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Where Charity and Social Justice Intersect



Syria: Looking Back. Moving Forward.

A collaborative KWIC, SAID and WUSC initiative, guest panelist explored the current refugee crisis from different perspectives, generating thoughtful questions and discussion with the audience.

The world focused on Syria as years of violence escalated into a humanitarian crisis; horrific acts of hate and violence were countered with outrage, courage and generosity. As our community acted quickly and generously with charitable support to welcome refugee families, we heard a responding cry of pain at this outpouring of support for strangers, from others in our community who struggle daily to feed themselves and their families. We were reminded that 42.5 m people are currently displaced world-wide due to violence and hunger, and that Kenya hosts the world's largest, permanent refugee camp. How can we respond?

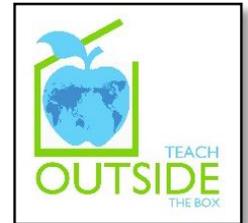
One way of reflecting on these issues is through a lens of charity versus social justice. As members of a global community, a charitable, outpouring of support to welcome Syrian refugees is our duty, our humanity. However, it is a short term solution to a bigger problem, which doesn't address why people are forced to flee their homelands, in the same way that food banks don't solve the tragedy of hunger in our own community. And so as we respond to each crisis, we are simultaneously challenged to critically assess how we participate or are complicit in systems of oppression, to actively challenge and dismantle the structures that benefit from an inequitable global distribution of power and resources – to get to the root of the problem. Charity *and* social justice. It's the only way we can create social change – to create a world in which everyone matters and all our needs are met.

Congratulations to SFJ Animator, Rachelia Giardino, who was nominated for **two awards** this fall: **The Everyday Political Citizen: IRL Forum** and for the OCIC **Global Youth Change Maker** award!



TEACH Outside the Box Social Justice Certificate Programme Enters 3rd Year

Launched as an innovative partner programme, **TEACH Outside the Box** engages future educators in critical theories of education from anti-oppression and global perspectives. Students develop a toolbox for integrating accessibility into learning spaces through a series of core workshops, a specialized education placement, opportunities for reflection and shared learning. For more info, visit teachpeterborough.ca.



Seeds for Justice News

Seeds for Justice launched a new youth & democracy project this fall with support from Laidlaw Foundation. A 'Youth Are Stakeholders' art installation captured local youth concerns, which were beautifully animated by P.A.C.E. at PCVS students in Micky Render's art class.



Eight new youth trained with the SFJ Facilitators Collective in popular education workshop design and facilitation to actively take workshops into local schools and community spaces.

Over sixty participants (representing 30 organizations) gathered for a Community Summit on Creating Inclusive & Welcoming Youth Spaces. The event was a youth-led and action-focussed response to SFJ research which found 1 in 4 local youth don't feel welcome in spaces. Thanks to Laidlaw Foundation, EC3 and CFGP for their support. For copies of the research, contact Rachelia: workshops@kwic.info.

Samantha volunteered at our resource table at the Purple Onion Festival & Climate Change Rally. To get involved, contact Selena at volunteer@kwic.info.



TRACKS Wins Innovative Education Award!



Developed in collaboration with the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), the ULIEA award was open to non-profit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that serve to motivate K-12 about science and research through E-STEM programming and education

about the environment. A partnership program of the Trent Indigenous Environmental Program, KWIC and surrounding First Nation communities, TRACKS workshops and summer camps explore the relationship between traditional knowledge and science using hands-on activities, teachings, and multiple perspectives. Visit www.trackscamp.ca.



New Resources at KWIC

Many thanks to **Jim Struthers**, **Davina Bhandar** and **Glen Caradus** for their generous donations to the centre. Browse our fabulous new resources, or just curl up on the comfy couch with cup of tea. The centre is open from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday. We're in the Environmental Sciences Centre, East Bank, Trent University, Rm B101 (ground floor). KWIC resources can also accessed online via the ALTi-Library at:

<http://library.sadleirhouse.ca/cgi-bin/koha/opac-main.pl>.



Season's Greetings

All of us at the Kawartha World Issues Centre wish you a joyful holiday season and all the best in the New Year.

Thank You

KWIC's Programmes rely on support from the community. This includes both individuals and the following organizations.



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How You Can Help

VOLUNTEERS are invaluable to our work. Give us a call or email volunteer@kwic.info. Your **DONATIONS** make a difference by providing unmarked funds that support youth staffing and programme growth. Complete the enclosed insert or visit our website to give through Canada Helps.

Mark Your Calendars for 2016!

Jan 19: KWIC Open House from 11am to 2pm.

Jan 21: KWIC AGM and Appreciation Party – Doors open at 6:30pm at Sadleir House, 751 George St North. More details to come!

Jan 27: An Evening with Sonia Faruqi, author of *Project Animal Farm*. 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Bagnani Hall, Traill College, Trent University. Hosted by **Trent Sustainable Agriculture and KWIC**.

Jan 30: KWIC World Issues Café at ReFrame with special guest, Caleb Behn, in conjunction with the Saturday night feature film, *Fractured Land*.

Mar 8: KWIC World Issues Café for International Women's Day. Details to come.

April 22-24 At Trent University (Trent Indigenous Environmental Studies): **Shatitsirótha/Boodiwewin ~ Igniting the Sacred Power of Creation: Essential Knowledges for Transformative Action**. This conference is the first of its kind in North America, and will be led by four powerful female leaders from Indigenous Nations around the world, bringing together Indigenous teachings and Traditional Knowledge with a specific focus on addressing complex environmental challenges. This is an all-ages, open community event. More details to come.



Caleb Behn is Eh-Cho Dene ("EHH CHO DE-NEH) and Dunne-Za (DUNN-NAY ZAA) lawyer from Treaty #8 territory in Northeastern BC, working for the West Moberly First Nations as Director of the Lands department. He is also the Executive Director of the Keepers Of The Water Society. Caleb currently divides his time between his territory and his ongoing public advocacy regarding unconventional energy development. He is also the subject of *Fractured Land*. See *Fractured Land* on January 30th with KWIC and ReFrame.

1 YEAR. 1 FAMILY. 1 WORLD.
A year long voyage around the world in search of enviro



Friday, November 13th
PCVS @ PACE (201 M

This local family will share their stories, a video of adventure, discovery and learn from their year long backpacking trip around the world. The family spent time exploring and documenting sustainability "best practices" within the field of transportation, renewable energy, security, ocean health and eco tourism.

Speakers: Sam Douglas, Yvonne Leicht, and their children Kala and Kala Douglas. Sam and Yvonne are public school teachers.

Schedule: 7:00 to 9:00 PM with short intermission and time for questions and answers.

Cost: Free. Donations accepted at the door to

KWIC in the Community: Don't Miss Us!

Integral to our ongoing work, KWIC is actively engaged in collective education and action on climate change and sustainability with community partners. If you missed this event don't worry – check the calendar for more! Be sure to avoid conflicts by checking the date on the **KWIC Community Calendar** at www.kwic.info. Also, from the KWIC website, you can sign up for our community e-news bulletins. We will never share your information. Tweet us at [@KWICnews](https://twitter.com/KWICnews) or look for us on Facebook!

