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## BCCIC Update

### Public Engagement: Resources and Evaluation Tools

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, BCCIC hosted the workshop “Public Engagement: Resources and Evaluation Tools”. The workshop was well attended and provided an opportunity for 20 participants from the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Comox and Kelowna, to come together and share best practices, case studies and evaluation tools for successful public engagement initiatives. It also allowed for discussion with Joe Knockaert, the CIDA Director for the Pacific Regional Office, about opportunities in Public Engagement funding.

The workshop hosted three presentations citing case studies from Amnesty International, Victoria International Development Education Association and Canadian Crossroads International. Led by Richard Delaney of Delaney and Associates Inc., the workshop also allowed individuals from outside of the international development field to provide their input on public participation. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the workshop and look forward to working with our members at future Public Engagement workshops.

### Inter-Council Meeting Victoria

The executive directors from the provincial and regional Councils for International Cooperation across Canada came together March 17 - 19. This group meets biannually and this time BCCIC hosted all seven women in Victoria! Lynette Shultz from the University of Alberta spent a day with us on planning how the councils may share our expertise and experience in public engagement. We learned about the history of each council, and are really excited to share our collective learning from across the country.

*Photo:* Karen Hamilton, ICN Coordinator, Heather McPherson, Executive Director, Alberta Council, Jennifer Sloom, Atlantic Council and Janice Hamilton, Manitoba Council.



### Advancing Equality between Women and Men

BCCIC in collaboration with CIDA and the Centre for Intercultural Learning will be offering a 2-day course, “Advancing Equality between Women and Men: Strengthening Project/Program Design and Operational Capacity for Canadian NGOs”. The course aims to enable those involved with Canadian NGOs to translate CIDA’s Policy on Gender Equality into appropriate measures and actions at all stages of the project/program life cycle. The workshop to be held April 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> is now full; eligible candidates, those NGOs that have received funding from Canadian Partnership Branch, may be able to attend a workshop in Alberta later this year. Please contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca).

### Volunteer Vancouver

BCCIC staff recently attended a “Volunteer Vancouver 101: Workshop for New Members.” The workshop provided a great opportunity to update BCCIC on their services and learn of their network and 600+ member organizations! We can access the workshops, special learning opportunities, and use the recruiting tools such as [www.govolunteer.com](http://www.govolunteer.com) and [www.boardmatch.org](http://www.boardmatch.org).

Members of BCCIC may participate in the workshops and receive a 15% discount. For the Spring Workshops and newsletter, [www.volunteervancouver.ca](http://www.volunteervancouver.ca).

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## BCCIC Update

### Kamloops "8 Goals" Theatre Project

"The Millennium Development Goals are owned by the people."

-Eveline Herfkens

Everyone is affected in some way by the challenges addressed in the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In Kamloops eight dedicated community members joined together to create the '8 Goals' theatre project.



Over two months the eight participants discovered friendship as they carried out research to gain knowledge and develop the theatre skills to explore and share the challenges that face our world. The '8 Goal' projects used forum theatre processes and interactive workshops to focus on stories of homelessness and the stereotypes and judgments that we all have, as well as the stories of Pakistani women fighting for their rights. The audience was left reflecting on the connection between the MDGs and real life stories here in Canada.

BCCIC is working with and funding this program in three communities in BC. '8 Goals' was performed at the Social Justice Conference to high school youth and at the Thompson Rivers University International Development Workshop on 'Making A Difference: The Role of Canadians in International Development'. The group already has bookings for April and October 2009! If you are interested in booking a performance and workshop please contact Amy Baskin: [amy-drama@telus.net](mailto:amy-drama@telus.net)

### BCCIC Staff Changes

#### *New Administrative Coordinator, Nicole Kindred*

We are very excited that Nicole Kindred has joined BCCIC. Nicole moved to British Columbia from Australia a year ago. Nicole brings lots of professional and volunteer experience with expertise in environmental consultancy and audit preparation. She also coordinates Oxfam's climate change campaign. Nicole holds a BA in International Relations from Boston University and a Master of International Development and Environmental Analysis from Monash University. Please join us in welcoming her.

#### *Goodbye to Calvin Comfort*

We are sorry to say goodbye to Calvin since he is moving to Victoria. Calvin joined us in December 2007 and has provided support to us during a difficult transition in staffing. He has learned the fundamentals in office administration in a short period of

time and with little training. Our move to the BC Electric Building is due to his diligence and perseverance in making sure we moved to a downtown location! We will miss him.

#### *Goodbye to Denise DeLeebeek*

BCCIC was able to secure funding for 26 weeks from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. This funding enabled us to recruit Denise to perform two specific tasks: the membership survey and a communication plan. She applied her skills very well toward both these tasks and is to be commended on her attention to detail, diligence and steadfastness in communicating with our members.

The aim of the Job Creation Program was for Denise to gain experience in her goal to transition and secure employment in our sector. Denise brings many valuable skills and considerable experience that would be a great asset to our members or other organizations in the not-for-profit sector. We wish her lots of success.

## News Flash

### Canadian NGOs Express Concerns to Prime Minister Regarding G-20

In a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Minister of International Cooperation, Bev Oda and all opposition leaders, the following organizations expressed concern over the agenda for the coming G-20 meeting in London: The Halifax Initiative Coalition, CCIC, AQOCI, Council of Canadians, Friends of the Earth Canada, Make Poverty History Canada, The North-South Institute, Oxfam Canada, The United Church of Canada and the World Federalist Movement - Canada

The signatories argue that Canada and the rest of the G-20 are addressing primarily the immediate fallout of the financial crisis, while paying scant attention to the impact of the crisis on poor countries. The Canadian organizations underline especially the goals of:



1. Ending global poverty and inequality
2. Ensuring decent jobs and public services for all
3. Using stimulus packages to build a Green Economy and tackle climate change
4. Democratizing the governance of the global economy.

Visit <http://canadiancouncilforinternationalco-operation.createsend5.com/t/r/1/tlgti/nkuitxd/j> to read the full text of the letter.

## Member News and Events

### Fundraiser Photo Exhibition

**Monday, April 6, 7:30pm**

Croatian Cultural Centre,  
3250 Commercial Dr.,  
Vancouver



Join photographer Wendell Phillips for an exclusive 90 minute presentation of stories and images from 60 countries. All proceeds to Canadian Crossroads International and Atira Women's Resource Society. Doors close at 7:20. Tickets: \$10 at door, [event@atira.bc.ca](mailto:event@atira.bc.ca).



### Seva Benefit

**Wednesday April 8, 7pm**

Chai Gallery, 3239 West  
Broadway

The second Wednesday of every month is Seva night at Chai! Join us for the second Seva benefit evening at the Chai Gallery, a Silk Route-inspired restaurant. \$35 cost includes \$10 donation to Seva's sight program. [www.seva.ca/newsandevents](http://www.seva.ca/newsandevents).

### RESULTS Vancouver Meeting

**Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-8:30pm**

Calhoun's Coffee Shop, 3035  
West Broadway



RESULTS Vancouver is a group of volunteers committed to creating the political will to end hunger and poverty in Canada and around the world. Join us to find out how you can make a difference towards ending global poverty. [vancouver.results@gmail.com](mailto:vancouver.results@gmail.com)



### Oxfam Vancouver's Walk for Climate Justice,

**Saturday, April 18, 10:30am**

Vancouver Art Gallery to Jericho Beach  
Park

Join Oxfam Vancouver on a walk from Vancouver Art Gallery to Jericho Beach Park in celebration of Earth Day to raise awareness on climate change, public services, the food crisis and the role of women. Rally 10:30 to begin

our walk carrying buckets of water. Arrive at Jericho Beach Park that afternoon with activities and information on how you can become involved. [miri-amp@oxfam.ca](mailto:miri-amp@oxfam.ca)



Canadian Red Cross

### Red Cross Facilitation Training

**April 25-26 or May 2-3, 9-5pm**

Canadian Red Cross, 3400 Lake City  
Way, Burnaby

This 2 day workshop will help participants build and develop knowledge, skills and confidence related to effective facilitation and experiential learning techniques. Day 1: Facilitation Skills; Day 2: Using our Heads in Hands on Training. \$30 or \$15 for past participants. [mmennie@redcross.ca](mailto:mmennie@redcross.ca) or 604-709-6653



### YMCA Power of Peace Awards

**Friday, May 1, 7:30 pm**

The Centre in Vancouver for  
Performing Arts, 777 Homer Street

Since 1987 the YMCA has awarded YMCA Peace Medals to individuals and groups who promote peace through cross-cultural understanding, diversity, equality, human rights, social justice and the prevention of violence and war. Keynote Speaker: Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire.

[www.YMCApowerofpeace.org](http://www.YMCApowerofpeace.org), 604-280-4444.

### Seva Donor Event and Show

**Wednesday, May 6: Victoria**  
Doors 7pm; Ambrosia Conference & Event Centre, 638  
Fisgard St.

**Thursday, May 7: Nanaimo**

Doors 7pm; Malaspina Theatre, Building 310, Vancouver Island University

**Friday, May 8: Gabriola Island**

Doors 7pm; Agricultural Hall, 465  
South Road

Seva Canada would like to invite you to a special screening with board member Susan Erdmann *Tibet Saving: Sight*

*on the Roof of the World* with speakers, door prizes, refreshments. Bring your friends! Free. [www.seva.ca/newsandevents](http://www.seva.ca/newsandevents).



### CoDev Fundraising Dinner

**Saturday, June 6th**

Maritime Labour Centre,  
1880 Triumph St., Victoria

CoDev's annual dinner has sold out in recent years. No surprise considering the great food, good friends and fantastic entertainment! Indulge in the famous dessert auction and bid in the huge silent auction. All proceeds support CoDev's work in building Canadian - Latin American solidarity. [codev@codev.org](mailto:codev@codev.org) or 604.708.1495.

Tickets \$50 (\$25 low waged) available at the CoDev office.

### YMCA Youth Peace Network: Homestay Opportunity, June 12-14



Provide a Canadian experience and a chance for youth to adjust to Vancouver. Provide room and board for 1-2 youth between the ages of 19 and 30. The YMCA provides up and coming leaders from all around the world with an opportunity to spend the summer in Vancouver and learn and develop new skills as well as build a better world for tomorrow. [karena.dachsel@vanymca.org](mailto:karena.dachsel@vanymca.org) or 604 685 8066



### CPAR's 2009 Study Tour, August 8-24, Malawi

Join CPAR's annual Study  
Tour for 2009 in Malawi.

Visit projects focused on CPAR's key areas. [chwadhwani@cpar.ca](mailto:chwadhwani@cpar.ca), 1-800-263-2727 X30

## Stories from the Field

### Firefighters Without Borders British Columbia

Firefighters Without Borders British Columbia (FWB BC) is a registered non-profit society operating from within British Columbia to provide support to emergency service organizations in countries with a demonstrated need. Our goal is to provide a “helping hand up” to these organizations so that they can provide a higher level of emergency services to their communities.



*Firefighters Without Borders with BC flag and the Fire Chief of the El Salvadoran National Fire Service*

The most recent project carried out by FWB BC completed in February 2009, known as the “Engines for El Salvador Project (Phase II)” resulted in the delivery of a Ladder Truck (pictured below), a Fire Engine, a set of the Jaws of Life and a large consignment of technical rescue and emergency medical equip-



*Fire Fighter Jennifer Dawkins demonstrates Infant CPR to a fire fighter from Honduras*

ment. This project built upon the “Engines for El Salvador (Phase I)” project which saw the delivery of 3 Fire Engines, 101 sets of firefighter protective gear, a set of the Jaws of Life, and a large consignment of rope rescue equipment.

Both projects had as their central core the delivery of a comprehensive training program, delivered to members of the El Salvadoran National Fire Service and fire service personnel from Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica. Firefighters Without Borders BC currently has upcoming projects scheduled for El Salvador and Paraguay.

The efforts of FWB BC are greatly enhanced by the support of numerous BC fire departments, businesses, Rotary International and the community at large.

## Member Profile



Seva Canada is an international eye-care nonprofit that has been working for over 27 years to restore sight and prevent blindness in the developing world. Currently, there are 314 million people with serious vision impairment; 45 million of those are blind. But it doesn't have to be this way; 80% of blindness is preventable or treatable. Seva means "service" in Sanskrit; we believe in compassion in action.



Since 1982, Seva Canada has been working with local partners to create sustainable eye-care systems that are locally managed, high-volume, low-cost and directed to those most in need, such as women, children, the very poor and those living in remote areas. Seva now works in 7 countries -- Nepal, Tibet, India, Tanzania, Guatemala, Cambodia and Egypt. A 15-minute cataract surgery costs just \$50 and will restore sight and change people's lives forever.

[www.seva.ca](http://www.seva.ca)

## Community Update

### International Events at UBC , April 6 - 19

Wednesday, April 8

12:30pm, 3rd floor Boardroom, Liu Institute - *Offsetting for capital, climate or communities?* A political ecology of carbon offsets in Honduras: transnational governance, material carbon reductions and local development.

Friday, April 9

11:30am - 1:00pm, Anthropology and Sociology Building, Room 2107, 6303 NW Marine Drive, UBC, *The Racial Unconscious of Assimilation Theory*

12:30 - 2:00 pm, Room 1206/07, Buchanan Tower, 1873 East Mall, UBC, Islam and Contested Cosmopolitanism on the Tanzanian Coast

<http://www.sfu.ca/internationalstudies>

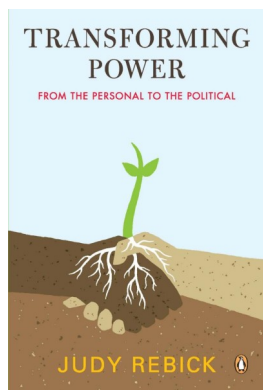
### The Canada-Bolivia Solidarity Committee invites you to Transforming Power: Lessons from Bolivia

Thursday, April 16, 2009. 7:00 pm

(doors open at 6:30)

UBC Bookstore, Robson Square, 800 Robson Street

The launch of Judy Rebick's new book: *Transforming Power: From the Personal to the Political*. There will be a slideshow and clips of a documentary about Bolivia's new constitution.



### National Volunteer Weeks April 19 - 25, 2009

Participate in the photo contest "SMILE for Volunteerism." Photos can be submitted on behalf of an organization or an individual with a maximum of three entries per applicant. Selected entries will be posted on [Volunteer BC website](http://Volunteer BC website) and will be announced in the NVW edition of the Connector newsletter. Send photos (jpg) to [volbc@vcn.ca](mailto:volbc@vcn.ca) or by mail. Prizes from NVW sponsors to the top three photos. April 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### Workshop for Registered Charities with Foreign Activities

Monday, April 27, 10am-2:30pm

(lunch provided)

TBC, Victoria, BC

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is currently revising its directives for Canadian registered charities with overseas operations. To better understand the updated requirements of CRA and the obligations of the Income Tax Act, the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC) is holding a free workshop with lawyer and charity law expert Susan Manwaring. Travel subsidies available. More info: [nmiville@ccic.ca](mailto:nmiville@ccic.ca)

### Making a Difference: Utilizing Theatre Arts to Explore our Challenges in Creating Social Change

April 26 & May 3, 1-5 pm

Royal Roads University, Victoria

A two part workshop utilizing the games and exercises of Theatre for Living to explore the internal and external challenges we face as we work for healthy social change and social justice in our communities. Facilitated by River Chandler of [TheatreWorks](http://TheatreWorks), 250-888-9805

### Volunteer Vancouver's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Volunteer Celebration

Thursday, April 30, 7:30 pm

The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts

Don't miss the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Volunteer Celebration hosted by Volunteer Vancouver. Tickets are only \$15.

[www.volunteervancouver.ca/new/celebration](http://www.volunteervancouver.ca/new/celebration)



### KEY INTERNATIONAL DAYS

#### April

4 - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

7 - World Health Day

22 - Earth Day

#### May

3 - World Press Freedom Day

15 - International Day of Families

17 - World Information Society Day

21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

22 - International Day for Biological Diversity

## Opportunities



### Canadian Red Cross

#### Volunteer Resource Leader/ Facilitator/Youth Mentor, Burnaby - Canadian Red Cross

The Lower Mainland Canadian Red Cross is looking for young people aged 17 - 25 to be Resource Leaders for the annual Global Issues Symposium for Youth, Nov. 11-14, 2009. This is an intense experiential learning event for 90 BC students. Activities focus on such topics as armed conflict, humanitarian law, HIV/AIDS, refugees, war-affected children, food security & ACTION. Deadline is April 27, 5pm. 604-709-6653/[mmennie@redcross.ca](mailto:mmennie@redcross.ca)



#### "Global Heroes", Verge Magazine

We want to hear about outstanding Canadians who are making a difference by contributing to international development projects. Selected stories will be featured in Verge magazine, on our website and possibly in our upcoming Global Heroes travelling exhibit. <http://www.vergemagazine.ca/globalheroes>

## Who We Are



BCCIC is a coalition of individuals and non-governmental organizations working to achieve sustainable human development. We support our members by providing networking opportunities, information sharing, training, and by representing their interests in dealing with government and other parties.

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### BCCIC Members

- African Canadian Continuing Education Society, Vancouver
- Africa Community Technical Service, Comox
- Canadian Crossroads International, Vancouver
- Canadian Food for the Hungry, Abbotsford
- Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, Vancouver
- Canadian Red Cross Society, Burnaby
- Capilano University: Global Stewardship Program, North Vancouver
- Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria
- Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby
- Co-Development Canada, Vancouver
- CUSO- VSO, Vancouver
- Global Aid Network, Langley
- Global Smile Oral Health Association, Vancouver
- Global Village, Nanaimo
- HOPE International Development Agency, New Westminster
- IN Network Canada, Kelowna
- Interamericana Community Self Development Society, Vancouver
- International Centre for Sustainable Cities, Vancouver
- International Institute for Child Rights and Development, Victoria
- Mennonite Central Committee, Abbotsford
- One Sky- Canadian Institute for Sustainable Living, Smithers
- Operation Eyesight Universal, North Vancouver
- Oxfam Canada, Vancouver
- Pacific Peoples' Partnership, Victoria
- Partners for Prosperity, Shawnigan Lake
- RESULTS Canada, Victoria
- Seva Canada Society, Vancouver
- Society for the Rehabilitation of the Horn of Africa, Vancouver
- The Caia Connection, Victoria
- The Kesho Trust, Saanich
- The Maria-Helena Foundation, Vancouver
- Trans Himalayan Aid Society, Vancouver
- Victoria International Development Education Association
- Willing Hearts International Society, Powell River
- World Community Development Education Society, Courtenay
- World Neighbours Canada Society, Oliver
- YMCA of Greater Vancouver, Vancouver

We welcome your contributions of event notices, articles, and photos for our next Newsletter. Please e-mail your material to [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca) by April 27th.

We look forward to your submissions!