

ACGC 

Alberta Council for Global Cooperation

2014-2015 Annual Report

## 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.

## Board and Staff Members



### BOARD MEMBERS – 2014-2015

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Francoise Ruban – Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA)

### STAFF MEMBERS – 2014-2015

*Executive Director:*

Heather McPherson

*Program Manager:*

Leah Ettarh

*Membership and Outreach Coordinator:*

Diane Connors

*Communications Officer:*

Chris Chang-Yen Phillips / Kelly Parkatti

*Program Assistant:*

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*Week Coordinator:*

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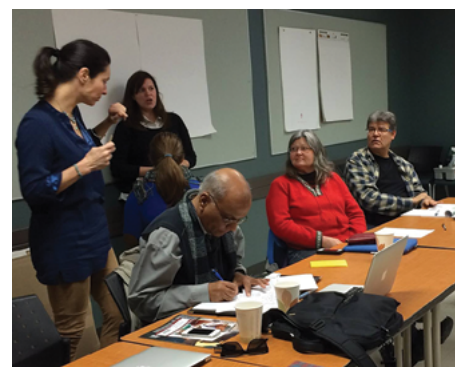
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*Summer Intern:*

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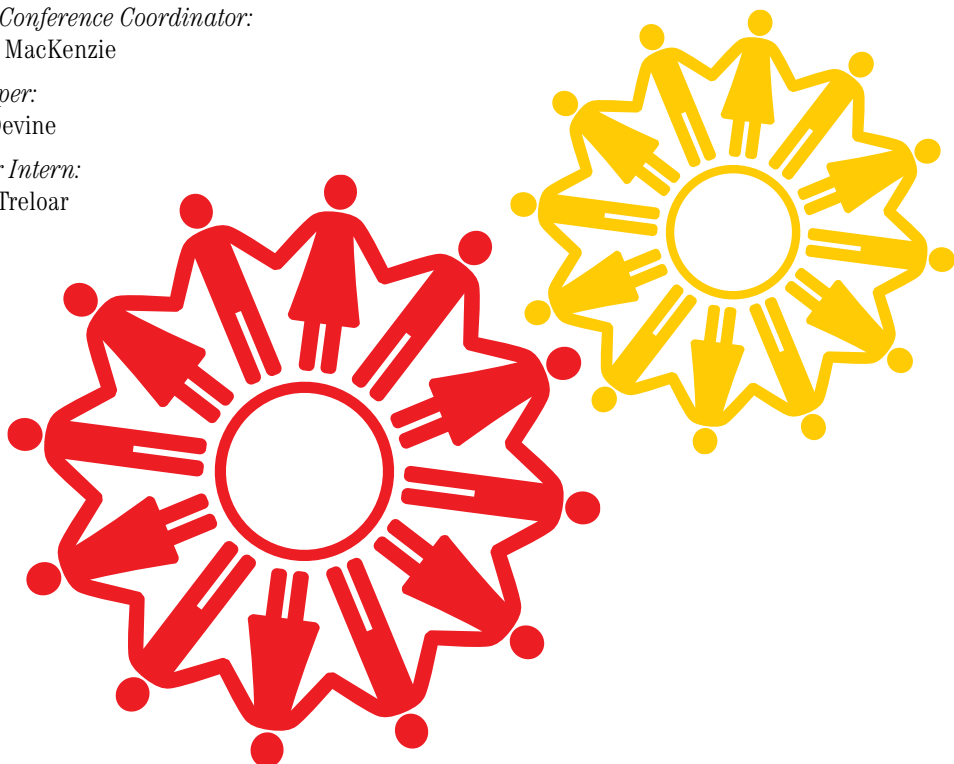
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ACGC staff (above left, left to right): Leah Ettarh, Rumbi Zinyemba, Heather McPherson (Executive Director), Diane Connors, Kelly Parkatti. Photo by Megan Lemoine

ACGC board (above) and staff members at a planning retreat in Canmore in November 2014.



## Letter from the Chair & Executive Director



*Heather McPherson, ACGC Executive Director*



*Marion Perrin, ACGC Board Chair*

What an exciting year for the international cooperation sector in Alberta, Canada, and around the world! There has been some real, and very significant change over 2014-2015, and as we look forward to the coming year we can expect to see more upheaval within our already dynamic and ever-changing sector.

Here are a few highlights from the past year:

In May 2014, the ACGC staff and board were thrilled to embark upon a 5-year partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD). Along with the seven other Councils that make up the Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation, ACGC has spent the past year – and will continue to do so in the coming years – enhancing awareness and promoting Canadian (particularly youth) participation in issues of international development as a way of contributing to the reduction of global poverty, and increasing the effectiveness of international development by improving the capacity of ACGC member organizations to deliver good, sustainable development. Recognizing the vital role the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) plays in regards to Canada's position in the world, ACGC will continue to ensure the broad network of ACGC organizational and individual members, and the far-reaching network of ACGC collaborators and contributors, are kept abreast of the changes to the international cooperation sector. We look forward to continuing our collaborative work with the Government of Canada.

There were significant changes with Civil Society's relationship with the Government of Canada. This year saw Minister Paradis release the long-anticipated International Development and Humanitarian Assistance Civil Society Partnership Policy after receiving input from a broad spectrum of Canadians. During the summer of 2014, ACGC – as part of the Inter-Council Network and Canadian Council for International Cooperation – provided feedback and suggestions to DFATD staff on the policy, and we appreciated that many of our suggestions were included in the final document. Knowing that the Canadian Government has identified the key roles Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) play in reducing poverty around the world through a wide variety of methods is very good news!

In addition, in Mexico Minister Paradis attended the first High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Development Cooperation – the new structure created to implement the Busan agreements (Nov 2011) on effective development cooperation. Heather was able to represent Canada and Alberta as part of the Canadian CSO delegation that included Brian Tomlinson from AidWatch Canada, Robert Fox from Oxfam Canada, John Sinclair from North-South Institute and Fraser Reilley-King and Julia Sanchez from the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.

While ACGC is excited to see a new relationship developing between DFATD and Canadian Civil Society, we know we can do better as a country. That we must do better if we are to meet our potential, and indeed our own Canadian expectations, for reducing global poverty and addressing the pressing issues of our time. In February 2015, ACGC as part of the ICN, in partnership with Engineers Without Borders, released a national poll undertaken by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. As we expected, the results showed that Canadians care about global poverty and they want our Government to be a leader in reducing it. 94% of Canadians say it is important to improve health, education and economic opportunity for the world's poorest.



As part of our commitment to do better, ACGC signed onto the We Can Do Better campaign developed by CCIC. Throughout the coming year ACGC will be prompting our members to get engaged in asking that Canada do better on the global stage.

ACGC continued building relationships with other stakeholders within the sector. We launched the first ever Global Citizenship Summer Institute in partnership with Aga Khan Foundation Canada and the University of Alberta in July 2014. 35 teachers from Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon participated in an amazing 5-day institute where they learned how to better teach global citizenship to their students. It was a remarkable collaboration and we feel that with what teachers learned and took away from the institute, we have made significant strides forward for student learning for decades to come.

Looking ahead, there is an enormous amount of change occurring for ACGC, our member organizations, our Southern partners, and the individuals we work with over the coming year. The new Sustainable Development Goals will be replacing the expiring Millennium Development Goals, and with this change will come significant impacts on our work as we look at issues like universality, funding for development, and youth engagement. In December 2015, the global community will come together in Paris for the United Nations Climate Change Conference on how we address climate justice; this as one of the biggest issues in international development will be discussed and debated, and hopefully a path forward will be developed. Finally, this October sees Canadians heading to the polls for the 42nd federal election. ACGC is keeping a close eye on the outcomes of all of these major events and will be communicating our analysis regularly to our members.

ACGC anticipates changes in our relationship with the Provincial Government as well, as we engage with Alberta's first New Democratic Government ever. We are excited to have recently hired a Government Relations staff member to work closely with Provincial and Federal governments to represent the interest of ACGC member organizations during these changing times.

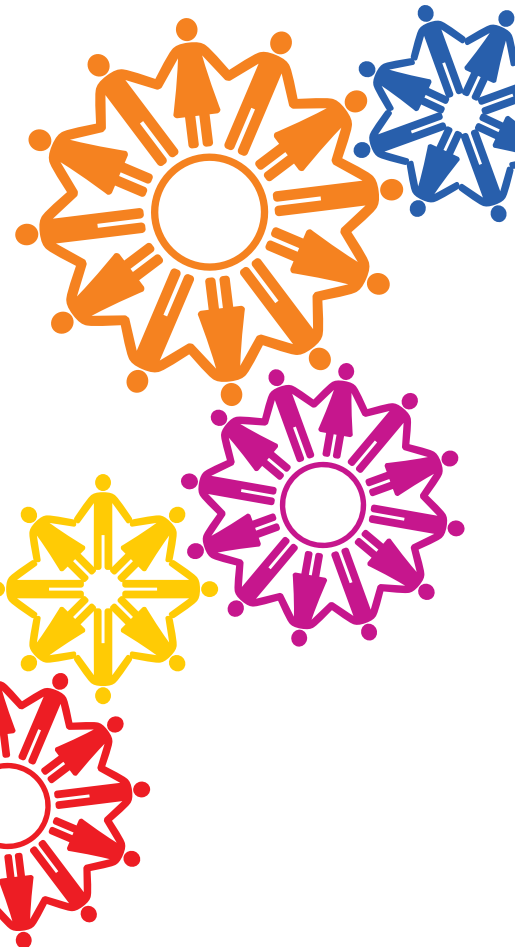
With the addition of this new position, the ACGC staff has grown to six permanent staff and many other contract or part-time staff. It is a wonderful privilege to lead and work with these dedicated, smart, capable people. It is one of the greatest gifts in the world to do work you love with people you admire and respect. We are truly blessed in this aspect of our work. As well, as always, we are filled with admiration and respect for the incredible work done by ACGC member organizations around the world and in Alberta. The work we do is challenging and difficult much of the time, and the examples set by ACGC members, staff and board make the work rewarding. Thank you.

The coming year is a crucial year one for our global community. There is still much work to be done – we can do better and we must do better! We look forward to the opportunity to continue working with our members, our sector, the Government of Canada and Alberta, and the thousands of Albertans working to make the world a more fair and just place. Together we are stronger!

***94% of Canadians say it is important to improve health, education and economic opportunity for the world's poorest***



*Heather McPherson was part of the Canadian contingent at the High Level Meeting for Global Partnership for Development Cooperation in Mexico with Minister Paradis.*



Marion Perrin

## Building Sector Capacity



*The poster for the public "Role Call" event as part of the 2014 AGM.*

### AGM

ACGC's Annual General Meeting acts as a cross-sectoral member's conference with capacity building workshops and networking opportunities. The AGM and conference is paired with an annual public engagement event featuring speakers or a panel on a relevant topic in International Development.

The 2014 member's conference included several interesting presentations to launch discussion around important topics in the international development and global citizenship sectors. These included sessions focused on volunteer-sending, equitable partnership building, and public education on human rights and international development. A presentation from LeadNow on Collaborative Democratic Engagement tools oriented ACGC members to developing a joint election engagement approach.

The public engagement event "Role Call: Canada's Role on the Global Stage" was kicked off with a screening of the new ACGC short documentary film "We Can Do Better," based around the experience of the Change Your World youth tour participants from 2013 in Nicaragua. The film introduced the public audience to the topic at hand: how Canada's role in the world has changed, and is changing, with global shifts such as climate change and international resource extraction. The three panelists, indigenous advocate Juanita Cabrera-Lopez, international affairs commentator Satya Brata Das, and ACGC Top 30 Under 30 Ahmed "Knowmadic" Ali, spoke to a range of topics moderated by ACGC staff member Chris Chang-Yen Phillips.

### Workshops and Webinars

ACGC hosts a range of different opportunities through the year to help build the capacity and skills of those from our membership organizations. Often, other interested individuals will also join in to learn and share knowledge, expanding the ACGC network.

ACGC hosted a full day workshop based off of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation's three day workshop on "Integrating Human Rights Based Approaches and Equitable Partnerships into Development Programming: Operationalizing the Istanbul Principles." This workshop is meant to build the knowledge of people already working on development projects abroad, and focuses on what it means to embody a human rights approach in development work. This includes utilizing international human rights frameworks, and understanding how to build meaningful participation from the most in need into the design of development programs.



*Agnes Somuah from Sinkunia Community Development Organization (SCDO) during an alternative learning day at Jasper Place High School.*

ACGC worked together with the Inter-Council Network of provincial and regional councils for international cooperation to produce a series of webinars useful to international development organizations across the country. The webinar topics included: Canada's Maternal Newborn and Child Health network, Ebola: the Ongoing Challenge, and Results Launch! Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Poll on Canadian Perspectives on International Development.

### Networking

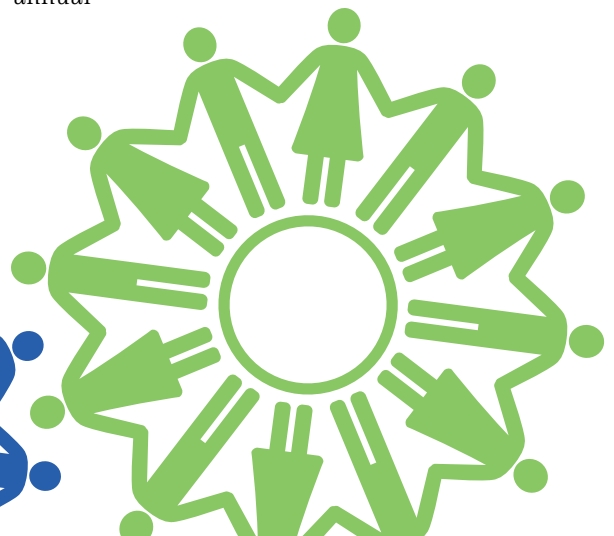
ACGC focused this past year on increasing sector capacity by strengthening the social capital of international development networks. Whether conducting a series of in-person meetings, facilitating casual gatherings such as development drinks, or making connections between people and organizations doing complimentary work, ACGC staff worked to fortify the network of people in Alberta's international development sector. ACGC member organizations were also networked to students and teachers through events such as the Global Citizenship Summer Institute, Jasper Place High School's "alternative learning opportunities day," and International Development Week events such as ACGC's Youth Day.



*A Development Drinks event held in Calgary in May 2014.*

A focus on networking within the Inter-Council Network was also made a priority over 2014-2015, with ACGC staff connecting to other staff across the provincial and regional councils to streamline work, share ideas, and work on projects. This has included supporting and advising councils engaging in youth educational experiences abroad similar to the ACGC Change Your World youth tour. ACGC also connected strongly with the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, engaging through board involvement and the newly formed "Emerging Leaders Network." Through this network, ACGC helped organize a workshop on leadership and a panel on social justice at the CCIC annual conference.

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## Public Engagement

*In the 2014-2015 year, ACGC organized and supported 21 different public engagement events with an outreach of 2743 participants.*



*ACGC's Pecha Kucha night in Edmonton.*



*ACGC Volunteer Taiwo Fasoranti at the Just Christmas event that supports ethical holiday products.*

ACGC's Public Engagement activities continue to focus on increasing the public's knowledge and engagement on key international issues, primarily through strengthening the relationships the Council and members have with educators and youth throughout the province. As such, ACGC has been able to position itself as a leading voice in global citizenship education, and continues to be called upon to provide information, consultation, and resources to various audiences on international development issues.

ACGC was pleased to host the pilot of the *Global Citizenship Summer Institute* in the summer of 2014 with the support of the Aga Khan Foundation of Canada, and the Center for Global Citizenship Education and Research (CGCER) at the University of Alberta. (See next page). Successful in its own right, hosting this Institute facilitated ACGC's ability to reach educators and youth outside major urban areas. Through connections with educators made at the Institute, ACGC was able to provide follow-up support in a number of communities, including a professional development workshop in Vermillion and classroom presentations in eight Fort McMurray schools.

Through a closer relationship with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), ACGC co-facilitated a debrief session for teachers who participated

in international placement or volunteer programs over the course of 2014. ACGC was heavily involved in creating the content for the workshops, and facilitating a panel discussion with ACGC members. ACGC further engaged with teachers through hosting information booths at the Alberta Teachers' Association annual Diversity, Equity, and Human Rights conference, as well as at Teachers' Conventions in Edmonton and Calgary.

Providing opportunities for youth to engage on international issues continues to be a priority for the Council. ACGC was pleased to facilitate interactive sessions at Jasper Place High School, Morinville Community High School, and the Calgary Board of Education's International Youth Leadership Summit, where large groups of students were introduced to concepts of global citizenship and social justice in an interactive format. These were also important in facilitating direct connections between educators, youth, and our member organizations, allowing for more personal connection and understanding of the issues faced by Alberta organizations and their international partners.

In looking for new, innovative ways to engage the public, ACGC organized and hosted a PechaKucha night in Edmonton titled "*Human Rights In Action: Big Ideas and Big Stories*," where members and organizations



*ACGC presented at an alternative learning opportunities day at Jasper Place High School.*



shared rapid-fire stories (20 images x 20 seconds) of putting human rights in practice to build a better world. Seven ACGC member organizations were represented, including Ainembabazi Children's Project, John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights,

Keiskamma Canada, Sombrilla International Development Society, Engineers Without Borders Edmonton Professionals Chapter, United Nations Association in Canada – Edmonton Branch, and HIV Edmonton.

### Global Citizenship Summer Institute 2014

From July 28 to August 1, 2014, 35 educators from around the world came together for the first Global Citizenship Summer Institute (GCSI) for educators. Combining expertise from the international development sector, educational departments across Canada and around the world, and post-secondary institutions, the five-day Institute was designed to help teachers learn more about effective global citizenship and how to better integrate it into their classrooms and schools.

One of the main goals for the Institute was to develop a community of educators who would support each other as they increased their understanding and capacity to utilize global citizenship principles and activities in their classrooms. A comprehensive engagement strategy for the whole group involved group communication, connecting participants to allow for shared educational resources, and convening

focus groups to continuously engage educators.

Throughout the week, guest speakers presented on the theoretical and practical dimensions of global citizenship education, including diversity and the importance of recognizing multiple perspectives, human rights based approaches to global citizenship, perspectives on international development from the field, and the importance of making local to global connections for students.

The Global Citizenship Summer Institute was developed through a partnership between the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, Aga Khan Foundation Canada, and the University of Alberta's Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research, with support from the Government of Canada through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.



*GCSI participants in the classroom (above).*

*Group photo of 2014 GCSI participants (below, left).*

### GCSI 2014 Tweets:

*"Reflecting on my time at #gcsi2014. I couldn't be any more grateful. I am ready to implement what I have learned in my classroom"*

*"Why am I here? To inspire students to change world"*

*"Students need to learn how to read the world"*

*"How do we articulate the transformational learning we have done?"*

*"Bittersweet, an end to an inspiring week expanding my knowledge on global citizenship"*



# International Development Week 2014



*ACGC's 2015 Top 30 Under 30 youth were recognized by Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson and City Council.*



*ACGC sponsored I-Week keynote speaker Dr. Obiageli Ezekwesili.*

*Group photo of youth participants at ACGC's I-Week Youth Day.*



International Development Week, an initiative of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development (DFATD), is an exciting time for ACGC programming. During the 2015 International Development Week – the 25th anniversary of the awareness week that took place February 1-7, 2015 – ACGC was able to expand its reach throughout the province through both online engagement and in-person events. The following were the events supported by ACGC during the week:

**Top 30 Under 30 Magazine Launch and Gala:** This year ACGC released our 4th annual Top 30 Under 30 Magazine and recognized our 2015 Top 30 Under 30s before a large audience of politicians and the public at a gala in Calgary.

**Top 30 Under 30 Presentation: Holy Trinity High School:** ACGC hosted an award ceremony for the Top 30 Under 30 group, Holy Trinity Teens for Change at Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Fort McMurray, who could not attend the gala in Calgary in person.

**International Development Week Classroom Presentations:** ACGC presented six, 1-hour long classroom presentations in four different schools in Fort McMurray, engaging children and youth on the role Canada plays in international development.

**International Week Keynote Address:** ACGC and the University of Alberta

International's Global Education Program sponsored the I-Week evening keynote address at the University of Alberta by Dr. Obiageli Ezekwesili, entitled "The #bringbackourgirls Campaign and Human Rights Advocacy in Nigeria," which triggered excellent dialogue and reflection from the 495 people in attendance.

**International Week Youth Day Conference:** 88 highly motivated and engaged students attended I-Week Youth Day presented by ACGC and the Global Education Program in association with U of A's International Week to learn about international development and social justice. International Week Keynote Speaker Dr. Obiageli Ezekwesili led a special session with the youth on women's and girls' rights and the importance of education.

**International Week Teachers' Workshop:** ACGC added a teacher workshop to I-Week Youth Day facilitated by the Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research to engage teachers on topics of global citizenship while their students participated in Youth Day events.

**Global Awareness Week, Grant McEwan University:** ACGC also met with students at MacEwan University during the school's Global Awareness Week, to tell them about ACGC and the work done by our members. The event aimed to inform students about international issues and injustices, while also celebrating diversity and multiculturalism.

**Drink, Dance, Develop!** ACGC partnered with Sombrilla International Development Society to co-host Dine, Dance, Develop! a fundraising event with salsa dancing and speakers, exploring what current development work and youth engagement looks like at the CSO level.

# ACGC Communications

In 2014-2015, ACGC continued to develop its communication channels, grow its audiences, and started to look at its overall strategy. We experienced particular success with our social media reach and engagement, and the growing popularity of our annual Top 30 Under 30 Magazine.

## Top 30 Under 30 Magazine

The Top 30 Under 30 Magazine is issued annually, and presents the outcome of our competition by the same name as a primary public engagement piece for International Development Week. The magazine engages the public in international development success stories and shows support for 30 young people selected each year who are doing great work within their communities and internationally. This year's edition was distributed to 2,500 people across Alberta, including to member organizations, and the online version reached close to 10,000 people. The magazine has been shared widely by member organizations and other partners who support the Top 30 Under 30 initiative.

## ACGC E-Bulletin

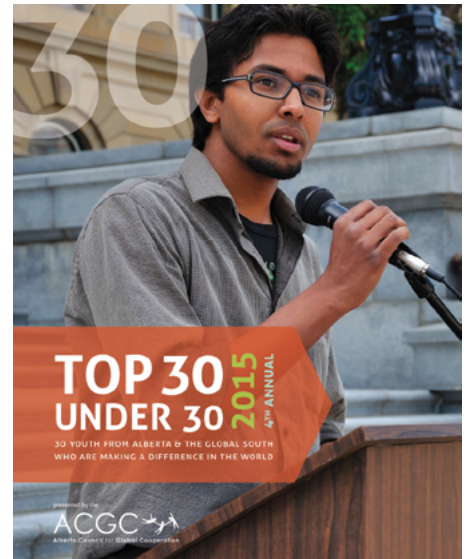
Our ACGC E-Bulletin is an electronic newsletter that is issued bi-weekly to members, partners, and public subscribers, with news from ACGC and the sector, information on member events, appeals, and job postings, and capacity building opportunities and resources. Over the past year, the E-Bulletin saw an increase in subscribers as well as in the number of recipients who regularly read the mailing. The E-Bulletin remains one of the most effective methods of communicating with members, with over 90% of our members stating that the E-Bulletin is either "effective" or "very effective."

## ACGC Teach

The ACGC Teach is a newsletter issued 3-4 times per year to a mailing list of nearly 600 educators and individuals interested in global citizenship education in the province. Over the past year, the ACGC Teach profiled participants from the Global Citizenship Summer Institute in each issue. The newsletter also provided a valuable way to solicit nominations from teachers for our Top 30 Under 30 and Change Your World Tour youth competitions.

## Website

The Council's website ([www.acgc.ca](http://www.acgc.ca)) saw an increase of 16% more visits from the year previous, with a total of 22% more users. The number of visitors accessing the website through mobile or tablet devices increased to nearly a quarter of all website users by the end of the year. As a result, options for moving to a new responsive design platform are being considered for future development, to address the changing technological needs of our users while continuing to present content that is timely and relevant. The most popular areas of the website are the "Opportunities" section, with information on jobs and volunteer opportunities from ACGC and its members and partners, the "Top 30 Under 30" section with information on each year's nomination process and honourees, the "Staff" page with bios of staff, and the "Change Your World Tour" page with program information for the bi-annual youth opportunity abroad.



ACGC's Top 30 Under 30 Magazine for 2015



The ACGC Teach newsletter for educators.



## ACGC Communications



*Annual Conference Coordinator Heather McKenzie with the 2014-2015 calendar.*

### Social Media

ACGC's Facebook page and Twitter account both experienced significant growth over 2014-2015, and both are now among the Council's most important communication tools for engaging with members, supporters, and the larger public. Our followers on Twitter had an impressive increase of 56% over the year previous, jumping from 499 to 779, and our posts received 210,700 impressions for the period (the number of times our posts were seen by Twitter users). The ACGC Facebook page reached 36% more "likes" than the year before, ending the year with 827 followers, and the lifetime total impressions of our Facebook posts for the period was 212,446. ACGC will continue to build a social media strategy to support this growth.



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### ACGC in the Media

ACGC received media coverage over 2014-2015 in Edmonton, Calgary, Beaumont, Fort McMurray, Medicine Hat and Jasper news outlets, reaching all corners of the province. Eight media releases were circulated specific to International Development Week and our Top 30 Under 30 competition, and other releases issued throughout the year included stories about funding and our sector (including recognition of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development renewing ACGC's funding for five more years), and a public event during our Annual General Meeting discussing Canada's role in the world. ACGC also had an opinion piece by Executive Director Heather McPherson published in both the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald on remembering to support women and girls around the world over the holiday season.

### Calendar Project

In 2014-2015, ACGC undertook a calendar project in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation. The theme of the 16-month calendar was "where we've been, where we're going" and focused on the idea of 2015 being a transition between the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It featured 8 pages focussed on the 8 MDGs, and 8 pages looking at new themes in the post-2015 SDGs. The calendar was designed to be informative and action-oriented, with illustrations, infographics, written pieces, action item suggestions, and inspirational quotes.



## Partnerships and collaborations

### The Inter-Council Network/ Réseau de coordination des conseils (ICN/ RCC)

The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of eight provincial and regional Councils for International Cooperation. The Councils that make up the ICN are:

- 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)
- Northern Council for Global Cooperation (NCGC)
- 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 Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness, and identify common priorities for collective action.

The ICN is currently managed by the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation as a part of the Connecting with Canadians Global Citizenship Program, which began July 14, 2014 and will end March 31, 2019.

The *Connecting with Canadians* program has three main objectives:

- a) to increase Canadians' engagement in international development and key global issues;
- b) to increase the effectiveness of Canadian development partners, and

c) to foster better knowledge sharing among Canadians stakeholders.

In early June 2014, the Councils were asked to provide feedback to a draft CSO Policy made public by the Minister's office. In order to effectively convey Council members' responses to the draft CSO Policy, and make strong, representative recommendations, the ICN developed a document entitled "Submission of the Inter-Council Network on The Civil Society Partnership Policy of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada." This document effectively reflected the consensus of CSO policy specialists and key stakeholders across the country to the Minister, enabling a more thorough, representative policy revision process that included a broad spectrum of Canadian public opinion.

In addition to regular meetings with DFATD staff, government officials, and sector representatives, the ICN has undertaken a number of collective projects this year. These projects include the launch of a webinar series intended to inform and increase member capacity. The first two webinars focused on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) and the Ebola crisis in West Africa. In addition, the ICN worked with Engineers Without Borders in releasing and disseminating a national public opinion poll, undertaken in February 2015 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, on Canadians Perspectives on International Development. The full report was released on April 20, 2015 and is available on [www.acgc.ca](http://www.acgc.ca).

ACGC is proud to be a part of this dynamic network of Councils, and it is anticipated that increased opportunities and influence will continue to result from our collective work.



*Inter-Council Network (ICN) Executive Directors from across each of the provincial and regional Councils.*

### Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)

The Canadian Council for International Co-operation is a coalition of Canadian voluntary sector organizations working globally to achieve sustainable human development. CCIC seeks to end global poverty, and to promote social justice and human dignity for all.

ACGC values its connection with CCIC. This collaboration allows ACGC a greater opportunity to have the voice and experience of Albertan CSOs heard at the national level, and provides member organizations with easier access to information and policy analysis.

# Auditor's Report

## **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, 2015, 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, 2015, 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.

### **SVS Group LLP**

#### **Chartered Accountants**

Edmonton, Alberta

September 1, 2015

*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, 2015

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ —	\$ 5,373
Accounts receivable	19,744	34,686
Prepaid expenses and deposits	3,611	622
	<u>\$ 23,355</u>	<u>\$ 40,681</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 14,086	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,064	\$ 19,820
	<u>\$ 18,150</u>	<u>\$ 19,820</u>
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	5,205	20,861
	<u>\$ 23,355</u>	<u>\$ 40,681</u>

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

for the Year Ended March 31, 2015

	2015	%	2014	%
REVENUE				
DFATD grants	\$ 320,356	75.3	277,074	91.7
Aga Khan Foundation Canada	82,649	19.5	—	—
Membership and registration fees	5,815	1.3	18,900	6.3
Interest income	152	—	118	—
Annual General Meeting fees	3,706	0.9	2,870	1.0
Canada summer jobs	4,286	1.0	—	—
Other income	5,481	1.3	1,431	0.5
Workshop	2,795	0.7	1,410	0.5
	<u>425,240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>301,803</u>	<u>100.0</u>
EXPENSES				
ACGC capacity building	25,640	6.0	27,531	9.1
Administration	47,092	11.1	32,536	10.8
Communications and publications	10,321	2.4	350	0.1
ICN public engagement and capacity building	7,646	1.8	10,241	3.4
International Development Week	27,027	6.4	26,827	8.9
Public engagement project	3,220	0.8	34,838	11.5
Resource development	—	—	67	—
Salaries and benefits	227,760	53.6	172,941	57.3
Global Citizenship Summer Institute	86,052	20.2	—	—
Sector collaboration and gala event	6,138	1.4	6,930	2.3
	<u>440,896</u>	<u>103.7</u>	<u>312,261</u>	<u>103.4</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(15,656)	(3.7)	(10,458)	(3.4)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	20,861		31,319	
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 5,205</u>		<u>\$ 20,861</u>	

# ACGC Members 2014-2015

## Action International Ministries

ACTION is an evangelical, nondenominational missionary-sending agency that works in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America, with currently over 225 missionaries in 22 countries. ACTION ministries 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

Ainembabazi's key priority is poverty alleviation for orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda. Ainembabazi's programming is focused on education, health and income generation. 3A Callingwood Court, Edmonton, AB T5T 0H5 www.ainembabazi.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 focuses on the Altamas area, between South Kurdofan and Northern Baher-algalzal in Sudan. Altamas' mission is to bring together tribes and communities in the Altamas Region, through medication, peace building and development projects. #23 - 401 Grier Ave. NE, Calgary, AB T2K 5S7 403.837.4433 www.altamas.ca

## Association of Canadian Peacemakers International

The vision of Canadian 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

## 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 works to facilitate inclusion of people with disabilities in Latin America by strengthening their organizations and their connections within their communities. Participatory methods are used to accomplish goals, mindful that CAPD are playing a supportive and not a leadership role in the process of community development. The work with 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.

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  
780.803.6987 www.dev.org

## Canadian Department of Peace Initiative (CDPI)

Canadian Department of Peace Initiative, Edmonton Chapter is a small lobby group with supporters representing four of the major political parties across Canada. The Edmonton Chapter falls under the National Campaign to establish a Canadian Department 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 Organization for International Relief

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.

Suite 1, 675 3rd St., S.E. 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.

318, 2045 Grantham Court 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

CARO 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 Court SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1B 2H6  
403-529-6256 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, and micro-enterprise projects.

Box 8100, Canmore, AB T1W 2T8  
403.609.0656 www.cause.ca

## Ceiba Association

Ceiba Association was founded 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 works toward a new future in international development and youth activism.



7739 77 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6C 0K9  
780.660.5297 [www.ceibaassociation.com](http://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](http://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 at the University of Alberta 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 [www.cgcer.ualberta.ca](http://www.cgcer.ualberta.ca)

#### **Change for Children Association**

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 and 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](http://www.changeforchildren.org)

#### **Crossroads Christian Communications**

Crossroads is Canada's leader in providing faith and values media content for people of all ages. Crossroads interacts with its viewers via 24/7 prayer lines, and it has also been a highly respected and effective not-for-profit aid agency for over 25 years, having responded in times of natural disaster worldwide, raising funds and partnering with on-site, non-government organizations for emergency relief and long-term rebuilding strategies.

23-26213 Township Road 512, Spruce Grove AB  
TTY 1C6  
780.394.6840 [www.crossroads.ca](http://www.crossroads.ca)

#### **CUSO International**

CUSO is an international development organization that works to reduce poverty and inequality through the efforts of skilled volunteers. CUSO International places people of all ages to collaborate with local groups on projects in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. Volunteers share expertise and perspectives, and unlock potential.

#200, 44 Eccles St., Ottawa, ON K1R 6S4  
1.888.434.2876 [www.cusointernational.org](http://www.cusointernational.org)

#### **Edmonton Public School Board**

EPSB has several district priorities that connect directly to global education. Global connections provide opportunities for authentic learning experiences as well as fostering thinking 'outside the box' of local perceptions, and energizing not only critical thinking and problem solving, but also the seeds of innovation and creativity as part of a larger world view. EPSB has global connections including exchange partnerships, educational partnerships, and fundraising initiatives.

1 Kingsway Ave., Edmonton, AB T5H 1A8  
780.429.8633 [www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca)

#### **energy4everyone Foundation**

energy4everyone Foundation is supported by Enbridge and its over 10,000 employees, and works with the North American energy industry and third party project delivery partners to improve access to affordable, sustainable and reliable energy for those who need it most.

3000 Fifth Avenue Place, 425 1st St., S.W.  
Calgary, AB T2P 3L8  
[www.energy4everyone.com](http://www.energy4everyone.com)

#### **Engineers Without Borders Canada**

Engineers Without Borders creates opportunities for those living in rural areas 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 communities.

Calgary Place, RPO Box 20364, Calgary, AB T2P 4J4  
403.619.5958 [www.ewb.ca](http://www.ewb.ca)

#### **Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning**

The Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning 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 across North America, as well as in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific, the former Soviet Union and Latin America. It is well known for a culturally based approach to development work, participatory and trans-disciplinary approach, and down-to-earth articulation of principles and models to guide human and community transformation.

Box 395, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A6  
403.932.0882 [www.fourworlds.ca](http://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.

107-1640 16th Ave., NW Calgary, AB T2M 0L6  
403.270.9351 [www.ghostriverrediscovery.com](http://www.ghostriverrediscovery.com)

#### **Global Education Program, University of Alberta**

University of Alberta International's Global Education Program inspires and cultivates global citizenship on campus. The Global Education Program provides events and opportunities to develop global citizenship like International Week. Together with other departments, the Program contributes to the development of educational programs on campus and in the community. The Global Education Program also provides funding for global education activities and residence programming in International House.

218 Telus Centre for Professional Development, 87 Avenue and 111 Street, Edmonton AB T6G 2J7  
780.492.5962 [www.globaled.ualberta.ca](http://www.globaled.ualberta.ca)

#### **Human Development Foundation**

Human Development Foundation provides primary education, primary health and community development through social mobilization in remote and 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](http://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.

8617 104 Street Edmonton, AB T6E 4G6  
780.453.2638 [www.jhcentre.org](http://www.jhcentre.org)

#### **Keiskamma Canada Foundation**

Keiskamma 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  
780.479.3524 [www.keiskammacanada.com](http://www.keiskammacanada.com)

#### **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](http://www.lutw.org)

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## **Maharashtra Seva Samiti Organization (MSSO)**

MSSO was established by immigrants from the Maharashtra State in India. MSSO helps grassroots volunteer groups in India implement projects that are locally deemed appropriate to better the lives of the community. MSSO assistance priorities are in vocational training, health care and family planning, water and sanitation, and sound environmental development.

4 Strathbury Circle SW, Calgary, AB T3H 1P7  
403.288.0048 www.mssoonline.org

## **Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace**

The Foundation traces its origins to 1988 when observances of the anniversary of Gandhi's birth were so well received by the people of Edmonton that the initiators launched plans to enlarge the annual observances, to memorialize Gandhi and to share his teachings through a national foundation. The foundation currently supports a summer program of graduate levels courses for teachers at the University of Alberta, hosts an annual conference for youth on topics related to peace and social justice, and supports an annual event marking the International Day of Peace and Non-Violence each year on September 21st.

Box 60002 University Postal Outlet  
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2J7  
www.gandhifoundation.ca

## **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 groups 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.mcccana.ca

## **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

## **Minkha Knitter's Co-operative**

In the early 1990's, a small group of Quechua and Aymara women were organized by Save the Children-Bolivia into a co-operative knitting group. These women hand-knit beautiful alpaca sweaters that are sold in North America. All profits are returned to the Bolivian women through the efforts of Canadian volunteers.

4103 124 St., Edmonton, AB T6J 2A1  
780.435.0649 www.minkhasweaters.com

## **Mission of Mercy**

Mission of Mercy Canada is a Christian organization which exists to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of the hurting children and adults of North and East India by feeding, housing, educating and providing medical aid.

4104 - 97 St., Edmonton, AB T6E 5Y6  
780.485.9995 www.missionofmercy.ca

## **Nafasi Opportunity Society**

Nafasi Opportunity Society focuses on delivering trade and business skills that will empower young women in Tanzania. Nafasi works with young women to provide the skills necessary to be financially self-sufficient especially in rural areas, and to empower women to independently make decisions about life development and life-shaping decisions including education and employment.

62 Edmonton Centre, Edmonton, AB T5J 4N1  
780.554.6961 www.nafasi-opportunity.org

## **One Child's Village**

One Child's Village seeks 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, India. The main goal of One! is improving the future, through children and youth. This is done through basic education for children, as well as the extension of education to the older population by conveying the necessity of education.

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  
403.670.2633 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.

33 McArthur Ave., Ottawa, ON K1L 8L7  
316.237.5236 www.oxfam.ca

## **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.rainbowfff.org

## **Rainbow of Hope for Children**

Rainbow of Hope for Children works toward human development in Brazil, Central America, the Philippines, and parts of 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

## **ReadAfrica**

The mission of ReadAfrica is to help uplift the economic condition of the African child through education. The aim is to make illiteracy a thing of the past and provide the tools of empowerment to the next generation of parents, teachers, and leaders in Africa.

408, 2910 - 109 St., Edmonton AB T6J 7H4  
780.904.1348 www.readafrica.ca

**Rotary Club of Edmonton**

The Rotary Club of Edmonton is an organization of business, professional and community leaders who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a better future for generations who follow. It is our mission to embrace the ideals of Rotary International, contributing to a better Edmonton and a better world through significant service, while providing extraordinary opportunities for networking, fellowship, friendship, and personal growth.  
780.969.6330 [www.edmontonrotary.com](http://www.edmontonrotary.com)

**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](http://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](http://www.samaritanpurse.ca)

**Sinkunia Community Development Organization**

SCDO supports the successful settlement and integration of African immigrant families in the community through culturally-based mentoring and counselling programs. The organization also supports community development initiatives (educational, health, agriculture and clean water supply) for groups and individuals within West Africa.  
#304, 10209 - 97 St., Edmonton, AB T5J 0J6  
780.710.9357 [www.sinkuniacommunity.org](http://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](http://www.scerdo.org)

**Sombrilla International Development Society**

Sombrilla works to support development projects in South and Central America. Sombrilla works in partnership and solidarity with our partners in the South. Current projects in Peru and Guatemala 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](http://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](mailto:anne.fanning@ualberta.ca)

**Sustainable East African Education & Development Society of Alberta (SEEDS)**

SEEDS is dedicated to supporting impoverished children and families in East Africa, through improving access to education, and strengthening families and communities through economic, community and capacity development activities. The organization presently works exclusively in Ethiopia, but also, has a mandate to increase public awareness in Canada in International Development issues and provides opportunities for engagement through working with volunteers and social work practicum students and other partners in providing development experience through engaging with SEEDS programs.  
1919 108 St. NW, Edmonton, AB T6J 5V4  
780.994.6521 [www.seedseastafrica.com](http://www.seedseastafrica.com)

**Tools for Schools Africa Foundation**

Tools for Schools Africa Foundation in Canada partners with Tools for Schools Africa Society in Ghana to work together to keep more girls in school and help develop better educational opportunities for kids in northern Ghana. A large part of the project is providing educational scholarships for promising junior high, senior high, and post-secondary level young women.  
RR1 Site 24, Box 8, Red Deer, AB T4N 5E1  
403.314.4911 [www.tfs-africa.org](http://www.tfs-africa.org)

**Trebi Kuma Olennu Foundation for Community Development**

TKOFCD partners with indigenous organizations in Africa to build safe and healthy communities. TKOFCD pursues structural changes to development protocols in poor urban and rural communities in Ghana by providing technical assistance and funds to transform health care delivery for mothers and children, education for urban poor, and sustainable housing and sanitation programs in partnership with indigenous community organizations and local governments. In Alberta, TKOFCS promotes healthy relationships among the various cultures in Edmonton through annual blended folk concerts, school events, and sports-a-thons.  
PO Box 3009, Beaumont, AB T4X 1Z8  
780.929.8830 [www.tkofcd.org](http://www.tkofcd.org)

**True Vision Ghana**

True Vision Ghana (TVG) is a Ghanaian-run 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](http://www.truevisionghana.org)

**United Nations Association in Canada - Edmonton Branch (UNAC)**

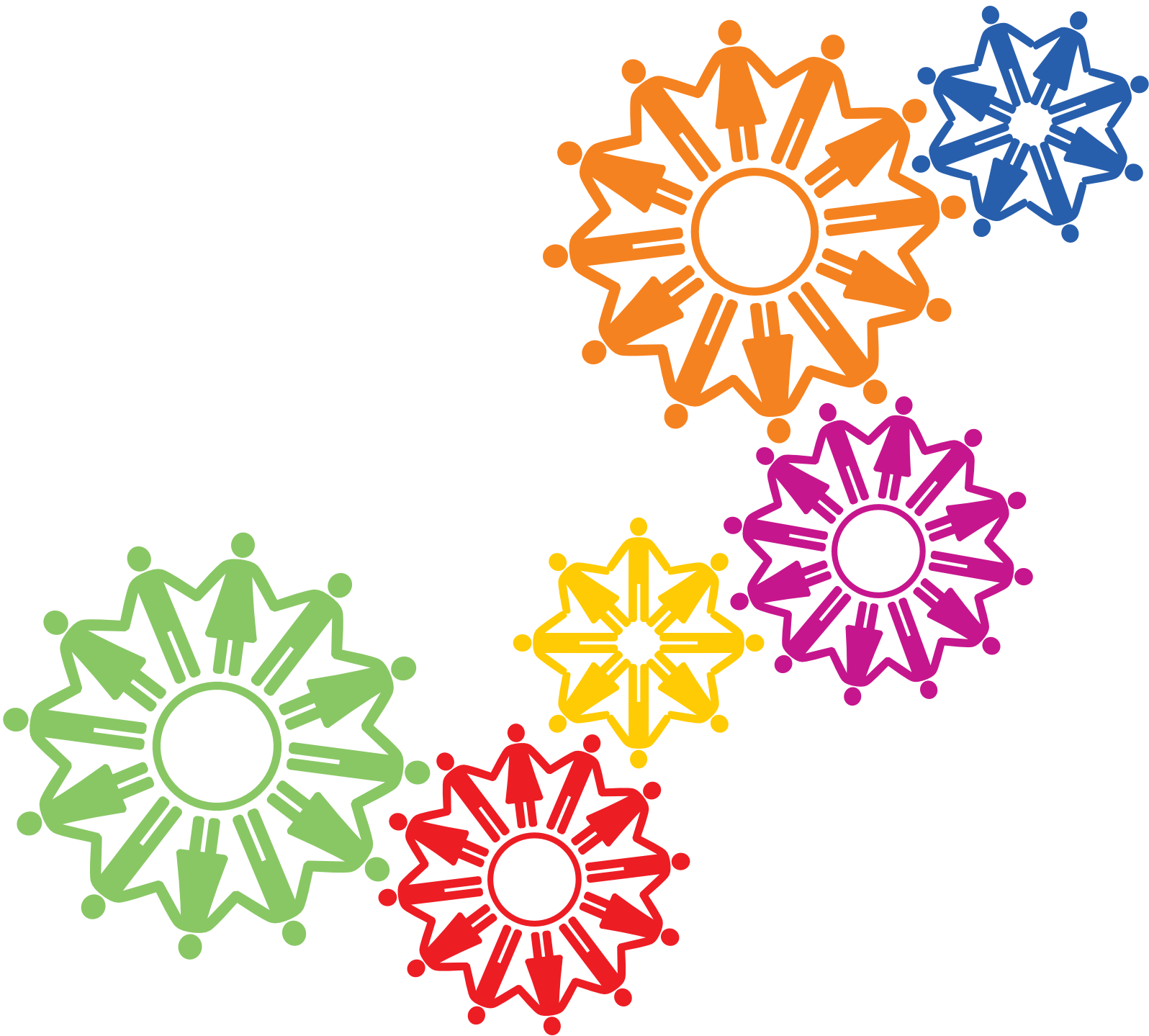
The Edmonton Branch of UNAC is part of a nationwide group of voluntary, non-partisan United Nations organizations concerned with global affairs. It is comprised of interested Canadians in the greater-Edmonton area who seek solutions to world problems through the effective use of the UN, its specialized agencies, and other multilateral institutions. This branch is committed to promoting awareness of critical issues such as the environment, human rights, disarmament, and development.  
PO Box 1796, Edmonton, AB T5J 2P2  
[www.edmonton.unac.org](http://www.edmonton.unac.org)

**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.  
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