



Kawartha World Issues Centre

Newsletter ~ October 2003

KWIC's Mandate:

KWIC is a community-based, non-profit, charitable global education and resource centre. We serve the Peterborough community and surrounding areas.

KWIC provides educational programmes and resource materials designed to promote understanding of global issues among individuals and groups within the Kawartha region.

Current Board of Directors:

Jim Abel
Stephen Bocking
Tracey Gainforth
Jean Garsonnin
Rick Lambert
C. Ralph McKim
Joan Smith

Code Word: Change

I've heard that "A change is as good as a rest" and "One of the only constants in life is change." KWIC has witnessed many changes during the last year. After the AGM in November, the Board welcomed Ralph McKim, Jean Garsonnin and Tracey Gainforth and bade farewell (at least for a time) to Cath Adele, Donna Greenley, Patricia Quinn and Connie Swinton. KWIC carried on as usual for several months: taking part in annual events such as the One World Dinner, staging topical programs such as the Iraq teach-in, promoting and participating in the events of other agencies. All NGOs continued to eye KWIC with envy because we were enjoying the dedication and creativity of program coordinator Adele Finney and Global Youth Connect's Cheri Wright (piKe).

Following the Board retreat in March 2003, KWIC was shaken by a couple of huge changes. First, Chair Kathy Wethy, whose generosity, intelligence and sensitivity have long been a shining presence for both KWIC and the wider community, left the Board because of illness. Sadly, this was not a brief leave as we had hoped. Shortly thereafter, Adele Finney resigned as Programme Coordinator to pursue a dream - she is studying to become a spiritual director. Both Kathy and Adele have our love and gratitude.

Julie Cosgrove, the new Program Coordinator, joined KWIC in August 2003. Julie brings to the position enthusiasm, a ready smile and varied experience, both national and international. Welcome!

As a continuation of our Planning Process, the Board held another retreat in September 2003. We made substantial progress towards creating a new, more accurate Mission Statement, and formulating objectives and strategies for the coming months.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Adele, piKe, Julie, our numerous volunteers, as well as our partners and friends in the community. With your support, KWIC has embraced these changes to survive a tumultuous year and will continue to play a dynamic role in the Kawarthas.

Jim Abel, Chair

Check out KWIC's community calendar at www.trentu.ca/kwic and click on the revolving globe. Submit your community events to kwic@trentu.ca

Message from the Program Coordinator:

Fall is the Harvest Season, traditionally a time of toil and gathering before winter hibernation. At KWIC, fall is our busiest time: gathering and training volunteers, reconnecting with our community after a summer lull, and preparing for annual events, such as Person's Day Breakfast, Roots of our Future and KWIC's AGM.

But hibernating for the winter, we're not! KWIC is in an electric state of reflection and change. You're invited to be a part of this process by completing the Survey/Membership card, and by attending our AGM on November 4th.

If the highlights of KWIC's last year are any indication, KWIC has an exciting year ahead, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.

Julie Cosgrove,
KWIC's Program Coordinator

KWIC 2002-2003 at a Glance – Highlights

- **Global Youth Connect! Program (2001-2004) See next page...**
- **The 12th Annual Person's Day Breakfast – Oct. 18th, 2002**
KWIC celebrated the 74th anniversary of the British Privy Court Decision declaring Canadian women as “persons”, by exploring women's personal journeys in activism.
- **ROOTS of our Future – Nov. 8th -10th, 2002.**
In partnership with Trent's INSTRUCT program, KWIC explored citizens' responses to pesticides and our environment.
- **Iraq Teach-In & Action Workshops – Nov. 22nd-23rd 2002**
KWIC provided a forum for community response to the U.S. led invasion of Iraq.
- **Life and Debt Benefit Screening/Workshop – Dec. 2002 and Feb. 2003**
This fundraiser featured Stephanie Black's film Life and Debt exploring the impact of international economic policies on the daily life of the Jamaican people.
- **KWIC Schools Program – Food Security and Human Rights Workshops**
All year, KWIC coordinated 15 workshops in 9 local high schools on these topics with the help of student coordinator Dan Morrison and Trent student volunteers.
- **One World Dinner - The World's Largest Vegetarian Potluck – Feb. 7th 2003**
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church overflowed with people and tasty meatless dishes.
- **A Flow of Learning: Water, Youth & Global Education Conference – Feb 2003**
KWIC brought together high school and community educators to create links between local and global water issues and the new Ontario curriculum through a variety of workshops and activities at Camp Kawartha.
- **The Freetong Players, A Sierra Leonean Theatre Dance Troupe – Mar. 2003**
- **The ISARC Social Audit on Poverty – Mar. 2003**
KWIC participated in community hearings on poverty in Peterborough to listen and give voice to the experiences of low-income people. This Social Audit was part of a series of community-based hearings organized in 14 communities across Ontario by the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC).

Come to the KWIC
Annual General
Meeting!

November 4th,
2003

Peterborough
Public Library
Auditorium

7pm – 9pm

Special Guest
Speaker:
Chris Cavanaugh,
from the Catalyst
Centre, Toronto

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"People are not poor because they want to be poor. They are working hard to break out of poverty. People living on low incomes want what most people want - a job that pays enough to provide for family, a safe place to live and enough money to feed themselves and their families. Most importantly, they want to be treated with dignity and respect."

*Key Messages -  
The Experience of  
the Poor, "Beyond  
Courage": A Social  
Audit*

*"Especially now when views are becoming more polarized, we must work to understand each other across political, religious and national boundaries." Dr. Jane Goodall*



What a year! Our achievements are truly amazing since we were first granted funding from the Trillium Foundation in January 2002. The Global Youth Connect! (GYC!) program, hosted by KWIC and Jamaica Self-Help, seeks to connect Peterborough youth with people and organizations working on social and environmental justice issues within the community.

GYC! highlights of the past year include the Youth Volunteer Fair in April 2003, where local organizations and global learning programs presented opportunities for volunteerism and social change. Over 1200 local high school students from almost all area schools attended this event.

In June we were awarded a \$3320 grant from the City of Peterborough through the Community Funding program.

Also in June, GYC! launched "Act Out" in partnership with Peterborough New Dance/Public Energy. The initial day of six workshops explored the use of performance as a creative response to the pressing social issues of our time. The welcoming nature of the workshops was described by one participant as "an open invitation to share ourselves and our energy." The Act Out youth group continued meeting throughout the summer, and hosted a workshop at the Peterborough Folk Festival. Their gigantic dragonfly puppet flew by the main performance stage, involving over 30 children, youth and adults in its creation. Watch for their upcoming involvement in community marches and gatherings. Thanks to Kim Allen, Peterborough New Dance, and the Crossing Borders Project for their support of Act Oct.

GYC! continues its close connection with Jamaican Self-Help and their overseas youth volunteers. This year, the two-week August Global Awareness Trip brought together youth from four different Peterborough schools, thanks to the outreach efforts of GYC! networking volunteers. The GYC! program is greatly enriched by the open hearts and minds of Jamaica Self-Help Awareness Trip participants. Read some of these young people's reflections at our new website at [www.globalyouthconnect.ca](http://www.globalyouthconnect.ca).

## *KWIC's youth program*



*Youth volunteer Morgan Vanek plays with children from Kingston, Jamaica.*



*Act Out participants animate a gigantic puppet monster.*



*Ambassadors from Crestwood Secondary greet buses at Youth Volunteer Fair.*



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In September, Global Youth Connect! offered a cross-cultural communication game to over 80 Trent international students at their introduction to Canada session at local Camp Kawartha. This game, called Bafá Bafá, is an effective and interesting medium for discussion of our often biased perceptions of other cultures. Bafá Bafá is available for sign-out by community groups, schools and individuals from KWIC's resource library.

As we move into our second year of school programs, the GYC! Advisory Committee and staff are pleased to announce exciting new plans. This year, GYC! is creating a *High School Action Network* to connect youth working in social and environmental action clubs in Peterborough high schools. We intend to continue offering skills workshops and information sharing opportunities, which will culminate in a Global Youth Day Celebration in the spring of 2004.

Thank you for your support,

Cheri Wright (piKe)  
Global Youth Connect! Coordinator

KWIC is searching for new Board Directors and we'd love to hear from you!

**Do you have...**

- **A particular passion for social justice?**
- **An interest in global issues?**
- **Time to share (approx. 4 to 6 hours/month)?**
- **An area of expertise or special portfolio you can bring to the KWIC Board?**

Email, post or drop off your résumé outlining your skills, unique perspective and/or experience. You can find the KWIC addresses below!

Please include a cover letter describing your particular area of interest and what motivates your desire to work with KWIC.

*Deadline: November 21, 2003*



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Thanks to our many KWIC staff and volunteers...

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