

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Understanding the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Canada's Commitment and the Local Connections

The Mount Community Centre, 1545 Monaghan Rd, Peterborough, ON
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Feb 28th: Evening Reception



MC: Faith Mwesigye, Kawartha World Issues Centre

Faith is a recent graduate from Trent University with an M.A in Sustainability Studies. Faith has volunteered with KWIC since 2016, working on the Program and International Women's Day committees. She recently joined KWIC staff as the Office and Outreach Coordinator. Faith's academic research focused on Uganda, her home country, as a case study and the challenges and opportunities to meeting Sustainable Development Goal #15 (Biodiversity conservation). From that graduate research Faith is now working on a proposal focusing on the education system in Uganda and opportunities for decolonizing the schooling system and curriculums using the knowledge she has gained from living and working in Peterborough and the education experiences she has encountered here at KWIC and at Trent. In 2016 Faith represented KWIC at the OCIC AGM & Universality Matters Symposium and presented the award to Global Changemaker, Rachelia Giardino.



MC: Rob Monico, Fleming College, Office of Sustainability

Robert Monico currently works as a Sustainability Projects Coordinator for the Office of Sustainability at Fleming College. He has worked with a variety of non-profit groups and helps to support the building of partnerships, these include World Wildlife Fund – Canada, Peterborough Stewardship Council, Emerging Leaders for Biodiversity, Trouts Unlimited Canada and Trent University. Rob completed the joint diploma – degree Ecological Restoration program in 2016 from Fleming College and Trent University receiving an honor's Bachelor of Science degree. His passion for sustainability inspired him to complete a Post Graduate certificate in Project Management from Fleming College; and continues his

education as he undertakes a Masters of Sustainability Studies at Trent University. During his education Rob has volunteered with, and taken on many leadership roles, in a variety of non-profit organizations including the Society for Ecological Restoration, the Society for Ecological Restoration – Trent University Student Association, Otonabee College Cabinet, and Scouts Canada.

Robert continues to work in the field of sustainability as he has a passion for showcasing the importance of continued education and how people working together can make a difference for environmental change.

Live Music: Glen Caradus & Michael Ketemer

Michael Ketemer and Glen Caradus having being playing traditional music together for the last 15 years. They perform traditional celtic based music with a focus on the early settler songs of Ontario. They have both been involved in teaching outdoor education and history education at the Canadian Canoe Museum.

Michael plays guitar and Glen plays penny whistle, harmonica and Irish drum



Kristin Muskratt, Coordinator - TRACKS Oshkwazin Youth Program

Kristen Muskratt is the Coordinator of the Oshkwazin Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, which is funded through an OTF Youth Opportunities Fund grant and nestled under TRACKS Youth Program – a partnership program of Trent Indigenous Environmental Studies, Kawartha World Issues Centre and First People’s House of Learning. It weaves together Western and Indigenous sciences with traditional culture and knowledge. Kristen is working in partnership with First Nation communities as well as

local schools to create a supported network, skill development and leadership opportunities for Indigenous youth.

Previously, Kristen was a youth participant of Youth for Water funded through Green Communities Canada. When hired as the ‘Youth for Water’ Project Coordinator, Kristen mentored Indigenous youth to plan, fund and implement water projects, undertook community speaking engagements and organized a Youth Water Conference that included Indigenous Youth from all over Ontario. Following high school, Kristen worked with Curve Lake Band Council in administration before moving into broader community leadership roles. This Transformations Photojournalism project is a great opportunity to highlight Kristen’s work as an Indigenous youth leader and mentor in our region.



Shaelyn Menard Wabegijig, Program Coordinator - Plenty Canada

Shaelyn Wabegijig is Algonquin from Timiskaming First Nation. She recently graduated from Trent University in April 2018 from the Honors program in Indigenous Studies and Philosophy. She is currently employed as the Project Assistant for Plenty Canada's Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve Indigenous Mapping Project. Plenty Canada developed a working relationship with the Canadian Commission for United

Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) last year to explore how best to engage and include Indigenous peoples in the organization and activation of Biosphere Reserves in Canada. They are producing an Indigenous Cultural Map of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve, to return awareness of culturally significant sites to this UNESCO designated special land area. These sites will be displayed on a website they are creating that will animate the stories of these sites and Indigenous peoples living and performing there. Shaelyn helps coordinate the storytellers and artists with the photographer to capture people on these sites who have been connected to the protection and conservation of these natural sites.

She is also working with the Landscape of Nations 360 Degrees Indigenous Education Project to enhance how Indigenous histories, cultures, and contemporary issues are taught in Kindergarten to grade 12 classrooms in the Niagara region. Additionally, she is working to create a Canadian Chapter of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network. She is helping form this group to ensure that Indigenous youth are fully participating and an integral part of this Delegation. This will be a cross-country and cross-cultural youth-led coalition for interested members and member groups to participate in the interconnection of international biodiversity policy negotiation and "on the ground" efforts led by youth in Canada.

Shaelyn has been a volunteer with KWIC for a few years now, supporting the Seeds for Justice program, sitting on our Board of Governors as well as our Communications committee.

Councillor Kemi Akapo, City of Peterborough



An active community volunteer, Kemi has served on the Boards of numerous local organizations including KWIC and the YWCA Peterborough, Haliburton. She has been a participant in International Women's Day events and a recently co-lead a community consultation to gather perspectives from Indigenous women and women of colour about an annual Persons Day Breakfast event.

In her current role as Settlement Services Coordinator and her previous position as Employment Services Coordinator at the New Canadians Centre (NCC), she has connected with numerous employers and community organizations to support newcomers in Peterborough, her home for over a decade now. She is

Peterborough's newest City Councillor in the Town Ward,

Kimberly Gibbons, Executive Director



Kimberly Gibbons has been the Executive Director of the Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) since 2005. As a Council, OCIC's priorities are to strengthen members' capacity through knowledge exchange; to increase multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration; and to influence and inspire through transformative community and public engagement. Kimberly believes in supporting community-led development and an enabling environment for civil society organizations, and in mobilizing Canadians to achieve universal sustainable development. She is an active contributor to the Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation (ICN) and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC), and serves on the Humber College International Programs Advisory Committee, the CCIC Steering Committee to Address and Prevent Sexual Misconduct, and the Global Affairs Canada Civil Society Partnerships Policy Advisory Group. In her neighbourhood she loves to spend time growing food and fun at the Hopewell Community Garden.

Kimberly has worked in many formal and non-formal education settings with youth and adults of diverse backgrounds in Asia, Central America, Europe and Canada. She holds a Masters of Education in Adult Education and Transformative Learning from OISE, University of Toronto, and studied human rights at the graduate level at the Commonwealth Institute, University of London, England. Kimberly also has a Bachelor of Arts in International Development and Rural Extension Studies from the University of Guelph and completed her final undergraduate year of study at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, India.



Eugenia Ochoa, Public Engagement Coordinator - Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)

Eugenia is the Public Engagement Coordinator at the Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) since 2016. As a Council, OCIC's priorities are to strengthen members' capacity in being leaders of good development practices and adapting to change; to increase multi-stakeholder dialogue to better understand and leverage perspectives, expertise and resources; and to influence and inspire, amplifying the voice of Council members.

Eugenia is passionate about co-creating collaborative spaces to amplify grassroots and diverse voices in sustainable development. She has collaborated with partners from Thunder Bay to Tanzania, to gather and share positive stories of activism and transformative change through community-led development. Eugenia holds a

degree in International Development & Gender Studies from Trent University and is originally from El Salvador.



Marcelino Lopez, Sherry Telford, Anna & Sophia Entz-Telford – Chiapas Project

Marcelino is along-time volunteer with KWIC, assisting with events as well as speaking at lectures and events on social justice issues. He brings an important perspective from his motherland in Chiapas, Mexico that is not often heard in our community. Marcelino presently serves on the KWIC Board of Directors. Since 1993, Marcelino and his partner, Sherry Telford, have been actively

involved in Chiapas, Mexico and Zapatista autonomous communities. They support a small rural school for school-age children in an autonomous Zapatista community (Morelia), sharing resources and teaching during extended periods of time. They work with educational promoters to fill in program gaps, mathematics, for example.

Since 2003, Marcelino has been a key supporter of the Zapatistas movement in Chiapas and an annual inter-continental Zapatista conference that brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants and academics together from around the world to share and learn from each other. Marcelino and Sherry actively work locally to support costs associated with flights, community homestays for the participants, as well as logistics during the conference, which focus on different themes each year, such as 'Comparte and Conscientious', highlighting Indigenous and women's voices and issues.

In 2015, Marcelin and Sherry, following the release of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation report, started a small reconciliation group in their rural community of Fenlon Falls to understand the truth and action required of reconciliation. The group continues to meet.

Marcelino's volunteer work is transformational in a quiet, fully embodied way, reflecting one of the models of the Zapatista: 'a world in which many worlds fit'; offering possibilities without imposing answers and acknowledging that we all belong.



Al & Linda Slavin, Climate Activists

Al and Linda Slavin are life-long community activists and members of KWIC. Linda was the co-founder and first Coordinator of KWIC. Their community activism on social and environmental justice issues spans decades (paid and volunteer); and includes the Raging Grannies, Kawartha Ploughshares and presently focuses on the urgency of climate change education and action. This is through various initiatives such as Peterborough LEAP, For Our Grandchildren, Ptbo Climate Change Hub, Retrofitting,

newspaper articles, the municipal election, etc. All the while supporting the work of other community organizations and local municipal candidates who have a vision for sustainability. To document the impact they've made on our community and emerging activists over the years – and continue to make, requires nothing short of a full essay. This past spring Linda initiated a Reconciliation Community Event that brought together a few hundred children, youth and community members.



Charles A. Hopkins, UNESCO Chair in Reorienting Education towards Sustainability

Charles holds the UNESCO Chair in Reorienting Education towards Sustainability at York University, Canada where he coordinates two research networks focused on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

One network is comprised of teacher education institutions spanning 70 countries reorienting teacher education towards the UN Sustainable Developments Goals and the Global Education 2030 Agenda.

The second network, covering 40 countries focuses on embedding ESD to improve the education of Indigenous youth. Hopkins consults for institutions worldwide including governments, universities and school systems. He is advisor to the UNU's network of Regional Centres of Expertise, UNESCO-UNEVOC and Co-Director of the Asia-Pacific Institute on ESD, China.



Cam Douglas, Director - Youth Leadership in Sustainability

Cam Douglas is the life changing, high school teacher you hope your kids, nieces and nephews get to encounter at least once in their school experience. Cam is a visionary educator, parent and community activist as well as the founder and director of Youth Leadership in Sustainability (YLS) - an innovative experiential, one-semester program preparing grades 11 and 12 students for leadership roles in

sustainability initiatives at the local and global levels. The current pilot program is a partnership of Kawartha World Issues Centre, Kenner Collegiate High School, Trent University and Fleming College, supported by an Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant. Cam has a dedicated track record on animating social and environmental justice issues and he lives the talk: from his energy efficient home, as an active member of the GreenSpace Coalition that has (to date) successfully kept Jackson Park from being paved, to collaborating on the successful 2016 application that saw Peterborough area designated by the United Nations University as a Centre for Regional Expertise in sustainable education initiatives.



Ziy Von B, Community Activist, Spoken Word Artist

Ziy Von B is a local spoken word artist, parent and social justice activist who has long been connected to KWIC's work, recently acting as the trusted Interim KWIC Director. Ziy is deeply committed to the work of decolonization and relationship building; ze is well-connected and respected for their work in our community, which has included organizing against white supremacy ("Love Lives Here, End White Supremacy"), offering writing and performance workshops for marginalized youth, facilitating an intergenerational queer storytelling project, and leading organizations such as the New Canadians Centre and the ReFrame Film Festival.

Ziy is a co-founder of the Take-Out Poetry cart, which offers instant customized type-written poems for passers by; co-founder of the Beats for Justice series, which has raised thousands of dollars for migrant justice and Indigenous solidarity; and an organizer of the Peterborough Poetry Slam since its inception. Ziy has performed, competed and offered workshops across Turtle Island, has self-published two chapbooks, and been published in several magazines and anthologies. Ziy is currently supporting their children (Ages 8 and 5) to co-host a community radio show called Kidwise in which their children, ages 5 and 8, offer their insights on children's books and social justice issues. As an agender parent of a trans child, Ziy supports teachers and parents with resources and training on gender identity. Ziy is also a member of the Kawartha Truth and Reconciliation Support and Group and the Jewish Community Centre of Peterborough.