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ACGC Mission and Objectives

The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is a coalition of voluntary sector organizations located in Alberta, working locally and globally to achieve sustainable human development.

We are committed to international cooperation that is people-centred, democratic, just, inclusive, and respectful of the environment and indigenous cultures. We work towards ending poverty and achieving a peaceful and healthy world, with dignity and full participation for all.

Members of the Council pursue these goals through supporting global citizenship programs and participatory projects with international partners.

The Council's goal is to support the work of its members through networking, leadership, information sharing, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others. The objectives of the Council are to promote and mobilize greater Albertan participation in assisting international development.

The objectives are to be achieved in the following ways:

- to consistently reflect in all ACGC policies, activities and services, the principal philosophies embodied in the Council's Mission and Development Principles;
- to facilitate effective member networking and capacity building both internationally and domestically;
- to coordinate and support members' activities in an effective manner;
- to provide leadership on issues of concern to members;
- to provide members with relevant and effective services;
- to be an effective advocate and representative to government agencies and the public for international development concerns on behalf of the membership and to keep member organizations informed as to important shifts in Canadian foreign policy.

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Board and Staff Members



ACGC staff members collaborate on a public engagement project. Left to right: Joëlle Badman, Connor MacDonald, Heather McPherson (standing), Lorraine Swift, Marilyn Scott, Chris Chang-Yen Phillips (standing), Julia Price and Alec Stratford. Photo by Nic Abarca

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ACGC Staff and The Yes Men at Garneau Theatre. Left to right: Diana Coumantarakis, Catherine Fan, Heather McPherson, Mike Bonanno, Joëlle Badman, Andy Bichlbaum, Julia Price, Connor MacDonald, Vanessa Kohut

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Letter from the Chair & Executive Director

This has been an exciting year for ACGC! A year filled with new directions and new opportunities for the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation and our membership.

A lot of our work this year has focused on sharing the stories of our sector and informing Albertans of the crucial and necessary work that ACGC members undertake. Our newspaper initiative, *Changing Lives Around the Globe*, reached hundreds of thousands of Albertans with empowering stories of hope and achievement in ACGC members' international and local efforts. Our *Top 30 Under 30* magazine honoured the important contributions youth make to our work and provided recognition to young Albertan global citizens. Presentations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, in the Alberta Legislature and throughout Alberta enabled ACGC staff to expand our influence beyond the traditional audiences ACGC has reached in the past. This year ACGC reached out to federal and provincial government representatives, the Alberta private sector, Rotary, our members' international partners, and universities across the province.

In addition to new audiences, ACGC renewed our commitment to working with youth, particularly underrepresented youth, through formal and informal education activities and outreach. Our highly acclaimed *Development in a Box* curriculum resources are used in over 1000 schools in every corner of the province and our *Change Your World* youth leadership tour allowed 5 phenomenal high school students the opportunity to share what they learned by visiting ACGC member international projects, with over 3500 Alberta students.

Aside from these great activities, ACGC has spent the year advocating and supporting our members. It has not been an easy year for international development and cooperation organizations. There have been enormous changes in the federal response to international cooperation and development, including the introduction of a new minister in 2012, a reduction in ODA spending, and finally in March 2013, the news that Government of Canada would merge the Canadian International Development Agency with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. ACGC has tried to support our members during the uncertainty of the changing face of development in Canada and around the world by providing updates, analysis, and information. We will continue to work with relevant stakeholders to provide current, up-to-the date information to assist our members in their work.

Additionally, there has never been a better time, or more important time for inter-agency collaboration. Coalitions may be the way of the future and under the present Government the future is now. During these changing times it is critical that we remember to reflect and celebrate the rich Albertan and Canadian NGO history that is ours. A shortfall in government funding will never diminish the great things that we have collectively accomplished over the years.

Volunteerism is alive and well in Alberta and those of us who have spent our careers championing the rights of marginalized people from the developing world should be encouraged by the intelligence and passion of the next generation of Canadian foreign aid practitioners and human rights activists.

There is a massive crowd of dedicated people that make the ACGC programming possible and every year it is important to acknowledge their contributions made towards the organization. From our incredibly committed and talented staff, our board of knowledgeable international development professionals, our volunteers, graphic designers, facilitators, teachers, and students, we send our heartfelt thanks and admiration. You are all fantastic!

As ACGC looks to the future, we call on all the fantastic organizations, and individuals who comprise the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation to work together to be a stronger, more nimble, more effective body of international cooperation specialists. The most important thing we need to remember is that we are stronger together and together we can transform our world for the benefit of all.

In solidarity,



Dr. Paul Carrick & Heather McPherson



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Public Engagement



Photos this page: 2012 Change Your World youth leadership tour participants with their Peruvian partners.

Opposite page, top: Sarah Carr, Kianna Dewart & Ross Anderson playing with children at the Yurac Yacu Community Preschool in the Peruvian Andes.

Opposite page, right: Community pachamanca in Vicos, Peru.

Photos by Joëlle Badman

“We were able to see firsthand the positive effect of focusing on long term community development instead of short term charity.”

– Ross Anderson, CYW Participant

“It was amazing to experience and see firsthand how both local and global community cooperation can aid in the development and betterment of developing countries such as Peru.”

– Julie Le, CYW Participant

Change Your World Alberta Youth Leadership Tour – Peru

The 2012 Change Your World tour took 5 Albertan Youth to Peru to visit international development projects by ACGC members in July/August 2012. Similar to the 2010 Change Your World tour to Ethiopia, the aim of this educational tour was to provide youth from across Alberta with the opportunity to experience international development first-hand, by visiting ACGC’s member organizations southern projects and partners.

Before flying to Peru, the youth participated in a two-day pre-departure and orientation training workshop. This training provided the youth with the opportunity to be introduced to one another, while engaging in a series of activities involving issues of culture shock, the creation of a team charter, health and wellness awareness, introduction to the host organization, host country and learning how to become a videographer and storyteller. With two days to prepare as a team, ACGC recognized the potential transformation that can take place when experiencing international development first hand. Accompanied by the experienced staff from ACGC and host organization Sombrilla International Development Society, the tour travelled with 5 Alberta youth to Sombrilla’s partner community of Yurac Yacu, in the highlands of Peru. The Alberta youth were paired with Peruvian indigenous youth and spent two

weeks living, learning, and sharing with each other. In addition to visiting Sombrilla’s projects in the community of Yurac Yacu, the 5 participants also had the chance to learn about Cuso International projects in Lima, and Rainbow of Hope for Children projects in Chincha.

Following their return to Canada, the youth participated in a 2-day debriefing session where they had the opportunity to discuss and unpack their experience as well as plan their engagement strategy for the school speaking tour they would be embarking on in Fall 2012.

Change Your World Alberta Youth Leadership Tour – Documentary

During their time in Peru, the youth spent their evenings reflecting and sharing their thoughts with each other and a video camera. They travelled around Peru with this camera, shooting footage of the projects they visited, interviewing community members and stakeholders, and of course their Peruvian counterparts. Upon returning home to Canada, ACGC hired a video production company to edit the vast amount of footage into a 15 minute film that could be shared with their classmates, schools, and with the broader Alberta community. To date, more than 3000 people have viewed the documentary.



Change Your World Alberta Youth Leadership Tour – School Tour

As part of their involvement in the Change Your World Alberta Youth Leadership Tour, the youth committed to travelling across Alberta to share their experiences in Peru and international development with schools and community groups in the Fall of 2012. More than 25 schools and community groups participated in this great opportunity to learn from their peers and engage in international development issues. From students in Grade 3 who were learning about Peru in the curriculum, to high school leadership classes, the presentations engaged children and youth by sharing stories, screening the documentary, and at times, even singing songs in Spanish. The Fall Tour increased awareness and knowledge about the work ACGC members are doing with the education sector as well as a more in-depth understanding about international development and social justice issues. Altogether, more than 2500 students were impacted by the stories shared by the Change Your World Alberta Youth Leadership Tour.

Additionally, the participants were able to reach to an even greater number of Albertans through a variety of media interviews. Two participants were interviewed by Omni TV for a piece about community engagement, one participant was invited to be a part of the CBC RadioActive morning show, and another was the central focus of a print article in Alberta Sweetgrass.

Alberta Youth Leadership Conference

ACGC was invited to take part in the 2012 Alberta Youth Leadership Conference, held at ME Lazerte. Student leaders from 46 schools across Alberta were present, along with more than 50 NGOs representing a variety of sectors. ACGC staff attended the afternoon NGO fair where they had the opportunity to connect with vibrant student leaders from across the province, many of whom demonstrated passion and interest in international development, and some of whom were already volunteering with ACGC member organizations.



Display Opportunities and Community Engagement

ACGC has taken part in a number of display and international events over the course of this past year. In September 2012, we participated in International Peace Day at City Hall in Edmonton, along with a number of other organizations working towards peace and sustainable development. We set up our booth and had the opportunity to engage with a great number of Edmontonians interested in getting involved and creating a peaceful world.

In November 2012 ACGC had the pleasure of attending and participating in the Global Visions Film Festival. Every year, Global Visions delivers wonderful videos which are interesting and thought provoking, and this year was no exception. The opportunity to engage with viewers, youth and also directors of such engaging videos was a highlight for ACGC staff.

In December 2012, we facilitated a presentation with the Knights of the Round Table, a group of engaged and innovative Calgarians who are striving to make a better world.



“Great info on opportunities available, also motivational with such a positive attitude!”

– Teacher, Fall Tour

“Presenters were great! I enjoyed the video. It was very entertaining and will be used to enhance my teaching of Peru.”

– Teacher, Fall Tour

Public Engagement



The location of Development in a Box kits around the province

Engaging Educators and Youth

Development in a Box

Development in a Box continues to expand its outreach across Alberta. Educators from Acadian Valley to Didsbury to Tomahawk in Alberta have expressed interest in obtaining a Development in a Box, in addition to inquiring about further opportunities on how to become engaged educators and ways to get their students engaged as well.

Due to the overwhelming response for both the elementary and secondary school resources, ACGC is now only sending out digital versions as we have run out of all hardcopies. Both the grade 1-6 and grade 7-12 toolkits are also available on the ACGC website. The feedback and response from educators continues to be extremely positive and inspiring.

“Development in a Box has greatly increased the number of ways in which I can include global issues into my teaching. Both our elementary and junior high staff use it regularly in our Global Leadership classes but possibly even more importantly, we are able to incorporate the lessons in a cross curricular manner, thus tackling elements from the Program of Studies in a global perspective.”

“Even though I consider myself fairly knowledgeable, the ‘Box’ has been instrumental in expanding my knowledge base and awareness about the different issues humanity faces.”

“The students have a greater sense of empowerment. They appreciate that there are many problems in the world but that they can make some small changes that can result in a more equitable world.”

“The ‘Box’ has allowed me to expand not only what I care about in the world, but also to offer the students a wider range of ideas - which allows for greater focus and engagement.”

Teachers’ Conventions

For the 2012-2013 school year ACGC continued to connect with educators across Alberta through five Teachers’ Conventions: Social Studies Teachers’ Convention; Global, Environmental & Outdoor Educators Council (GEOEC); Calgary City Teachers’ Convention; North Central Teachers’ Convention; and the Greater Edmonton Teachers’ Convention. For each convention ACGC displayed up-to-date material provided by our member organizations so that educators are easily able to connect with organizations of their choice and interest.

In addition, ACGC facilitated relevant and inspiring workshops at each convention, providing educators the opportunity to learn more about ACGC resources and member organizations, and further opportunities for educators and students to become engaged in issues of global citizenship and international development. The feedback received and relationships built as a result of Teachers’ Conventions are always rewarding.

ACGC Teach

In September 2013, ACGC will release its fifth bi-annual ACGC Teach e-newsletter for educators across Alberta. ACGC Teach highlights educational opportunities for both educators and youth alike, provided by ACGC member organizations. Each volume begins with an Educator Profile which features an educator that ACGC has built a relationship with and believes is doing an outstanding job in the field of global citizenship education.

ACGC Teach has proven to be a great tool to connect educators with opportunities for professional development, as well as prospects on how to engage youth in the international development sector.

“Changing Lives Around the Globe” Newspaper Feature

In 2012, ACGC members, like University of Calgary professor Lorne Jaques, identified a gap between the way Alberta’s NGOs see their work overseas, and the way the Albertan public understands what they do. Often, the public conversation between friends and in the media misses out on big, current ideas like food sovereignty, and how much work communities in places like rural Ghana are doing to improve health and well-being for their citizens. The desire to share these stories led to the creation of the “Changing Lives Around the Globe” newspaper project, commissioned by ACGC and written by the reporters at the Calgary Herald.

Readers found 8 full-colour pages profiling the amazing work being done and personalities behind ACGC member organizations around the province. Stories showed how working at the U of A’s Global Education Program changed one student’s business when he moved back to Malaysia, why Sombrilla volunteers risked life and limb for humanitarian work in Central America, and what Calgary youth are doing to become leaders in water issues.

Through the 160 000 copies distributed with the Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Medicine Hat News and Lethbridge Herald, ACGC has been able to substantially raise the profile of Albertans’ work in international development. The section shared stories of courage in the midst of humanitarian crisis, microfinance’s empowering potential for women in Uganda, and creative approaches to hunger and food insecurity in Afghanistan. Teachers, volunteers, and NGOs wrote in interested in knowing more about ACGC and its members’ work because of the special feature.

The project required incredible generosity and foresight from major funders like Alberta Culture’s Community Initiatives Program, the United Nations Association of Canada’s Calgary chapter, and sponsors and volunteers among ACGC members like University of Calgary, Change for Children, Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, CUSO, Rainbow for the Future, Women’s Empowerment International Foundation, and CAUSE Canada.



ACGC holiday party. Marilyn Spilchen, Julia Price, Ross Anderson, Jeff Goldie, Sarah Cashmore, Mr. Naresh Bhardwaj (MLA), Heather McPherson, Chris Chang-Yen Phillips, Lorraine Swift, Marion Perrin.



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Building Sector Capacity

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Above, top: ACGC Executive Director tries on a "Survivaball". Julie Le, Sarah Carr, Heather McPherson, Kianna Dewart.

Above: The Yes Men perform at Garneau Theatre in Edmonton.

As a result of research undertaken via member surveys, large public polls, member meetings, networking opportunities and informal discussions with ACGC members, the Council has been able to accurately identify those components of our programming that are highly successful in increasing the capacity of our member organizations to reduce poverty around the world. ACGC strives to provide multiple benefits to members with each capacity building opportunity. Such additional benefits include networking with other organizations to encourage shared learning and collaboration and cooperation, and communication of sector realities. Finally, with many ACGC capacity building opportunities, ACGC endeavours to include a public engagement component that shares information with those Albertans not typically engaged in international development issues.

In the past 12 months, ACGC has contributed to the above immediate outcome in the following ways:

AGM/Capacity Building Event held annually

Over the past several years ACGC has consistently created a strong and eagerly awaited AGM program that is seen by the membership as one of the key capacity building, networking, and public engagement opportunities of the year for Alberta international development organizations.

In 2012, the Council built on the achievements of its previous AGMs and implemented a very successful event in Edmonton on the University of Alberta campus. This event, held in September, incorporated a gala evening event featuring The Yes Men and workshop sessions alongside the business portion of the AGM.

AGM Workshops

Continuing the AGM theme, "Embracing Change: Effective Development in a New Reality," this year's workshops examined both internal and external changes that have framed the work of the international development sector over the past year. In the first of two afternoon panel discussions, experts on the Istanbul Principles and Joëlle

Badman, a representative of ACGC, discussed the recently adopted Istanbul Principles for CSO development effectiveness with a case study from the partners of the Change for Children Association (CFCA), Primitivo Centeno Perez and Tony Zelaya Lopez of the BOSAWAS Biosphere of Nicaragua. The second panel discussed ways to reclaim civil society space with panelists Pearl Eliadis, human rights lawyer and representative of the Voices-Voix coalition, and Romeo Saganash, Honourable Member of Parliament and Official Opposition Critic for International Development.

Youth Workshop

This year, ACGC encouraged youth in our member organizations and in the greater Albertan public to participate in a special 2 hour youth empowerment workshop with Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonnano from The Yes Men.

In addition to the workshops, programming for ACGC members included a presentation by Darren Schemmer, Vice President of Partnering with Canadians Branch, on CIDA and new initiative being undertaken by CIDA. In addition, ACGC staff prepared presentations on the recent CIVICUS conference and details on upcoming ACGC and ICN programming. These sessions were in addition to the annual general meeting business agenda.

Evening Gala Event

With a tradition of showcasing thought-provoking guest speakers such as Maude Barlow, Stephen Lewis, and Wade Davis, this year's ACGC Evening Affair featured Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonnano from The Yes Men at Edmonton's historic Garneau Theatre. Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonnano, the founders of The Yes Men, came to Edmonton to speak about their daring exploits with a bold proposal for ways ordinary citizens can reclaim public discourse in their riveting talk: "We All Must Be Revolting: Finding Your Place in the Global Revolution.". 500 Albertans attended the gala evening which featured an NGO fair and wine and beer reception to highlight the work being done in Alberta and around the world by ACGC member organizations.

Development Drinks

Development Drinks is one of ACGC's more casual, friendly networking events. Member organizations co-host each night of drinks and conversation in Edmonton and Calgary, open to anyone who wants to join in. Both members and the general public get a chance to learn about new professional opportunities and meet other people who share their passions for international development.

ACGC Connect Podcasts

This year, ACGC released a podcast series to build on the momentum that CSOs across Canada have felt to align their work with the new Istanbul Principles for CSO Development Effectiveness. Eight podcasts were released, each interviewing a development expert about an Istanbul Principle and examining how ACGC members implement these principles in the field. These podcasts built on the capacity-building Lunch and Learns ACGC hosted to educate members with the ideas, and a calendar released around the country featuring NGO case studies of each principle's use in the field.

A highly experienced raft of speakers appeared on the Istanbul Principle podcast series, from Oxfam Canada Executive Director Robert Fox to Maria Theresa Lauron, Climate Justice Program Officer for IBON International in the Philippines. ACGC members like Janice Eisenhauer, co-founder of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, had an opportunity to reflect on subjects like how their gender-centred projects have changed the rest of their work.

ACGC podcasts can be accessed through the ACGC website, via the ACGC blog, or on iTunes by searching for ACGC Connect.

Professional Development Workshops

The professional development workshops are a response to the need within the international development sector to increase capacity and continue to develop deeper understanding and efficiencies in proposing, implementing, and evaluating international development work. The workshops have been useful in engaging participants by utilizing a variety of methods, including evaluation, reflection

and the creation of concrete tools that can be used by participants to increase their aid effectiveness capabilities in the global south.

This year's workshop entitled "Expanding your reach: Increasing funding opportunities, improving donor relations and building your online presence" was extremely well received by ACGC members.

The topic was developed as a response to members requests and as a result of emerging realities in the international development sector in Canada. Alberta-based organizations need to focus their energies on new ways to connect with donors and develop a new fund base. This multi-day workshop focused on how organizations can develop and improve their social media and online marketing skills, discuss the importance of board involvement in fundraising and also highlight essential tips for creating an engaging and accessible website.

Online capacity building resources available to ACGC members

All capacity building training resources created by ACGC for the recent podcast training, the Annual General Meeting, Lunch & Learn seminars, multi-day professional development workshops, and member meetings have been developed into online resources available to ACGC members through the ACGC website. In addition, the Annual Report, brochure, and both the Educator Newsletter and ACGC Connect Newsletter have been converted to an online version.

This enables new members, new staff of existing members and those members who were unable to attend a particular session to still benefit from the training by accessing resources when needed. As well, ACGC has offered the comprehensive set of podcast training resources to all other Provincial and Regional Councils for their own training needs.

An additional benefit of this initiative is that ACGC will be able to develop a comprehensive database of resources that can be updated and shared across the country with other international development practitioners and other councils for international cooperation.



Above, top: ACGC Executive Director, Heather McPherson & Board Chair, Paul Carrick, joke with The Yes Men.

Above, centre: ACGC Development Drinks. Bronwyn Irvine, Barbara Wilson & Development & Peace board member. Photo by Chris Chang-Yen Phillips

Above, bottom: "Expanding your Reach" full-day workshop. Photo by Joëlle Badman

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ACGC Communications



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ACGC Connect Newsletter

The ACGC Connect newsletter is an important part of the council's efforts to help members learn from each other's experiences in international development. Member submissions make up the bulk of each issue, allowing members to share successes in the field, challenges implementing projects, and strategies for successful partnerships to reduce poverty and improve lives.

Over the past year, the ACGC Connect newsletters have focused on involving youth in development, and engaging Albertans in fundraising, volunteerism, and education. A CAWST article in the issue focusing on engaging youth explains how Education Program Developer Lisa Mitchell worked with a young girl named Tikho in Zambia to document her family's daily life and water usage, and shared her story as a classroom resource back in Canada. Mitchell was moved to learn how powerfully kids in Canada connected with Tikho's story half a world away, once they were able to see the similarities between her life and theirs. Stories like CAWST's can help the general public and other organizations see examples of successful strategies, and consider how they might adapt them.

ACGC hosts the newsletter online, as well as mailing out copies to members, partners and supporters all around Canada.

ACGC E-Bulletin

The E-Bulletin allows ACGC to regularly share information about members' events and programming, ACGC's capacity-building opportunities, job/volunteer openings, and other items of interest with ACGC members, the CSO community, and the general public. It has proven to be a successful communication tool for the Council and its members. ACGC sends out E-Bulletins on a regular bi-weekly schedule.



Reverse the Cuts photo campaign.

Social Media

Facebook and Twitter are increasingly important tools for building relationships between ACGC and its supporters. Over the past winter, ACGC and ACGC member, RESULTS Canada, led the Reverse the Cuts campaign to restore funding to CIDA. Building up this constituency through social media helped gather over 5000 signatures for presentation to Parliament, and supporters' participation in a photo campaign strengthened the community of Canadians who support international development work overseas.

Facebook users follow ACGC to find and share opportunities like job postings, board positions, volunteer openings, and member events like Rainbow for the Future's Amanda Lindhout speaking engagement in Westlock. Sharing of news articles also helps spread the word about important changes to Canada's international development sector. Announcement like that of CIDA's merger with DFAIT, reached over 2000 people.

Supporters often use Twitter more often for following ACGC staff and board members at public engagement events, like the CIVICUS Conference and International Development Week.

Between these two streams and ACGC's YouTube feed, the council is able to communicate important information about public engagement work like the Change Your World Youth Leadership Tour, keep audiences up to date on the latest information from the new DFATD, and see what topics excite supporters.



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ACGC Website

Over the last year, ACGC staff have drastically re-organized the website to clear out old material, and make it easier for users to find information. The new “Publications,” “News & Media” and “For Educators & Youth” sections make it simpler than ever to locate the public engagement materials that ACGC makes throughout the year, education resources, and for the first time, ACGC’s media appearances and press releases.

ACGC.ca is the Council’s most prominent public face, and the first point of contact with Albertans who want to know more about ACGC’s work. The website is an important method of connection and access for ACGC and an effective tool for disseminating information and resources. It helps Albertans learn about the Council, member activities, DFATD events and information. The recently-updated website includes a map of where members work and their priority areas. This enables organizations, educators, and members of the general public to collaborate more effectively in common areas of interest.

This year, ACGC members have started posting their own job and volunteer openings through ACGC’s Opportunities page. This helps fulfil another one of the Council’s objectives: helping ACGC’s members connect with talented Albertans who can improve the organizations’ work through their passion and knowledge in social justice.



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2013 Calendar: The Istanbul Principles in Action

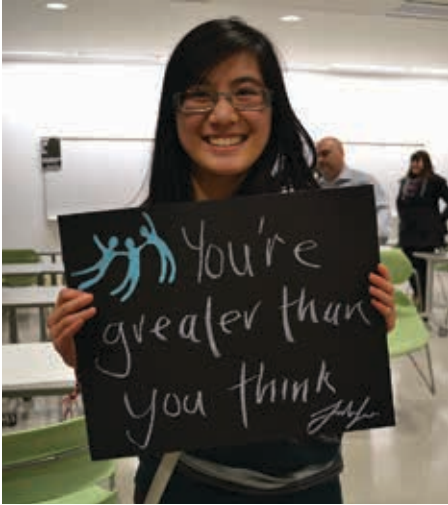
ACGC helped create a 2013 calendar highlighting the Istanbul Principles and case studies of their application in the field. The calendar initiative was led by ACGC and its national partner, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. It was done in collaboration with organizations like Change for Children, Care, Light Up the World, who were profiled in the calendar, as well as Canada’s other Provincial and Regional Councils, and the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness.

The calendar was distributed to all of the participating organizations around the country, ACGC’s network, and members of the public as far away as Belgium. It is a unique document in capturing the leadership that Canada’s civil society organizations demonstrate in creating and following a strong code of ethics for development.



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International Development Week 2013



Above: Change Your World youth leader Julie Le is greater than you think. International Development Week 2013. Photo by Chris Chang-Yen Phillips

Below: ACGC staff member, Chris Chang-Yen Phillips, interviews Top 30 Under 30 youth Julia Dalman, Rajvir Gill & Tif McNaughton. Photo by Jennifer Braun

93% of the youth who attended said they improved their knowledge of international development.



Youth Day

International Development Week is celebrated annually during the first week of February, and provides a unique opportunity for Canadian organizations and individuals to share their successes and achievements in international development. 2013's event, running from February 3-9, was supported by the Canadian International Development Agency, now DFATD.

ACGC and University of Alberta International co-presented a Youth Day to capitalize on the audience and interest attracted by the university's own International Week events. I-Week is an award-winning event hosted by the University of Alberta International Global Education Program to engage the local and campus community in an open dialogue on global issues. It is the University's largest annual extracurricular educational event and is the largest of its kind on a Canadian campus, with attendance at more than 7,000.

After the success of 2012's collaboration, we stepped up the programming to offer over 100 high-school students a unique opportunity to participate in an afternoon workshop with Sheryl WuDunn, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, activist and author of "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide."

Students had the opportunity to participate in interactive workshops, action-plan with other youth, and attend an evening keynote lecture by Sheryl WuDunn on women's empowerment worldwide. The activities explored local and global issues linked to greater degrees of democratic practice, strengthened their understanding of the empowerment of women and girls, and investigated the concepts of unity, diversity, global interconnectedness, human rights and responsibilities.

Top 30 Under 30 Magazine

For the second year, ACGC continued the popular Top 30 Under 30 campaign, profiling 30 youth from Alberta and the Global South who are models of civic engagement and global citizenship. Once again, the profiles were featured in a magazine distributed around the province. This time the Council was able to offer even more recognition to these dedicated young people by hosting a gala presentation at Edmonton's Citadel Theatre.

Many youth who volunteer or work with ACGC member organizations were highlighted in the magazine. It featured youth from Nicaragua and Nepal who ACGC's members have seen doing incredible work in water and sanitation empowerment, re-invigorating indigenous Miskito culture and language, and other inspiring efforts. Camrose's Tif McNaughton demonstrated talent leading Alberta NGO Sahakarini in its work advancing women and girls overseas, and hosting a film and speaker series highlighting the experiences of women in the Global South. Rajvir Gill, also featured in the magazine, has educated thousands of youth about human trafficking, and works for ACT Alberta as a volunteer leader and mentor on trafficking issues.

The Top 30 Under 30 gala invited the youth, families, and public to celebrate these achievements. Young people from the magazine shared their experiences translating difficult experiences overseas into engaging opportunities for Albertans to get involved in. MLA Jacquie Fenske also made an appearance to congratulate honourees on behalf of the Province of Alberta.

Collaborations

Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation (ICN)

The inter-council network (ICN) is a coalition of seven provincial and regional Councils for International Cooperation:

- Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC)
- L'Association Québécoise des Organismes de Coopération Internationale (AQOCI)
- Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)
- British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC)
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)
- Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)
- Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC)

These member-based Councils represent over 400 diverse organizations from across Canada that are committed to global social justice. The ICN provides a forum in which the Council collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

Knowledge Hub discussed a range of topics including global citizenship curriculum integration and creating equitable and just school partnerships and projects

Global Citizenship Education Knowledge Hub

This year the ICN underwent the second phase of their 3-year public engagement project. In this phase, each council assembled and worked with a Knowledge Hub, comprised of PE practitioners, experts, and citizens from their respective fields. ACGC's Knowledge Hub was focused on Global Citizenship Education in the formal education sector. (see bottom of page for complete list of Knowledge Hubs for each council). ACGC assembled a diverse group of 9 participants from across Canada, including teachers, academics, development practitioners, and administrators, representing three schools, one school administration, two universities, and three non-profit organizations. ACGC's Knowledge Hub discussed a range of topics including global citizenship curriculum integration, creating equitable and just school partnerships and projects, and where to find the very best resources for teaching global citizenship education. After these meetings were complete, a toolkit was compiled, with all the information, links, resources, suggestions, tips, lists, and case studies and will be available for online public access in September. The toolkit ACGC developed will be just one of the many toolkit resources developed by each council, and together they will make up what is called Global Hive. In September, each council will be putting on a webinar to showcase their work and teach others the content of their toolkit. List of Councils and Knowledge Hub Topics:

- ACGC: Global Citizenship Education in the Formal Education Sector
- AQOCI: Gender and Public Engagement
- ACIC: Collaboration and Partnerships
- BCCIC: Monitoring and Evaluation
- MCIC: Theory of Change
- OCIC: Public Policy
- SCIC: Youth and Public Engagement



AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2013, the statement of operations and changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alberta Council for Global Cooperation as at March 31, 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for Private Sector Not-for-Profit Organizations.

We draw attention to Note 3 to the financial statements which describes that Alberta Council for Global Cooperation adopted Canadian accounting standards for Private Sector Not-for-Profit Organizations on March 31, 2012 with a transition date of April 1, 2011. These standards were applied retrospectively by management to the comparative information in these financial statements, including the statements of financial position at March 31, 2012 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year ended March 31, 2012 and related disclosures. We were not engaged to report on the restated comparative information, and as such, it is neither audited nor reviewed.

SVS Group LLP
Chartered Accountants
Edmonton, Alberta
August 22, 2013

*The information on the following page was taken from audited financial statements.
Complete financial statements can be obtained from the ACGC office.*

Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at March 31, 2013

	2013	2012
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 21,366	\$ 6,375
Accounts receivable	14,987	19,306
Prepaid expenses and deposits	333	1,950
	<u>\$ 36,686</u>	<u>\$ 27,631</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 5,367	\$ 5,532
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	31,319	22,099
	<u>\$ 36,686</u>	<u>\$ 27,631</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

for the Year Ended March 31, 2013

	2013	%	2012	%
REVENUE				
CIDA grants	\$ 346,763	85.4	\$ 314,661	75.0
Membership and registration fees	11,910	2.9	12,080	2.9
Interest income	257	0.1	210	0.1
Annual General Meeting fees	6,154	1.5	6,742	1.6
Kaleidoscope Video Challenge	—	—	73,086	17.4
Other income	3,508	0.9	4,600	1.1
Workshop	1,681	0.4	4,679	1.1
Summer Temporary Employment Program	5,488	1.4	3,430	0.8
Newspaper project	30,440	7.4	—	—
	<u>406,201</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>419,488</u>	<u>100.0</u>
EXPENSES				
ACGC Capacity Building	38,362	9.4	43,224	10.3
Administration	36,617	9.0	34,669	8.3
Communications	1,450	0.4	3,996	1.0
ICN Capacity Building	8,266	2.0	5,069	1.2
ICN Public Engagement	1,856	0.5	1,014	0.2
International Development Week	40,391	9.9	42,364	10.1
Kaleidoscope Video Challenge	—	—	72,551	17.3
Newspaper project	28,960	7.1	—	—
Public engagement project	37,491	9.2	20,434	4.9
Salaries and benefits	198,159	48.8	171,920	41.0
Sector collaboration and gala event	5,429	1.3	13,328	3.2
	<u>396,981</u>	<u>97.6</u>	<u>408,569</u>	<u>97.5</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	9,220	2.4	10,919	2.5
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	22,099		11,180	
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 31,319</u>		<u>\$ 22,099</u>	

ACGC Members *Membership as of September 2013*

2012-2013 has been a great year for ACGC membership, despite some challenges within the sector. With over 70 organizational and individual members, ACGC has continued to grow as a powerful voice for international development in Alberta. Each of our members add a layer of depth and strength to the council as a whole, and our collective capacity in mobilizing greater Albertan participation in international development issues is clear in our many great successes of the past year. ACGC is so thankful for the time and effort our members put into working together for positive, sustainable human development and we look forward to another great year of bringing global cooperation to the forefront of citizen dialogue in Alberta.

Action International Ministries

ACTION is an evangelical, nondenominational missionary- sending agency that works in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. They currently have over 225 missionaries in 22 countries. ACTION missionaries run programs that specialize in reaching the poor to provide spiritual and practical needs-based resources. 3015 A 21st St. NE, Calgary, AB T2E 7T1 403.204.1421 www.actioninternational.org

Ainembabazi Children's Project

ACP's key priority is poverty alleviation for orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda. Our programming is focused on three areas: education, health and income generation. 3A, Callingwood Court, Edmonton, AB T5T 0H5 www.ainembabazi.org

Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG)

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. APIRG provides students with resources to be active citizens. They also facilitate opportunities for skill development through internships, educational events, public campaigns and partnerships with community organizations. 9111 - 112 St. NW, HUB Mall, University of Alberta Edmonton AB T6G 2C5 780.492.0614 www.apirg.org

Alberta Teachers Association

The ATA, as a professional organization of teachers, promotes and advances public education, safeguards standards of professional practice and serves as the advocate for its members. 11010 - 142 St., Edmonton, AB T5N 2R1 780-447-9421 www.teachers.ab.ca

Altamas for Peace and Development Association

Altamas for Peace and Development Association is a non profit association that started its operation in November of 2006. Its mission is to bring together tribes and communities in the Altamas Region, through medication, peace building and development projects. Altamas is the area between South Kurdofan and Northern Baher-algazal in Sudan. #23 - 401 Grier Ave. NE, Calgary, AB T2K 5S7 403.274.5568 www.altamas.ca

Association of Canadian Peacemakers International

The vision of Christian Peacemakers International is to develop and demonstrate a model of peacemaking and peacebuilding that can be emulated by others to address the structural causes of conflict in Central America (CA). The ultimate goal is to reduce the likelihood of more war in CA. 8107 - 44 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6K 0Z3 780.462.6234 www.cpi-cpf.ca

Awaso Canadian Academy Foundation

Awaso's mission is to enable the people to help themselves through providing education for the children of Awaso, Ghana. The main objectives for the project included: Assist children to pass Ghana government exams so they can continue their education and get better paying jobs and feel better about themselves. Build a facility where Father Mensah and others can elevate the children's knowledge and spirituality to enable them to make a better life for themselves and their families. Box 6961, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1S3 780.621.3381 www.awasoman.ca

Bridges of Hope International Network of Development Agencies

Bridges of Hope exists to promote poverty relief and community empowerment amongst the poorest nations on earth. This work is done through enhancing the capabilities and productivity of indigenous organizations, leadership and through people who are committed to poverty relief and community empowerment. PO Box 81 Stn Main, Lethbridge, AB T1J 3Y3 403.380.3844 www.bridgesofhope.ca

Calgary Board of Education Global Learning Services

The function of the Global Learning Services is to attract international students to study in public schools with the Calgary Board of Education, ensure marketing efforts achieve a diversified international student population, ensure international students are well supported while studying in Calgary, support international students in getting involved in extracurricular activities and clubs, provide international opportunities for CBE students through exchange and the International Certificate, and enable CBE teachers to provide globalized

learning opportunities in their classrooms through Global Connect. 2nd Floor, 1221 - 8th St. SW Calgary, AB T2R 0L4 403-817-7720 www.cbe.ab.ca

Canada World Youth

CWY provides young people from Canada and around the world with the opportunity to travel, live and work in different communities, to learn about local and international development, and to gain important job skills for the future. CWY's mission is to increase the ability of people, and especially youth, to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies. 2330 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest, Montreal, PQ H3J 1N4 1.800.605.3526 www.cwy-jcm.org

Canadian Association for Participatory Development

CAPD was founded in 2002 to facilitate inclusion of people with disabilities in Latin America by strengthening their organizations and their connections within their communities. We use participatory methods to accomplish our goals mindful that we are playing a supportive and not a leadership role in the process of community development. Our work with our community partners focuses on helping them develop the skills required to advocate for people with disabilities in their own communities. Through experience-based learning, leadership skills are enhanced, creativity is unleashed and self confidence is augmented. Our long-term relationships with our partners are based on trust and mutual learning. 44 Scanlon Place NW, Calgary, AB T3L 1V8 403.202.0673 www.capdcalgary.org

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. It is a membership-based organization founded in 1967 by Canada's bishops, laity and clergy to fight poverty in the countries of the South, and to promote greater international justice. During the past 40 years, Development and Peace has provided \$500 million to finance 15,000 projects in 70 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. 8421 - 101 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6A 0L1 780.424.1557 www.dev.org

Canadian Department of Peace Initiative (CDPI)

Canadian Department of Peace Initiative Edmonton Chapter is a small, lobby group who takes pride that their supporters represent four of the major political parties across Canada. The Edmonton Chapter falls under the National Campaign to establish a Canadian Department of Peace. CDPI National is a founding

organization of Global Alliance for Ministries & Departments of Peace. CDPI works towards building a connection between government departments to promote a culture of peace in Canada and around the world. The hope is that the government will bring together 3 major components of peace & security: peace-making, peace keeping, and peace building.
9442 - 144 St., Edmonton, AB T5R 0R9
780.454.7505 www.cdpiedmonton.ca

Canadian Humanitarian

The mission of Canadian Humanitarian is to provide basic necessities of life such as nutrition, shelter, health care, and education to disadvantaged children everywhere. They work toward this goal through community development and orphan rescue.
476 - 4 St. SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0K6
403.527.2741 www.canadianhumanitarian.com

The Canadian Moravian Mission Society

The Canadian Moravian Mission Society was established in Alberta to promote the mission work of the Moravian Church and foster outreach and connection within the Moravian congregations. As part of the Worldwide Moravian Unity it works to support work in Central America, Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya, India, Nepal, Peru and Sierra Leone.
8008 - 161 St. NW, Edmonton, AB T5R 2K6
780.486.2283 www.moravian.ca

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (CW4WAfghan) is a volunteer solidarity network founded in 1996. CW4WAfghan began as a small volunteer network of women in Canada committed to supporting the empowerment of Afghan women and girls. There are now fourteen volunteer chapters and affiliated groups working in solidarity across Canada to support rights and opportunities for Afghan women and girls.
Marda Loop Box 86016, Calgary, AB T2T 6B7
403.244.5625 www.cw4wafghan.ca

Caro - Canadians Reaching out to the World's Children Foundation

This foundation is dedicated to partnering with international communities in need for the improvement of the lives of impoverished, disabled and abandoned children, their families and communities.
43 Sunflower Crt. SE, Calgary, AB T1B 2H6
403.529.6296 www.carocanada.ca

CAUSE Canada

Founded in 1984, CAUSE Canada is an International Relief and Development Organization which strives to empower communities and individuals in disadvantaged regions to overcome poverty and improve quality of life. Working in West Africa and Central America, the development priorities of CAUSE include: primary health care; water and sanitation; reforestation; gender-specific development initiatives (women's projects); and

micro-enterprise projects.
Box 8100, Canmore, AB T1W 2T8
403.678.3332 www.cause.ca

CEIBA Association

The CEIBA Association was founded in August of 2010 by a small group of Project HOPE alumni. For ten years Project HOPE operated within Grant MacEwan University, allowing over 100 students to fundraise for and participate in international development initiatives. In the summer of 2010, it was decided that Project HOPE would no longer be organized by the University, and Ceiba was born. Maintaining the connections and relationships that Project HOPE had built over the years, both locally and abroad, Ceiba now looks towards a new future in international development and youth activism.
Suite 1, 10011 - 115 St., Edmonton, AB T5K 1S8
780.448.1505 www.ceibaassociation.com

Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST)

The mission of CAWST is to provide technical training and support in water and sanitation services for those who serve the poor in developing countries. In particular, CAWST is the centre of expertise and distribution for the Biosand concrete water filtration technology, a low-cost water treatment technology specially designed for use by the poor in developing countries. These household filters are made by local people using materials commonly found in most parts of the world.
Bay 12, 2916 5th Ave. NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6K4
403.243.3285 www.cawst.org

Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research (CGCER)

The Center for Global Citizenship and Research is an initiative of the Department of Educational Policy Studies, that seeks to link research, teaching and social action through creating collaborative partnerships that serve the public and the education community. The Center is active in developing a critical research culture of collaboration, creativity, and compassion by bringing together local and global researchers, higher education practitioners, in-service and pre-service teachers, and community educators to work towards social change and justice.
7-104 Education North, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2G5
780.492.4879 <http://cgcer.wordpress.com>

Change for Children Association (CFCA)

Change for Children promotes action for systemic change and sustainable development through solidarity and partnership, by nurturing community, and by maintaining an integral, vital and stable organization. CFCA's mandate is to support the poor in their own process of organizing to achieve an increased, active role in promoting peace, democracy, human rights, and improved living conditions, accomplished through: growth in understanding of unfair structures and the growing popular resistance

to those structures; learning from people with whom we partner to accompany them in the struggle for justice; and acting in development with a sense of urgency and commitment.
2nd Flr., 10808 - 124 St., Edmonton, AB T5M 0H3
780.448.1505 www.changeforchildren.org

CHF

CHF is a non-profit organization dedicated to enabling poor rural communities in developing countries to attain sustainable livelihoods. Their goal to deliver effective, sustainable and transformational development solutions is being realized via the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach. In over 40 years, CHF has implemented over 800 projects in more than 40 countries.
323 Chapel St., Ottawa, ON K1N 7Z2
613.237.0180 www.chf-partners.ca

Covenant International Ministry

Covenant International is a faith based multifaceted development organization. It was established to facilitate and inspire transformation in its fullest extent in the nation of Ethiopia and in due time in other countries at the community level.
PO Box 744, STN Main, Calgary, AB T2P 2J3
403.923.2987 www.covenantint.org

Cuso International

Cuso International is a civil society development agency that works through volunteers. Cuso International sends Canadians and Americans abroad to work on collaborative development projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Cuso International places people of all ages who have the hands-on know-how and perspectives needed to work with organizations working to overcome poverty.
1460 Howe St., Vancouver, BC V6Z 1R8
604.566.3368 www.cuso.org

Engineers Without Borders - Canada

Engineers Without Borders creates opportunities for rural Africans to access clean water, generate an income from small farms, and have improved access to the services and infrastructure they need to improve their lives. They harness the problem-solving approach and creative pragmatism of the Canadian engineering sector to address the root causes of poverty in rural Africa.
Calgary Place, RPO Box 20364, Calgary, AB T2P 4J4
National Office: Suite 302, 312 Adelaide St. W, Toronto, ON M5V 1R2
403.619.5958 <http://ewb.ca>

ACGC Members

Four Worlds Centre for Developing Learning

The Four Worlds Centre for Development emerged out of Indigenous peoples' community healing and development efforts in North America in the early 1980s. Since then, the Four Worlds Centre has worked extensively in rural and urban settings in every corner of North America, as well as in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific, the former Soviet Union and Latin America. It is well known for its culturally based approach to development work, for its participatory and trans-disciplinary approach, and for its down-to-earth articulation of principles and models to guide human and community transformation.

Box 395, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A6
Tel: 403.932.0882 www.fourworlds.ca

Ghost River Rediscovery

Drawing on the strengths of Indigenous culture, the wisdom of the Elders, with the philosophy of love and respect for the Earth and all peoples, Ghost River Rediscovery aims at empowering people of all ages and cultures to discover the natural world, the worlds between cultures and the worlds within themselves.

Suite 164, 3359 - 27 St. NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 5E4
403.270.9351 www.ghostriverrediscovery.com

Global, Environmental, and Outdoor Educators Council (GEOEC)

Global Environmental and Outdoor Educators Council is one of 23 specialist Councils of the Alberta Teachers' Association. Their mission is to promote quality professional development for teachers in the area of global, environmental, and outdoor education.

5720 - 113B St., Edmonton, AB T6E 0S5
780.438.4818 www.geoec.org

Helping Youth through Educational Scholarships (HYTES)

Helping Youth Through Educational Scholarships (HYTES) is a Canadian not-for-profit organization that has no affiliation with any government or religion. They raise funds in Canada to provide scholarships in developing nations. Their current focus is on paying for secondary tuition costs for community minded and financially challenged students in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Guatemala.

2024 - 34 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2T 2C3

403.291.9812 www.hytes.org

HIV Edmonton

HIV Edmonton's vision is to work with the whole community, in a global context, ensuring: There are no new HIV infections; People living with HIV live longer, healthier lives, free of stigma; Everyone affected by HIV gets the services they need without barriers or discrimination. HIV Edmonton's education and research initiatives aim to bridge the gap between local and global HIV/AIDS issues.

9702 - 111 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5G 0B1
780.488.5742 www.hivedmonton.com

Human Development Foundation

Human Development Foundation provides primary Education, Primary Health and Community development by Social Mobilization in remote rural areas of Pakistan. We believe in the motto of SELF HELP and practice it with full participation of communities we serve.

4208 Ramsey Road, Edmonton, AB T6H 5R2
780.430.6994 www.hdfcanada.org

John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights

Named after the late John Peters Humphrey, the principal drafter of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, the Centre's mission is to advance the universal implementation of human rights through teaching education of all people, with a specific focus on children and youth. A commitment to human rights, it is envisioned, will move us towards a sustainable peace and human development, locally and internationally.

7723 - 85 St., Edmonton, AB T6C 3B4
780.453.2638 www.johnhumphreycentre.org

Keiskamma Canada Foundation

Keiskamma is a non-profit that is dedicated to supporting the work of the Keiskamma Trust in South Africa by raising awareness and funds for their health and art projects. They have a long-term commitment to building relationships in efforts to restore lives devastated by the AIDS pandemic.

PO Box 34199, 126 Kingsway Mall,
Edmonton, AB T5G 3G4

780.454.2474 www.keiskammacanada.com

Kleos Microfinance Group (KleosMFG)

The Kleos Microfinance Group is a Calgary based organization that focuses on development. The Group is aimed towards improving the living conditions for those people around the globe that are in the greatest need of economic assistance. Loans and credits are provided to those people who are not considered to be bankable, those who lack the required collateral, credit history, or formal income to be considered by major banks as reliable credit recipients.

2900 Signal Hill Dr. SW, Calgary, AB T3H 2V1
403.831.8752 www.kleosmfg.org

L'Institut Indo-Canadien Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is a unique binational organization that promotes understanding between India and Canada. To achieve this goal, the Institute funds a variety of academic activities and exchanges between these partner countries.

1402 Education Tower, University of Calgary,
2500 University Drive, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4
403.220.7467 www.sici.org

Light Up the World Foundation

The Light up the World Foundation brings ultra-efficient, durable and near permanent White Light Emitting Diodes (WLED) lighting solutions powered by renewable energy to the world's poor in ecologically sensitive and remote rural areas. Since inception, LUTW has lit up more than 14,000 homes in 42 countries. LUTW's goal of reaching the approximately 2 billion people worldwide without access to adequate lighting is ongoing.

244 - 13 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0K2
403.266.5004 www.lutw.org

Maharashtra Seva Samiti Organization (MSSO)

MSSO was established in 1984 by immigrants from the Maharashtra State in India. It is a volunteer based registered charity which helps grassroots volunteer groups in India implement projects that are locally deemed appropriate to better the lives of the people there. MSSO assistance priorities are in vocational training, health care and family planning, water and sanitation, and sound environmental development.

508, 330 - 26 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2S 2T3
403.252.9686 www.mssoonline.org

Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

The Marda Loop Justice Film Festival is a documentary film festival and a hub of global citizen engagement promoting understanding of justice issues and advocating for the well being of local and global neighbours. Its goals include fostering awareness and understanding of injustices and indignities suffered by many in our world, telling stories of hope in action, facilitating conversations around justice, views of the world, essential questions, and the greater common good. The Festival collaborates with other justice film festivals, community institutions of learning, civil society, faith, media, government and business to establish projects that achieve shared goals of justice awareness and public engagement.

56 Glenview Dr. SW, Calgary, AB T3E 4H5
403.240.2975 www.justicefilmfestival.ca

Mennonite Central Committee - Alberta

Mennonite Central Committee - Alberta is an NGO that works with national and international programs for relief, development, peace and education.

#210, 2946 - 32 St. NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6J7
403.275.6935 www.alberta.mcc.org

Micah Centre at King's University College

The Micah Center at King's University College advances student awareness of justice issues and creates opportunities for experiential learning opportunities around the world through internships.

9125 - 50th St., Edmonton, AB T6B 2H3
780.465.3500 Ext. 8070 www.micahcentre.ca

One Child's Village

One Child's Village is a non-governmental, non-religious, not-for-profit society of volunteers who are united in values and who seek to enhance the quality of life for all members of the global community, especially those who are poor, suffering or are otherwise disadvantaged. The emphasis in their work is placed on supporting orphans affected by or infected by HIV/AIDS. 7954 - 84 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6C 1C5 780.433.3342 www.onechildsvillage.org

One! International Poverty Relief

One! International is a volunteer organization working toward the betterment of life for children and families in Mumbai (Bombay), India. It is a non-governmental (non-profit), non-sectarian organization that depends on financial support primarily from individuals as well as businesses and other organizations. The main goal of One! is the future. And of course the key to the future is the children and the youth. Basic education for children is a must. However, in order to accomplish this, education must also be extended to the older population by conveying education's necessity. 112 Garland Cr., Sherwood Park, AB T8A 2R2 780.467.6254 www.one-international.com

Operation Eyesight Universal

Operation Eyesight is an international development organization dedicated to treating and preventing blindness in the developing world. Since 1963, their programs have restored sight to more than two million people and treated 33 million others for a variety of potentially blinding eye problems. 4 Parkdale Cresc. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 3T8 403.283.6323 www.operationeyesight.com

Optometry Giving Sight

Optometry Giving Sight is an initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error - the need for eye glasses to see. At least 670 million people around the world are blind or vision impaired simply because they do not have access to an eye examination and a pair of glasses. Optometry Giving Sight funds the solution by supporting programs that offer not only eye exams and glasses in countries with little or no access to them, but that establish the infrastructure and human resources required for sustainable, quality vision care. 4 Parkdale Cresc. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 3T8 403.670.2619 www.givingsight.org

Oxfam Canada

Oxfam Canada believes Canadians and other citizens of the world can end poverty and injustice by working together in solidarity to assert their basic human rights. Oxfam Canada supports 28 countries around the world to secure basic human rights, combining support to long-term development and humanitarian

responses with research, advocacy and campaigning against the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their programs are located in the Americas, the Horn of Africa, Southern Africa, and South Asia. 416 - 21st St. E., Saskatoon, SK S7K 0C2 306.242.4097 www.oxfam.ca

Project Shelter Wakadogo

Project Shelter Wakadogo is trying to raise awareness for the plight of the children of northern Uganda. Since its creation it has grown and evolved into an internationally recognized charitable organization. We call it Project Shelter Wakadogo, which means "for the little ones" in Swahili. 36, 9520 - 174 St. SW, Edmonton, AB T5T 5Z3 780.930.2101 <http://shelterwakadogo.org>

Rainbow for the Future

Rainbow for the Future is a Canadian development agency dedicated to the organization and integration of sustainable relief efforts throughout Africa. Some of their current projects include literacy programs for girls in Ethiopia and irrigation projects. 10712 - 101 St., Westlock, AB T7P 1H7 780.349.5631 www.rainbowff.org

Rainbow of Hope for Children

Rainbow of Hope for Children is an Alberta-based NGO working for human development in Brazil, Central America, the Philippines, and Africa. ROHFC works with their international partners in the areas of education, political awareness, health and wellness, life skills, women's capacity building, land reform, agriculture, and marketing techniques. At home, they provide education services to schools, communities and church groups through experienced speakers and their publication, NEXUS. PO Box 2883, Wainright, AB T9W 1S7 780.842.6091 www.rainbowofhopeforchildren.ca

RESULTS Canada

RESULTS CANADA is a national network of volunteers. We are committed to creating the political will to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty in Canada and around the world, and to demonstrating that individuals do make a difference. 103- 153 Chapel St., Ottawa, ON K1N 1H5 613.562.9240 <http://results-resultats.ca>

Sahakarini Inter-World Education and Development Association

Sahakarini exists to promote, encourage and assist international aid and development, as well as encourage and foster development education activity. PO Box 1685, Camrose, AB T4V 1X6 403.672.8222 www.sahakarini.org

Samaritan's Purse - Canada

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970 Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. 20 Hopewell Way NE, Calgary, AB T3J 5H5 403.250.6565 www.samaritanpurse.ca

Sinkunia Community Development Organization

SCDO supports the successful settlement and integration of African immigrant families in the community through cultural, mentoring and counselling programs. The organization also supports community development initiatives (educational, health, agriculture and clean water supply) for groups and individuals within our target zones (West Africa). #304, 10209 - 97 St., Edmonton, AB T5J 0J6 www.sinkuniacommunity.org

Somali Canadian Education and Rural Development Organization (SCERDO)

SCERDO is committed to promote crucial education and development needs for Somalis at home and around the world. SCERDO is currently working to promote education for peace and sustainable development in primary schools in parts of Northern Somalia. They have also launched a campaign to promote the importance of education and rural development for Somalia's future development. 12052 Fort Road, Edmonton, AB T5B 4H1 780.491.0233 www.scerdo.org

Sombrilla International Development Society

Sombrilla is an Edmonton based NGO supporting development projects in South and Central America. Sombrilla works in partnership and solidarity with our partners in the South. We presently have projects in Peru and Guatemala with a focus on clean water, education and food security. Sombrilla also partners with local youth such as Scouts and high school students to further awareness of global issues and to raise funds for our projects. 11424 - 77 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6G 0L8 780.988.2976 www.sombrilla.ca

Stop TB Canada

Stop TB Canada initiative is part of a global movement to accelerate social and political action to stop the unnecessary spread of tuberculosis around the world. Email: anne.fanning@ualberta.ca

ACGC Members

The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission Canada was formed in Guelph in 1892. Since then, they have supported those affected by this terrible disease. In 1892 there was no cure - our work consisted of prayer and support. When a cure was found, the work became diagnosing and bringing the cure to as many as possible. The Leprosy Mission's work now still includes these things - and so much more. It includes rehabilitation, small business loans, training, running self help groups and teaching people to live with the effects of leprosy.

100 - 100 Mural St., Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1J3
905.886.2885 www.leprosy.ca

Tools for Schools Africa Foundation (TFS-A Fdn.)

Tools for Schools Africa works to improve the quality of life in the Northern Region of Ghana by enhancing educational opportunities for girls. We are based in Damongo and presently have 44 bright and motivated girls on scholarship, most at the junior and senior high levels. In the past year we built a boarding house for junior high girls and this year are publishing a children's ABC Book about Northern Ghana. We also have a registered NGO in Ghana, and plan to ship a container fall 2011. If anyone is interested in a one on one relationship with a girl and agrees to help sponsor post secondary education, please contact us. This can cost as little as \$1,000 a year.

4757 - 56 St., Red Deer, AB T4N 2K2
403.340.3889 www.tfs-africa.org

Trickster Theatre

Trickster Theatre has been working in Alberta schools for 30 years, providing a popular Residency Program to schools for over 20 years. Nearly 500 schools have held Trickster Residencies. These have covered all grade levels. Currently the focus is on Kids Go Global where student theatre performances are based on global issues. Kids Go Global aims to build connections between NGOs and schools.

Suite 980 105 - 150 Crowfoot Cres. NW,
Calgary, AB T3G 3T2
403.288.9393 www.trickstertreatre.com

True Vision Ghana

True Vision Ghana (TVG) is a Ghanaian-run not-for-profit organization that works with disadvantaged groups in Northern Ghana on HIV/AIDS issues. They currently work with AIDS orphans in Northern Ghana through their Care and Aid Program, ensuring that the orphans are receiving basic needs such as food, medicine and education. True Vision Ghana also works with rural junior high schools to discuss sexual health issues and prevention as well as works with caregivers of orphans supported in the Care and Aid Program.

14735 Deer Run Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 5Z1
403.874.6588 www.truevisionghana.org

Unisphere Global Resource Centre

The Unisphere Global Resource Centre is a community-based charity dedicated to global issues such as poverty, famine, and human rights issues. Unisphere educates individuals about global issues as well as issues that affect them locally.

101 - 6th St. SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1G7
403.529.2656
<http://nonprofit.memlane.com/unisphere>

United Nations Association in Canada - Edmonton Branch (UNAC)

The Edmonton Branch of UNAC is part of a nationwide group of voluntary, non-partisan United Nations organizations concerned with global affairs. It is comprised of interested Canadians in the greater- Edmonton area who seek solutions to world problems through the effective use of the UN, its specialized agencies, and other multilateral institutions. This branch is committed to promoting awareness of critical issues such as the environment, human rights, disarmament, and development.

Grant MacEwan College,
10700 - 104 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5J 4S2
780.439.6292 www.edmonton.unac.org

University of Alberta International - Global Education Program

Driven by its vision to connect with the world, UAI works to support the creation of an internationally vibrant learning and research environment. UAI's broad suite of services assists students, staff and community in virtually every aspect of international engagement at the U of A.

3 - 657 Enterprise Square, 10230 Jasper Ave.,
Edmonton, AB T5J 4P6
780.492.5962 www.international.ualberta.ca

Women's Empowerment International Foundation (WEIF)

WEIF's mission is to alleviate poverty in Central and South Asia, particularly among women and children. Our programs focus on four core social issues: education, infrastructure, economic development and health care.

132 Bainbridge Cres. NW,
Edmonton, AB T5T 6B4
780.707.5431 www.weif.org

World Fit For Children - Alberta Chapter

World Fit For Children (WFFC) is a non-governmental, non-sectarian, international children's organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. WFFC believes strongly that as a children's organization, the only way to help children is to ask them directly, as it is the children themselves who can best tell us what they need. Consisting of a group of volunteers, the Alberta Chapter advocates and organizes fundraising events for projects that take place in the developing world.

10835 - 84 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6E 2J1
780.690.1492 www.worldfitforchildren.com

World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

WUSC is a network of individuals and postsecondary institutions who believe that all peoples are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world. Our mission is to foster human development and global understanding through education and training.

PO Box/ CP 3000 Stn/Succ. C
(1404 Scott Street), Ottawa, ON K1Y 4M8
613.798.7477 www.wusc.ca

The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is a coalition of voluntary sector organizations located in Alberta, working locally and globally to achieve sustainable human development.

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