

December 8th, 2017

Youth Making Change.

Dear Friends,

For over 28 years, KWIC has created inclusive spaces for community members, including young people, to deepen their understanding of local and global issues while developing the tools and confidence for positive social and environmental change.



Seeds for Justice (SFJ) Youth Coordinator **Rachelia Giardino** is one of many local youth for whom KWIC has been a catalyst. Inspired at a youth-led conference during Grade 10, Rachelia is now, 10 years later, inspiring and motivating other youth to be active global citizens through her leadership role with KWIC. Rachelia mentors youth by convening welcoming and empowering spaces for knowledge-sharing from diverse perspectives, and creating opportunities for youth leadership using a collaborative, grassroots approach to address the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Rachelia was recognized as a **Global Changemaker Youth Ambassador** for her local community impact and ability to view worldwide change through the lens of small communities, at the Ontario Council for International Cooperation 2017 Global Citizens Forum: Mobilizing Leadership for Global Sustainable Development in Toronto, in February.



“I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of KWIC’s Global Youth Day during a foundational time in my teenage years. The event provided a space where my identity and values were welcome and affirmed, and gave me the experience of working in collaboration with peers and community members. Prior to KWIC, I had felt alone in my passion for equity and social justice, but Global Youth Day connected me to a whole community and made me realize that youth can affect change in a meaningful way. I love KWIC’s mandate and mission. It marries two

things I didn’t think I could bring together: youth engagement and social justice. Working with KWIC, I get to see the impact that both peer-to-peer education and an intergenerational organization have in creating transformational change.”

Seeds for Justice is one of four youth programs KWIC currently supports, in addition to **TRACKS** Youth Program, which weaves traditional Indigenous cultures and knowledge systems with western science through workshops and summer camps; **TEACH Outside the Box Certificate and Alternative Placement Program** for emerging and established classroom and community educators; and the recently launched **Youth Leadership in Sustainability (YLS)** program – an exciting experiential education and partnership program for Grades 11 and 12 students.



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Generous contributions from donors and volunteers like you support KWIC's capacity to incubate and mentor emerging community projects and programs such as these. This past year, KWIC supported 4 youth programs, 2 youth-led student groups, and 10 youth paid employment and/or placement positions, in addition to KWIC's community and youth-led programming - developed in collaboration with 84 partners and the support of 86 volunteers! Over 3000 local citizens reached out to become connected, informed, inspired and we hope, empowered to make positive change. We invite you to join us in 2018!

Wishing you much joy, hope and love this holiday season.

Sincerely, Julie Cosgrove,
KWIC executive director



Save the Date!

Anytime! Book **Global Education, Leadership & Skill Development Workshops** with the Seeds for Justice (SFJ) Facilitators Collective. Featured: **Stories of Water in Nogojiwanong**. Details and booking form: kwic.info/facilitators-collective

Jan 11th : **Connecting Through Cuisine – KWIC Mixer with Trent International**. Free. Appetizers. 4-6pm in the KWIC Global Education and Resource Centre. Everyone welcome.

Until Jan 15th : Registration is now open for Grades 11 & 12 students for the innovative **Youth Leadership in Sustainability Program (YLS)**! Details and registration: yls.green

January 16th : **KWIC Annual General Meeting and Appreciation Party** with special presentation, **Organizing Against Injustice on Colonized Land**. 6:30pm – 9pm in Hobbs Library, Sadleir House. Free. Cash Bar.

Jan 27th : **KWIC-ReFrame Saturday Night Feature** Event, **Art as Relationship**, in conjunction with the documentary film, **Shut Up and Say Something** (Canada, 2017; Melanie Wood), featuring internationally acclaimed spoken word artist and activist, Shane Koyczan. Entrance with a ReFrame Feature Film Ticket (\$15.00). 7:30pm at Showplace Peterborough. Tickets at GreenUP, Happenstance and reframefilmfestival.ca.

Jan 26th, 27th, 28th : **KWIC Fundraiser** at ReFrame Film Festival. Feed your mind with amazing film. Fuel your body with great food. Find us at **The Venue** for environmentally friendly Kyoto Coffee, hot chili and yummy baked goods all weekend. Proceeds support local global education programs.

March 8th : **International Women's Day 2018: Art as Resistance**. Join KWIC, KSAC and community partners for an evening of potluck, panel presentation and celebration! Free.

Spring 2018 - **Global Youth Day** is Back. Check the KWIC website for details.

For more information about KWIC programs, workshops and event updates, visit us at kwic.info.

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