



# Kawartha World Issues Centre

## Mandate

Kawartha World Issues Centre (KWIC) is a community based, non-profit, charitable global education and resource centre, serving the Peterborough and surrounding communities.

KWIC promotes dialogue and understanding of world issues to enable people to engage in positive social and environmental change.

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For information about KWIC and to access the Community Events Calendar for local event listings, visit [www.kwic.info](http://www.kwic.info).

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Celebrating 20 Years ~Annual Report 2009

## Chair's Message to the A.G.M.

by Sonya Hardman

Dear KWIC members and friends,

It has been a year of both celebration and reflection for many of us involved with the work of KWIC. These are exciting times, and KWIC has achieved an important milestone in celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There have been many discussions about how to best honour KWIC history and to celebrate the collective achievements of all those involved in shaping the organization over the years. From its early beginnings as a Learner Centre, KWIC has appealed to a broad spectrum of interests and sought to challenge our commonly held beliefs and assumptions about the way global development and "progress" should look. KWIC programs present important alternative perspectives on key issues that affect our world today – the environment, food security, poverty, equality, indigenous rights and justice (to name a few). It is hard to imagine who would promote such dialogue and inspire us to action if KWIC did not exist!

As I come to the end of my term on the KWIC Board, I feel privileged to have been a part of the endeavor. Three years ago I happened upon the KWIC AGM while visiting the Peterborough Library. A relative newcomer to the area, I was looking for a way to become more connected to my community. With a longstanding interest in global development and social justice issues, KWIC seemed a good fit with my personal worldview, so I wandered in and was greeted enthusiastically by a small-but-mighty woman at the door. For those who have met Julie Cosgrove, our KWIC Coordinator 'Extraordinaire', you will know what I am talking about! Her energy and enthusiasm is astounding, and many of the amazing opportunities for learning and dialogue would not happen without her thoughtful guidance and perseverance.

I have always been amazed by what KWIC accomplishes with so few resources. The scope of programs and initiatives is truly astounding, and over the years has provided countless opportunities for youth, students and the broader community to engage in meaningful discussion about issues that touch our lives in varied and significant ways. KWIC is like so many other non-profit organizations, which, through their important work, weave themselves into the fabric of a community and become so integral that one wonders how things ever functioned without them. There is much work still to be done. I would encourage each of you to become more involved, whether it be through volunteering, becoming a Board Member, joining a working group or making a charitable donation in support of KWIC programs. Many hands make light work – let our collective efforts carry KWIC through the next 20 years!

# KWIC Program Highlights

By Julie Cosgrove, Coordinator

In 1995, Professor David Morrison wrote "Global education is vital if Canadians are to understand a world that is plagued with problems, yet rich in diversity and human potential. Global education is vital if the youth of today are to play a constructive role in shaping a more prosperous, sustainable, and humane future." More than a decade later, David's words are still relevant, speaking to the importance of global education in our community.

From October 2008 to 2009, the intent of KWIC's global education program was three-fold: to make important connections between local and global issues with a focus on environmental justice, to provide youth and the broader community with the information, inspiration, support and tools to take local action, and as a volunteer-based organization, to continue developing a culture of caring, engaged, global citizenship and volunteerism in our local community. The success of last year's program is due to the collective energy of KWIC's amazing part-time student staff, numerous and passionate volunteers, the vision and dedication of the KWIC Board of Directors, community partnerships and collaborations, and ongoing support from organizations, businesses and individuals like you! Many thanks...

## Youth Engagement

KWIC benefited from 3 part-time paid student positions last year (280 hours). As the KWIC-TIP Community Liaison, Hanah McFarlane supported KWIC communications and led Global Education Week activities by collaborating with several community and Trent student groups. Jessica Galarza coordinated the Resource Centre activities, including the November World Issues Discussion Series. Yazmin Hernandez provided administrative support for KWIC and assisted staff with the implementation of numerous activities.

### Internships

**Education:** Amy Zetting completed an alternative placement with KWIC by researching and developing a resource binder and workshop for Grades 7 & 8 students on Changing Perspectives on Global Climate Change.

**Public Texts (Masters):** Nelly Chen completed her masters internship with KWIC in Public Texts which focused on how scientific information (namely environmental science) is presented to the public. As part of her research, Nelly developed two interactive workshops for high school students exploring climate change information.

### Working Groups

The KWIC Climate Change and Food Issues working groups continued to create and participate in educational events, such as the Earth Day 'Walkabout', Earth Hour and the Changing Face of Agriculture Community Conference.



**Global Youth Day**, KWIC's annual spring youth conference was held in April and brought together 85 local youth, ages 14 to 24. The youth working group met over 10 months to organize this one-day event, entitled *A World of Inspiration ~ Socially Conscious Inspiration*. Participants explored social and environmental justice issues in creative and informative workshops, such as revealing status through theatre, music with a social conscience, video activism and creative resistance to uranium mining from an Indigenous perspective.

**Nogojiwanong Watershed Ed Project** is a unique watershed education workshop created in collaboration with the Paddling Puppeteers and funding from RBC Blue Water Community Action Grants. Using puppeteering, song, dialogue and a beautiful working model of the Otonabee River, children and youth can explore the importance of our local watershed to human and environmental health. Over 250 children and youth have participated in Nogojiwanong. To book a workshop, contact Glen Caradus at [paddlingpuppeteers.com](http://paddlingpuppeteers.com).



## Community-Based Education

### **The KWIC November World Issues Discussion Series,**

"*Stories of the Land*" was a month-long, free education series which captured the interest of 140 students and community members. Local and international guest speakers spoke to the importance of land conservation, the human and environmental degradation caused by Canadian mining companies and resource extraction, especially in Indigenous communities, as well as the challenges faced by people living in occupied land in Palestine and Chiappas.

### **Global Education Week**

Food Fights ~ Protecting our Resource Rights! was the rallying cry of GEW 2009. Over 900 folks came out to participate in a week of film screenings, presentations and fun, led by KWIC in collaboration with community and student groups. Highlights included the Council of Canadians, Maude Barlow's "Bottle It" speaking tour stop, an Indigenous Feast, Chocolatada - an evening of chocolate and music and Peterborough's annual One World Dinner – The World's Largest Vegetarian Community Potluck!

### **Peterborough Black History Month Activities**

Despite flash freeze warnings, 125 community members came out for a live theatre presentation of Freedom Belles, written and produced by Beaux Dixon and Phil Oakly. The evening was organized by KWIC and Heritage Pavilion Stage as part of Peterborough's BHM celebrations.

### **Building Diverse & Engaged Communities for Social Change**

Regional Conference was organized in collaboration with Jamaica Self-Help, Horizons of Friendship and OCIC. Thirty participants gathered in Peterborough for this event.

### **Early Earth Day Walkabout**

Families and individuals visited participating downtown businesses to discover their 'green' products and practises during the 2nd 'walkabout' organized by the KWIC Climate Change Working Group.

### **The Columbian Peace Process and North American Fair Trade**

**Agreements** were the topics of discussion with Christian Peacemaker, Stewart Vriesinga, who was visiting Peterborough on a speaking tour from Columbia to raise awareness about the implications for Canada's participation in the trade proposal.

### **Convergence**

KWIC's monthly radio program hosted by Jo Hayward Haines and David Geraldo Frazer, explored a variety of local and global issues with special guests, drama, great music and fun. Tune in to 92.7 FM the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5 to 7pm. Live & Lively!

## Volunteer Program

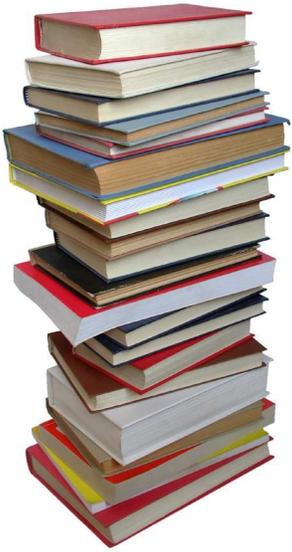
KWIC benefited from the talents, enthusiasm and time of 42 + volunteers this past year. From cataloguing resources to community organizing to providing leadership on the KWIC Board of Directors, volunteers of many ages donated over 2200 hours to support KWIC's mandate to promote dialogue on world issues and enable people to engage in environmental and social change. Volunteers and staff participated in anti-oppression workshops facilitated by Dr. Karleen Pendleton Jiminez. We were also happy to welcome 'Tracey and Brielle' from the Point .07 snowball tour during their volunteering tour stop-over in Peterborough.

## Shared Resources and Administrative Support

KWIC continued to provide administrative and bookkeeping support for the Women's Events Committee, ReFrame Peterborough International Film Festival and Sustainable Trent, and to host the KWIC Speaker's Bureau and the Community Events Calendar, which are free coordinating tools available to local groups and individuals.

## Thank you to our many Volunteers

Alisson MacDonald  
Amber Maynard  
Amy Zetting  
Ashliegh Swerdfeger  
Bess Legault  
Bruce McFarlane  
Christie Nash  
Courtney Ferren  
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If you'd like to volunteer to assist in the Resource Centre, please contact Marissa Kidd at [kwic@trentu.ca](mailto:kwic@trentu.ca).

**Seeds for Justice:** After a year-long hibernation, Seeds for Justice (SFJ) youth engagement program is back for Year Two. Started in 2007 by Lan Anh Thi Há, SFJ brought youth together to dialogue on global issues. Events such as the *Art and Activism Youth Jam*, *Identities Speak! Story Telling Workshop*, and *Art Beats and Rhythm* used visual and performing arts to explore social and environmental justice. Beginning in January, SFJ will be working in collaboration with The Bridge Youth Centre to host an event on the last Friday of every month. Continuing themes of popular education and anti-oppression, each workshop will aim to have participants learn from one another, to explore the local context of global issues in a safe space.

For more information or to get involved with Seeds for Justice, please email Riah O'Malley at [seedsforjustice@gmail.com](mailto:seedsforjustice@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** November World Issues Discussion Series presents *Water: From Source to Sink*, 7pm at Market Hall. Free.
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** Popular Education Workshop 101 with SEEDS for Justice 1 to 4pm at The Bridge (Please register with KWIC in advance).
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** Canada World Youth Farwell & Fundraising Dinner, 6:30pm at the Third Space, 400 Wolfe Street.
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** Human Rights Day – Visit [www.kwic.info](http://www.kwic.info) for local events.
- January 14<sup>th</sup>** KWIC Open House, 11 to 2pm at KWIC
- Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>** ReFrame International Film Festival  
Visit [www.reframefilmfestival.ca](http://www.reframefilmfestival.ca) for screenings, venues and times.
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>** The One World Dinner, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall, Doors Open 5:30pm. Tickets at the door.
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>** Community Movements Conference: Just Work? Vulnerabilities in the Global Work Force. Details to come.
- Feb. 25 to 28<sup>th</sup>** Peterborough Black History Month presents the International Dub Poet Festival. Details to come.



Thank you to everyone who participated in KWIC's **Bowl the World 2009** fundraising bowlathon, and to our sponsors:

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- Ruby's Roost Café

KWIC would like to thank the City of Peterborough, Trent University, Trent International Program, and Environmental Resource Studies ~ and the numerous local businesses, community members, groups and volunteers who generously offer us their continuing support.

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