Rebecca gladly steps into her new western role with her prairie-born husband.



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## Member News & Events

### Global Citizens for Change Online Community

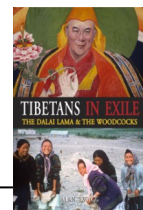
Act Globally, Connect Locally! New online community for volunteers overseas and in Canada

A new online community has been launched as a joint project of Canada's eight leading international volunteer cooperation agencies including Council for International Cooperation (CIC) members such as CUSO/VSO, WUSC, Canadian Crossroads International, and Canada World Youth . <http://www.citizens4change.org/en/index.php>

### Trans-Himalayan Aid Society (TRAS) Book Release: Tibetans in Exile: The Dalai Lama and the Woodcocks

by Alan Twigg

A new book about George and Ingeborg Woodcock, who founded the Tibetan Refugee Aid Society (now TRAS) in 1962. Among the first Westerners to meet with the Dalai Lama, the Woodcocks offered to campaign to provide humanitarian assistance. Available in person at the TRAS office, bookstores, or online at [www.ronsdalepress.com](http://www.ronsdalepress.com).



### MCC Festival

September 18, 19, 20

Various Venues

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> MCC Festival Auction and Relief Sale in Abbotsford and you're invited to join in the celebration! All money raised will help feed the hungry. [mcc.org/bc](http://mcc.org/bc)



### AIMS for Africa

September 26, 7:30pm

University Centre Farquhar Auditorium, University of Victoria

Neil Turok, an internationally recognized theoretical physicist and the founder of AIMS, will be speaking on the future of African self-sufficiency. RSVP by Sept. 21, [khollefr@uvic.ca](mailto:khollefr@uvic.ca)/250.472.4210

### Promoting Literacy in Pakistan: Each One Teach One Workshop

September 26, 1:30pm

Surrey Public Library

A free workshop with Dr. Muhammad Iqbal and Tahir Din of The Maria-Helena Foundation. The workshop will describe the challenges facing Pakistan, and how the individual Diaspora Pakistanis can engage with Pakistani civil society organizations to promote literacy. [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca)

THE MARIA-HELENA FOUNDATION

### CoDev's Annual General Meeting

September 30, 7pm

VESTA Offices, 2195 Commercial Drive

You are invited to attend CoDev's AGM with special guest Berenice Celeyta, CoDev welcomes all supporters and members to come and hear about the current situation in Colombia and why our support and solidarity is more important than ever. [www.codev.org](http://www.codev.org)



### Seva's Eye Opener Benefit Party

October 8

Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street

Come celebrate to raise funds for eye care for women and girls. Special guest Dr. Paul Courtright, world expert on the issue of gender inequity and blindness and Seva's partner in Africa. There will be savory and sweet treats, a silent auction, cash bar. 604-713-6622/[admin@seva.ca](mailto:admin@seva.ca)



### Sustainer's Circle Breakfast

November 4th 9am

Vancouver Club

The breakfast is one of ACCES' two major fund-raising events of the year. Held at the prestigious Vancouver Club, this is a "not to be missed" event. 604-538-7267/ [info@accesskenya.org](mailto:info@accesskenya.org)



### Canadian Red Cross - Global Issues Symposium for Youth

November 11-14

Camp Howdy, Port Moody

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people (grades 10-12) living in BC to experience the realities of current issues faced by people around the world, and to connect with other youth who want to make a difference.

[www.redcross.ca/lowermainland](http://www.redcross.ca/lowermainland)



Canadian Red Cross

## Stories from the Field

### Operation Eyesight's Trachoma Control Project Fights Debilitating Eye Disease in Kenya

Trachoma is a contagious eye disease that is especially prevalent in the Narok District in Kenya, where it affects one in three people — many of them children. When trachoma infects people's eyes, their eyelids gradually turn under and their eyelashes scrape painfully against the cornea. Left untreated, trachoma will eventually lead to blindness.

Mothers are affected at three times the rate of fathers because of the intimate contact they have with their children's hands, clothes and the discharge from their eyes. When trachoma strikes a family, it often ends the education of girls, who are pulled out of school to help those afflicted with the disease. Men who are blinded by trachoma often cannot work to provide for their families.

Treating trachoma has been difficult because the disease is readily transmitted by flies and is exacerbated by cultural and environmental factors, including limited access to clean water necessary for sanitation. Far too often, trachoma returns after treatment, creating an endless cycle of treatment and re-infection.

Operation Eyesight Universal believes that the most effective way to treat trachoma is to prevent it in the first place, and providing access to water is a crucial part of the strategy.



Water scarcity is a perennial problem in Narok, and has become worse over recent years because of recurring drought. Most people who live in arid and isolated places must walk long distances, often 5–15 kms, daily to scoop water from sandy river beds. This water is often contaminated and must be shared with livestock. People have little choice but to move themselves and their animal herds continuously to find water, leading to serious socio-economic upheaval and many health problems that affect the lives and livelihoods of people in the region.



The Trachoma Control Project Operation Eyesight has underway in Narok aims to eradicate trachoma through the SAFE strategy: an acronym that stands for Surgery, Antibiotics, Face-washing and Environmental infrastructure. To implement this World Health Organization-endorsed strategy, Operation Eyesight works closely with local partners, Kenyan government bodies, other NGOs and the communities themselves to create environments that will prevent trachoma. Ensuring a reliable supply of clean water is a key part of the work and has led to the drilling of many boreholes throughout the region.

For more information about the Trachoma Control Project, please contact Pamy Teja in Operation Eyesight's Vancouver office, 604-988-3484 or at [tejap@operationeyesight.com](mailto:tejap@operationeyesight.com).

## Member Profile

### Interamericana Community Self-Development Society, Vancouver BC

Interamericana is a Canadian charity founded in 2005. The charity's purpose is to improve the standard of living in poor communities in Latin America by giving local inhabitants access to vital tools and educational resources. In the spirit of local empowerment, Interamericana is working with local community leaders in El Chimbo, Honduras to improve the low levels of health, education, and living standards that have existed in the region for decades.

In June of 2006, Interamericana began constructing a vocational training center in El Chimbo. Dr. Antonio Urrello, one of the founders of the charity, is now an Emeritus Professor at UBC. Dr. Urrello has supervised various land development and building construction projects in El Chimbo, and he set aside a portion of his own land for the training center's permanent location.



Using donated computers, the center will focus on teaching employable skills that lead to greater self-sufficiency for villagers in keeping with their economic, cultural, and environmental needs. Some of the most important necessities in Honduran communities include clothing, shoe repair, traditional medicine, basic employment skills, self-sustaining agriculture, and environmental preservation. The center will offer free courses taught by local Hondurans to local villagers in these critical areas.

The beneficiaries of these training programs will be the doubly forgotten village inhabitants who receive almost no help from their own governments or any attention from national and foreign investment groups.

[www.interamericana.ca](http://www.interamericana.ca)

## Community Update

### Webinar Special for Nonprofit Organizations

DIOSA Communications is offering a number of webinars for NPOs on how to use a variety of social internet tools to their advantage.

[www.diosacommunications.com/services/webinars.htm](http://www.diosacommunications.com/services/webinars.htm)

### 96 Ways to Make Your Website More Donor, Member and Volunteer Friendly

This 48 page manual has ways to connect with more donors, members and volunteers through your website, proven strategies to help you achieve the most through your website, and examples of tried-and-tested website features from a variety of nonprofit organizations.



[www.canadianfundraiser.com/Bookroom/productDescription.asp?Book\\_ID=159](http://www.canadianfundraiser.com/Bookroom/productDescription.asp?Book_ID=159)

### The Go Abroad Fair September 12 - 13

Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre

The Go Abroad Fair showcases opportunities for Canadian youth to "take on the world" through study abroad, work and volunteer opportunities, cultural programs and overseas adventure travel. The fair is widely recognized by young Canadians pursuing opportunities abroad. It's the most comprehensive fair of its kind in Canada and admission is free. [www.goabroadfair.ca](http://www.goabroadfair.ca).

### Peace Day

#### 21 September

*On Peace Day, can you spare 1 minute for peace in Afghanistan?* Afghanistan Alive is promoting a call for people to show solidarity with the people of Afghanistan by committing themselves to one minute of silence on Peace Day, [www.afghansitalive.com/](http://www.afghansitalive.com/)

### How to Productively Use LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter for Marketing - with Integrity and Heart September 22

Online

Having a clear and effective action plan for how to use LinkedIn (45+ million members), Facebook (250+ million members), and Twitter (20+ million unique visitors monthly) can make the difference between getting a contract, client, connection or friend. You're invited to attend this complimentary training webinar. [georgekao.com/922](http://georgekao.com/922)

### The Organization Workshop: Partnerships for Higher Performance September 24, 8:45am-4pm

Newlands Golf and Country Club, Langley

The Organization Workshop (OW) is a group learning session in which participants experience universal conditions, traps and dilemmas of organizational life that threaten goal attainment. The workshop is based on a lifetime of observation and reflection by renowned author Barry Oshry. By learning first-hand about these traps, along with solid theory on avoiding them, participants emerge with concepts, methods and a common language to improve their interaction in any organization. <http://cnpm.ca/events.html>

### What you need to know and do to be prepared for your Annual Revenue Canada Report September 26, 1-4pm

3735 Capilano Road, The Capilano Suspension Bridge, North Vancouver  
Join Volunteer BC and be better prepared to meet your reporting obligations through best practices for agenda planning (Agenda Gems), managing key organizational records (The Shoe Box), financial management (Treasurer's Chest) and fundraising (Fundraiser's Receipt Book). 604-873-5877/  
[volbc@vcn.bc.ca](mailto:volbc@vcn.bc.ca)

### A Night for Tomorrow October 8, 6:30-10:30pm

Kirin Restaurant at 102 - 1166 Alberni St

Join Lotus Outreach Society Canada for their benefit dinner. The evening promises to be fun and entertaining with performances, silent and live auctions. Free parking is available in the underground parkade. For tickets, [mhan888@hotmail.com](mailto:mhan888@hotmail.com)

### The University of the Fraser Valley Global Development Institute Presents: Pete Ondeng 19 October, 6pm

Matsqui Centennial Auditorium, 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, Come spend an evening with Pete Ondeng, as he provides an overview of poverty and international development in Africa. Also enjoy a photo exhibit and brief presentations by UFV's international development interns. Dress for this event is formal or National dress. This event will also include a wine and cheese fundraiser. [GDI@ufv.ca](mailto:GDI@ufv.ca).

### KEY INTERNATIONAL DAYS

#### September

8	International Literacy Day
15	International Day of Democracy
16	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21	International Day of Peace

#### October

1	International Day for Older Persons
4 - 10	World Space Week

## Opportunities

### Board Member Opportunities – Global Village Nanaimo

GVN is looking for board members to develop a volunteer program and provide some leadership for a fair trade campaign in the community. We will need business people, educators and someone to take minutes. Here is an opportunity to join a social enterprise taking action at the grassroots, use or develop leadership skills and work with a board that is effective and informal. [kcrystler@gmail.com](mailto:kcrystler@gmail.com)



### Volunteer in Bolivia, Canadian Crossroads International

Call for volunteers to work with Bolivian partners working in community economic development from January 2010 to July 2010! All positions require a minimum of high intermediate Spanish and specific job skills requirements as posted on CCI's website. These are volunteer positions that receive a modest stipend and have all related travel and living expenses covered. [www.cciorg.ca](http://www.cciorg.ca)



### Social Change Fellowship

Social Change Fellows work at Engineers Without Borders national office and spend 2/3 of their time driving a particular innovation/idea/program, and 1/3 supporting existing work. Fellowships last between 3-6 months and can begin or end anytime. A fellowship is a great chance to work with passionate colleagues to help solve meaningful problems. EWB hopes to attract 8-10 fellows each year. [www.ewb.ca/en/whoweare/ourpeople/scf.html](http://www.ewb.ca/en/whoweare/ourpeople/scf.html)



## 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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- Africa Community Technical Service, Co-mox
- Canadian Crossroads International, Vancouver
- Canadian Food for the Hungry, Abbotsford
- Canadian Harambee Education Society
- 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
- Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby
- Co-Development Canada, Vancouver
- CUSO– VSO, Langely
- 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 Cities, Vancouver
- International Institute for Child Rights and Development, Victoria
- 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
- The Caia Connection, Victoria
- 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

We welcome your contributions of event notices, articles, and photos for our next Newsletter. Please e-mail your material to [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca).