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Kawartha World Issues Centre

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.

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Celebrating 21 Years ~Annual Report 2010 Chair's Message to the A.G.M. by Nicole Gagliardi

Dear KWIC Members and Friends:

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since we celebrated KWIC's 20th anniversary, together. The past year has been a busy time for KWIC, discovering new potentials, and creating new partnerships and innovative community-based programs.

As an organization and KWIC community, we are eager to be moving into a new year with the launch of the KWIC World Issues Café, a flagship program that is shaping the future of the organization and drawing in new generations of members to carry the KWIC mandate forward.

One of KWIC's most unique and valuable contributions to the community continues to be its role in mentoring and engaging local and international youth. This work, evident in so many aspects of the organization's programming and structure, is crucially important to realizing our goals, in a context where the road to positive social and environmental change is one which requires long term, intergenerational learning and action.

That's why it is so exciting to be moving into a new program year, not only as a learning center for global education, but as a dynamic and respected community leader in youth engagement. And that is how we will grow into the next twenty years: knowing that in addition to building bridges between global issues and local actions, KWIC is also building connections between generations of engaged and active advocates, who together are creating a more just and sustainable world.

KWIC Program Highlights

By Julie Cosgrove, Coordinator

"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." Professor David Morrison, Peterborough ON, 1995

While looking into the KWIC archives a few months ago, I became a bit disconcerted: the key issues confronting humanity really haven't changed in the last 2 decades and the list runs like a familiar path: climate change, food security, the human and environmental cost of resource extraction and exploitation, water sovereignty, democracy and militarization ... Are we gaining ground or are we losing it? On any given day, I could be persuaded by either argument, and yet as the morning dawn brings the promise of new beginnings, I choose hope in the light of individual and community movements of awareness raising, passion and active commitment to change, and of which KWIC is a part.

One of KWIC's strengths - and challenges, is to be responsive to emerging issues, as well as their underlying themes of power and privilege, to form new collaborations and partnerships while sustaining a relevant annual program, to combine awareness opportunities with the rich conversations and learning that come from small group discussions and workshopping. This past year, KWIC successfully combined broader awareness raising activities with opportunities for deeper dialogue through direct programming and sponsorships. New collaborations with the Dub Poet Collective, Lillian Allen, the Kesho Trust and LifeSource, and a youth audit on participation created spaces for voices and perspectives often unheard or marginalized in our community and local schools. Workshops, such as Organizing for Change, Perspectives of Oppression (anti-o 101), Effective Facilitation Using Popular Education and Informa Theatre, brought numerous community individuals together for reflection, dialogue and training opportunities.

This breadth of KWIC organizing and support on global and local issues would not be possible without the collective energy of KWIC's amazing part-time student staff, fifty-seven 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 who make a difference.

Youth Engagement

KWIC's location at Trent University offers us a unique opportunity for youth-led initiatives and leadership: with TIP subsidy funding, Riah O'Malley led the SEEDS for Justice youth working group to develop and facilitate several dynamic social justice workshops in collaboration with other community agencies, such as Jamaica Self Help. Marissa Kidd coordinated the Resource Centre activities, including the November World Issues Discussion Series and the ongoing cataloguing of KWIC resource materials into the ALTI Library System. Summer student, Zankna Mody provided office and centre assistance, and represented KWIC on a diverse panel hosted by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. From September to June, 31 youth volunteers created opportunities for creative and critical dialogue on global issues.

SEEDS for Justice: SEEDS is a youth-led project created to inspire and engage other youth in methods of critical dialogue and education on the local impact of global social and environmental justice issues. Twenty-five youth volunteers contributed 600 volunteer hours, between September'09 and April'10. SEEDS facilitators led a community workshop on Effective Facilitation Using Popular Education, a total of five community-based and creative arts workshops designed to engage high school age youth in discussion on issues of social inequality, systems of oppression and environmental activism, and provided leadership for KWIC's annual youth conference.

Global Youth Day (GYD): The GYD youth working group met for 10 months to organize KWIC's annual spring youth conference which gathered 80 local youth, ages 14 to 24, for a one-day conference. Using a variety of arts-based approaches in small workshops, youth explored questions around social and environmental justice issues and how they can use creativity to inspire social action. The conference keynote speaker, Ben Powless, an internationally known Mohawk youth leader and environmental activist from Six Nations, shared from his experiences participating in G8 Summits and speaking internationally on climate change as a member of the Indigenous Advisory Group to the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

Nogojjwanong Watershed Ed. Project: Glen Caradus (Paddling Puppeteers) has engaged 1000 youth to date in watershed education using puppeteering, song, dialogue and a beautiful working model of the Otonabee River. To book a workshop, contact Glen Caradus at paddlingpuppeteers.com.

In-Schools Activities:

- Dub poet workshop: Lillian Allen captured the imagination of 100 youth in a participatory workshop at Prince of Wales Public School.
- Culture, Community and Development: 2 classroom visits and a youth potluck meeting with Emmanuel Oli Kilili, a visiting Masaai youth from Tanzania with the Kesho Trust.
- Audit on Youth Engagement (SEEDS): Four high school classes participated in surveys and discussions with youth researchers, Rachel Edge and J. Reid.

Community-Based Education

KWIC's broader community engagement program highlighted issues of climate change, the impact of natural resource extraction from a human rights perspective and analyzed neo colonial discourse in contemporary arts and activism. KWIC sponsorships supported a "Copenhagen Post-mortem" with David Martin organized by Trent University, an Asian History Month family presentation, and a community discussion with Abousfian Abdelrazik led by Peterborough Community Race Relations, a public talk on Indigenous resistance to the military coup in Honduras and local organizing with the Peterborough Women's Events committee to recognize Persons Day and International Women's Week.

KWIC November Discussion Series: From Source to Sink (3-part series):

Water Justice: a documentary film created by LifeSource and ensuing discussion made connections between water resources and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. **Water: From Source to Sink:** a presentation on the intricate journey of our drinking water and challenges faced by First Nations communities in Canada, and a community presentation of the Nogojiwanong: Watershed Ed. in conjunction with KWIC's 20th Anniversary celebrations.

Global Education Week: kicked-off the ReFrame Peterborough International Film Festival and concluded with 280+ participants at the annual One World Dinner.

•**Peterborough Black History Month: Peterborough International Dub Poetry Festival:** over 500 local and visiting participants took part in four days of performances, panel discussions, school performance/workshop, and multi-media community events for families and youth. A family event featured storytelling by J. Nicol, a book reading with Afua Cooper and a live performance of Beau Dixon's play, Other People's Heaven.

•**Human Rights Day:** connected climate change and human rights using the Arctic as a discussion point and in the context of the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit.

•**Ramirez vs Copper Mesa:** visiting Ecuadorian activists spoke about the activity of this Canadian mining company in their village pending a precedent-setting lawsuit.

•**Convergence:** KWIC's dynamic monthly radio program hosted by Jo Hayward Haines and David Geraldo Frazer, explored a variety of local and global issues with special guests, live drama, great music and profound analysis. **The show continues with Jo and J. this year on the last Thursday of each month, 1-2pm on 92.7 FM.**

Volunteer Program

The talents, enthusiasm and time of 57 volunteers shaped KWIC this past year. From cataloguing resources to community organizing, baking brownies or 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.

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. The KWIC Speaker's Bureau, free lending library of print materials and the Community Events Calender are free coordinating tools available to local groups and individuals.

Thank you to our many Volunteers

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If you'd like to volunteer to assist in the Resource Centre, please contact Christine Anderson at kwic@trentu.ca.



Café: an informal public discussion; usually live events which often focus on starting an open conversation on a particular topic.

Join us for the launch of the **KWIC World Issues Café**, January 29th with **Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish**, winner of the 2010 Mahatma Gandhi Peace Award and nominated for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dates to Note & Upcoming Events:

December 1st: World AIDS Day

Dec. 10th: Human Rights Day

Dec. 23rd: *Convergence* on Trent Radio, 1-2pm @ 92.7FM

Jan. 29th: KWIC World Issues Café: Making the Change on the Road to Peace and Dignity with Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, during ReFrame Film Festival. Presentation, book sales & signing of the best seller, "I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey" (Random House Canada, 2010)

Jan. 28th to 30th ReFrame Peterborough International Film Festival Visit www.reframefilmfestival.ca for screenings, venues and times.

Feb. 5th One World Community Dinner, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall, Doors Open @ 5:30pm. Music, Raffle, Dessert Auction & Dance

March 18th: International Women's Day

April 15th: Global Youth Day: KWIC spring youth conference

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- Zap Attack



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