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## BCCIC Update

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#### Canadian Council for International Cooperation's Living our Principles: Workshops on Ethical Practice in CSOs—November 9th and 10th in Vancouver

BCCIC will be partnering with the Canadian Council for International Cooperation in offering two learning sessions on promoting ethical practices in organizations. These workshops will take place on the evening of November 9th and the morning of November 10th in Vancouver.

The first learning session entitled "**Leading the Way: Ethics and Governance**", participants will become more accustomed to seeing decisions through an ethical lens; work through scenarios applying ethical principles; and learn how to make sound decisions when ethical values are in conflict.

The second session, "**Focus on Ethics: Images in Fundraising**" focuses on the ethical side of fundraising. During this session, participants will develop an understanding of the issues in the sector around ethical fundraising images; learn how to apply an ethical framework for addressing conflicts in values in moving toward innovative practice; and obtain resources to help promote ethical principles with peers and service providers.

Find more detailed descriptions at [www.ccic.ca/e/002/ethics\\_sessions\\_schedule.shtml](http://www.ccic.ca/e/002/ethics_sessions_schedule.shtml). For more information and to reserve your spot, at one or both of these workshop, please contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca) by **October 16th** and state which of the two workshops you are interested in attending.



#### International Development Drinks Night at the Irish Heather, October 8

BCCIC is excited to announce our second International Development Drink's Night in partnership with Engineers Without Borders. Please join us on October 8, 2009, 5-8 pm at the Irish Heather (210 Carrall Street, Vancouver) for a casual gathering of people and organizations interested in international development. This is an opportunity to chat, debate, socialize and connect with others who are passionate about working, volunteering and learning more about international development.



For more information or to RSVP, please contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca).

#### Podcasting Workshop in Victoria, October 6

There is still time to sign up for the podcasting workshop in Victoria! Learn from Scott Paton, author of *Podcasting Unleashed*, and Umeeda Switlo from CUSO-VSO how podcasts are used by NGOs.

For more information please contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca) or refer to the flyer at [bccic.ca/frontpage\\_news/PodcastInvitation.pdf](http://bccic.ca/frontpage_news/PodcastInvitation.pdf).



PodCast

## BCCIC Update

### BCCIC's Annual General Meeting and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On September 18, 2009, BCCIC hosted our Annual General Meeting at UBC Robson Square. The day was filled with networking, learning and sharing and had over 90 people in attendance. We are pleased to announce that 6 new organizations have joined BCCIC.

- Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief - [www.canadianhumanitarian.com](http://www.canadianhumanitarian.com)
- Engineers Without Borders Canada – Vancouver Chapter - [www.vancouver.ewb.ca](http://www.vancouver.ewb.ca)
- Firefighters Without Borders BC Charitable Society - [www.bcfirefighterswithoutborders.com](http://www.bcfirefighterswithoutborders.com)
- Justice Education Society of BC - [www.justiceeducation.ca](http://www.justiceeducation.ca)
- Lotus Outreach Society Canada - [www.lotusoutreach.org/canada](http://www.lotusoutreach.org/canada)
- Teachers Without Borders - [www.twbcanada.org](http://www.twbcanada.org)

BCCIC would like to welcome Heidi Tyedmers (Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives), Rosanna Hille (Individual Member), and David Moore (Africa

Community Technical Services) as new Board Members with BCCIC. BCCIC would also like to extend a Thank You to Barbara Wood, Linda Rubuliak, and Debra Salverda, who will be leaving BCCIC's board, for their time and participation.

There was positive feedback from the AGM in regards to the venue, the presentations from Naresh Singh from CIDA and Paul Sullivan speaking on communication, and the Global Cooperation Awards. One participant wrote, "Great atmosphere, nice historical pictures and stories, wonderful energy from all of the BCCIC staff and board there."



*BCCIC staff and board members with Naresh Singh, Acting VP Canadian Partnership Branch, Caroline Albert and Rebecca Mellet, Director CIDA Pacific Regional Office*

### STOP: Steps to Overcome Poverty

To mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, everyone is invited to a day-long public forum entitled **STOP: Steps To Overcome Poverty**, on Saturday, October 17 at Vancouver Community College, City Centre campus. The day will feature guest speakers, panel discussions, and opportunities to learn and share strategies around ending local and global poverty.

Representatives and guests from a wide range of local and global organizations will be on hand to describe their programs and campaigns, and by the end of the day participants will be well equipped to take action.

Presented by the multi-agency Working Group to End Global Poverty. For more information on this conference, including an agenda and how to register, please e-mail Don Wright at [dwright@amnesty.ca](mailto:dwright@amnesty.ca).

## News Flash

### Two Upcoming Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) Events from CCIC's Working Groups

CCIC's Asia-Pacific Working Group Fall Symposium, the "Convergence of Crises: Impacts of the Financial, Food, and Climate Crises in Asia" will be the focus of the Asia-Pacific Working Group (APWG) Fall Symposium on October 19. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Walden Bello, Senior Analyst at Focus on the Global South and Member of Congress in the Philippines' House of Representatives. The event will be held at the Best Western Victoria Parks Suites, 377 O'Connor Street, Ottawa. The morning will be a public meeting featuring Dr. Bello and other speakers, the afternoon will be a working meeting of the APWG.

Africa and the global economic crisis, agriculture, sustainable rural development and CIDA's priority for food security, and Canada's role in supporting women's empowerment will be the issues discussed at the Africa-Canada Forum (ACF) colloquium. The colloquium will take place October 27 and 28 in Ottawa.

If you are a member of CCIC and are interested in attending either of these events, please contact Nicole at [info@bccic.ca](mailto:info@bccic.ca) by October 7th.

## Member News & Events

### Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian Workshops

These workshops have been designed for teachers to help students understand humanitarian issues and concerns. Available in both English and French. The workshops are: Natural Disasters: Exploring the *UN-Natural Causes of Vulnerability*; Development Ups & Downs; Breaking the Poverty-Disease Cycle Materials are available at [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) > How You Can Help > Educator's Resources



Canadian Red Cross

### Seva's Eye Opener Benefit Party

**October 8, 7 pm**

Heritage Hall, 3102 Main Street

Come celebrate to raise funds for eye care for women and girls. Special guest Dr. Paul Courtright, world expert on the issue of gender inequity and blindness and Seva's partner in Africa. There will be savory and sweet treats, a silent auction, cash bar, and music. Tickets 604-713-6622/[admin@seva.ca](mailto:admin@seva.ca)



### A Night for Tomorrow

**October 8, 6:30-10:30pm**

Kirin Restaurant at 102 – 1166 Alberni St

Join Lotus Outreach Society Canada for their benefit dinner. The evening promises to be fun and entertaining with performances, silent and live auctions. Free parking is available in the underground parkade. For tickets, [mhan888@hotmail.com](mailto:mhan888@hotmail.com)



### Trans Himalayan Aid Society Book Launch

**October 18**

TBA

Please join TRAS and CIVA to thank author, Alan Twigg, and publisher, Ron Hatch of Tibetans in Exile: The Dalai Lama and the Woodcocks at a reception on the evening of Sunday October 18. Please RSVP by Tuesday October 13 to TRAS (604-224-5133 or [tras@portal.ca](mailto:tras@portal.ca)).



### Youth Challenge International (YCI) Fundraiser

**October 20, 6pm - 2am**

Smiley's Public House, Burrard and Pender

The Domino Effect "*If one falls we all fall*," a black and white themed party fundraiser, is aimed at celebrating local and international organizations that have helped youth off the streets and out of poverty. It's a time for our community to come together and celebrate those that spend day after day helping young people out of the cycle of poverty. The organizations that will be attending are Operation Eyesight, Covenant House and Global Agents for Change. Tickets - \$16, Pamy Teja, [povertyactionteam@yci.org](mailto:povertyactionteam@yci.org).



### Bridge to a Cool Planet

**October 24, 11:00am - 4pm**

Cambie Bridge, Vancouver

Join thousands of people around the world in demonstration of the need to hold global leaders accountable to the latest climate change science. Bridge to a Cool Planet is a proposal to bring together the people of Vancouver to call for real action on climate change at the Climate talks in Copenhagen in December. This is not a protest, but a celebration! [sdevlin@campusclimatenetwork.org](mailto:sdevlin@campusclimatenetwork.org)



### Global Issues Symposium For Youth - Ignite your Humanity

**November 11 - 14**

Camp Howdy, Port Moody

Youth grades 10-12 can experience the realities of issues such as Landmines and cluster munitions, International Humanitarian Law, HIV/AIDS, Climate Change and Refugees. Learn to take action and imagine possibilities. [mvander@redcross.ca](mailto:mvander@redcross.ca), [www.redcross.ca/lowermainland](http://www.redcross.ca/lowermainland)



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## Stories from the Field

### Global Cooperation Award Winners

Five outstanding individuals from across the province were honored for giving true meaning to the adage “Think Global, Act Local” at the 1st annual Global Cooperation Awards presented by BCCIC.

#### Recipient of the ‘Global Youth Award’

**Drew Lyall** is 11 and has been working since age 7 to raise awareness of global blindness. Seva believes that he has demonstrated outstanding commitment through direct financial support and leadership in philanthropy. Drew Lyall is one of Seva’s most compassionate and committed supporters. Since he learned about Seva’s mission when he was just 7, he has worked tirelessly to raise funds through collecting bottles and cans, presenting to his class and selling books and calendars for Seva. The community of Kimberley have supported Drew in his efforts and through his hard work, Drew has directly raised over \$2000 for Seva’s sight programs.



#### Joint recipients for the Global Service Award

**Daphne Hales** joined the volunteer board of the Trans-Himalayan Aid Society in 1974. TRAS relies on its volunteer board of directors to run the organization. For the past 35 years, Daphne has served in most major board roles, including Sponsorship Secretary and President. Her ability to convey “the big picture” and her energy and enthusiasm are a tremendous inspiration to younger TRAS members. Her dedicated, long-term volunteer service to the peoples of the Himalayas is truly outstanding.



**Marjorie Stewart** embodies global service in Nanaimo. She has been an interested learner and educator since her then teenage daughter became passionate about international development in the mid-1970’s. Marjorie is Chair of the Board



of Global Village (Nanaimo) International Development Education Association. She has been a strong proponent of Global Village’s social enterprise. Marjorie is uncompromising in her commitment to the principles of fair trade, and a role model to all who know her. She educates those she works and volunteers with about how these questions can and should be asked in the corporate and non-profit sectors.

#### Joint recipients for the ‘Commitment to Global Cooperation’ Award

**Mike Lewis** is an outstanding example of action in the field of economic justice, human rights and sustainable development. He has helped build community economic development organizations and social enterprises in impoverished communities



throughout Canada, was a founder of the Canadian Community Economic Development Network, the first chair of their National Policy Council and their International Development Committee. He was also a member of the first board of the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social Solidarity Economy and Program Chair for their major conference in Dakar. Mike Lewis has had a lifelong 100% commitment to global cooperation in both his personal and professional life.

**Joe Knockaert** began his career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1972.

In 1978, he joined the Canadian International Development Agency where he spent most of his career. His work with CIDA has taken him to more than 40 countries. In 1999, CIDA established its Pacific Regional Office in Vancouver with Joe as its Director, where he remained until June 2009. Joe has also been a friend to many working in international development in BC, making his job not only professional but personal. Joe was a networker, referring and introducing CIDA officers, foundations, NGOs, and individuals to each other.



## Member Profile

### The Kesho Trust

The Kesho Trust is a Canadian charitable organization which is also registered in Tanzania. They support local communities to understand the conservation values of the environment in which they live and help them implement development interventions that are compatible with and build on those natural resource values. They also assist protected areas management agencies to work with local communities in the cooperative achievement of both protected areas and community objectives.



*Water storage tank in a boma in Kibirashi built through the project partnership between the Kesho Trust and Ereto Masaai Youth.*

The Kesho Trust aims to support practical solutions to conservation problems through the strengthening of protected area management and community based development that is compatible with conservation. Kesho strives to foster all four elements of what is often termed the conservation quartet: research to understand the problem, education to explain it, community involvement to ensure participation and acceptance, and implementation of a solution. It is through enabling communities to gain a greater understanding of, appreciation for, and implementation of community conservation practices that the integrity of protected areas and other natural environments will be sustained.

We work primarily through partnerships with other local organizations in Africa – currently Tanzania and Zambia.

[www.thekeshotrust.org](http://www.thekeshotrust.org)

## Community Update

### Get Cross!

The crossed-arm gesture is being used by the Stop Rape Now campaign, an initiative by 12 UN entities to prevent and respond to conflict-related sexual violence. By joining the campaign you'll be telling the UN Security Council and governments around the globe that conflict-related sexual violence must and can stop, and that we can be the generation that makes it unacceptable. Join in a display of global solidarity with war-affected women and girls: Cross your arms, take a picture, and upload it at [www.stoprapenow.org/get-cross](http://www.stoprapenow.org/get-cross).



*Food for the Hungry Canada Get Cross! In Abbotsford, BC*

### Announcing the Tread Lightly Climate Change Education Initiative!

Tread Lightly is a climate change education initiative offered by TakingIT-Global the world's largest online social network of youth working for positive change and developed to help global citizens to lighten the load they place on planet earth. It features an interdisciplinary secondary school curriculum, an international ecological art contest, and a global 40-day footprint challenge. [info@treadlightly.me](mailto:info@treadlightly.me), [www.treadlightly.me](http://www.treadlightly.me)

### Eldis Google development web-search

This service enables you to search the full content of over 4000 development focused websites. You are able to filter results according to type, such as PDFs, videos and blogs, and by region. [community.eldis.org/googlesearch/](http://community.eldis.org/googlesearch/)

### Band-Aid Solutions to the Crisis, Towards a New Development Paradigm

The North-South Institute has published a succinct policy document on the current economic crisis. The document examines causes beyond the crash of the US housing sector and provides recommendations to address the long standing weaknesses of international financial governance. The document is available in both print and electronic copy. [www.nsi-ins.ca/english/publications/policy\\_briefs.asp](http://www.nsi-ins.ca/english/publications/policy_briefs.asp)

### A Dare to Remember: Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

October 17-25  
Canada-wide

The idea for this nation-wide fundraising week was inspired by African communities where every single day, ordinary people are forced by the AIDS pandemic to go above and beyond what they thought was humanly possible. During the week Canadians will choose a memorable dare, set a fundraising goal, and ask others to sponsor them. All proceeds will go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. [www.adaretoremember.com](http://www.adaretoremember.com)



### Conversations, Questions and Free-fall: a dialogue with Liz Lerman

October 20  
Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

A unique opportunity to meet one of the world's leading artists in the field of art in community. Ms. Lerman's ideas about the roles of art and culture in our rapidly changing world are deeply relevant; these are creative and integrative approaches, rooted in many years of experimentation and experience. [www.sfu.ca/dialogue/study+practice/blaney+dialogue.html](http://www.sfu.ca/dialogue/study+practice/blaney+dialogue.html)

### Socially Responsible Investing in Canada

October 21, 12-5:30pm  
550 Burrard Street

These seminars are ideally suited to those representing charities, foundations, churches and non-for-profit organizations as well as accredited individual investors. 604.602.0218

### Predicting the Storm: Addressing Violence against Women and Children in Good Times and Bad

November 19-20  
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC

On November 19-20, frontline anti-violence workers from across BC will gather for EVA BC's annual training forum. This year's theme is preparing for events that put women and children at increased risk of violence—everything from the economic downturn and natural disasters to music festivals and the 2010 Olympic Games. [www.endingviolence.org/files/uploads/ATF2009\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.endingviolence.org/files/uploads/ATF2009_Brochure.pdf)



### KEY INTERNATIONAL DAYS

#### October

- 5 World Teacher's Day
- 5 World Habitat Day
- 14 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
- 9 World Post Day
- 16 World Food Day
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 24 United Nations Day *and* World Development Information Day
- 24-30 Disarmament Week

## Opportunities

### Climate Change Strategy Advisor, CUSO-VSO, Nigeria

This volunteer placement supports a project to help build Nigeria's capacity to adapt to the effects of climate change and reduce its negative impact on vulnerable people. The placement is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. The volunteer will receive a comprehensive training and support package that covers the costs associated with an overseas placement. <http://www.cuso-vso.org/volunteer/special-overseas-opportunities/nigeria.asp#0>



### Volunteer in Bolivia, Canadian Crossroads International

Call for volunteers to work with Bolivian partners working in community economic development from January 2010 to July 2010! All positions require a minimum of high intermediate Spanish and specific job skills and requirements as posted on our website. These are volunteer positions that receive a modest stipend and have all related travel and living expenses covered. [www.cciorg.ca](http://www.cciorg.ca)



### Interested in Deployment for Democratic Development (DDD) Work?

DDD recruits Canadians with expertise in democratic governance, freedom and democracy, human rights, rule of law and accountable public institutions. Although DDD will draw on innovative and experienced practitioners from various sources or networks, we recruit mainly through organizations with experts in democratic development. Individuals can send their resume to [international@ipac.ca](mailto:international@ipac.ca).



## 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 Harambee Education Society
- Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief
- 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
- Co-Development Canada, Vancouver
- CUSO- VSO, Langely
- Engineers Without Borders Canada
- Firefighters Without Borders BC Charitable Society
- 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
- International Institute for Child Rights and Development, Victoria
- Justice Education Society of BC
- Lotus Outreach Society Canada
- Maria Helena Foundation, Vancouver
- Mennonite Central Committee, Abbotsford
- Operation Eyesight Universal, North Vancouver
- One Sky - Canadian Institute of Sustainable Living, Smithers
- 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
- Teachers Without Borders Canada
- The Caia Connection, Victoria
- The Kesho Trust, Saanich
- Trans Himalayan Aid Society, Vancouver
- Victoria International Development Education Association
- Willing Hearts International Society
- World Neighbours Canada Society, Oliver
- World Community Development Education Society
- YMCA of Greater Vancouver