

Global Students / *Global Citizens*

Helping you bring a global perspective to the classroom

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A Year of Exciting Opportunities with MCIC



Hello Educators. Welcome to the Fall edition of Global Students/Global Citizens, MCIC's Teacher E Newsletter. We hope you had a restful summer and that you're ready for a great year! We are here to help you bring a global perspective to your classroom. This newsletter will take you through various opportunities, conferences, contests and events available from MCIC, our members and other organizations that aim to promote active global citizenship.

This August marked the beginning of the International Year of Youth—themed, “Our Year, Our Voice”. Celebrate by holding an event at your school, or find out other ways to participate at <http://social.un.org/youthyear/>. Here at MCIC we want to collaborate with schools in Manitoba to celebrate the voices of youth and hear what they have to say about global issues, including how they want to take action to make change, in their schools, communities, and internationally! One exciting way young Manitobans can do this is through participating in MCIC's *Generating Momentum for Our World* middle years conferences. This year we will be hosting five across Manitoba. In linking Canadian youth with those in the Global South, our 2010-11 conference theme will be: *Making the Grade: Girls and Boys in the Global Classroom*—examining issues of education and gender for children around the world. See the article below for details. MCIC's Public Engagement staff will also be available to do in-class workshops on a variety of global issues. Visit <http://mcic.ca/teachers/resources/> to access our booking form. Many other opportunities are highlighted throughout this newsletter. We look forward to working with you this year!



Generating Momentum for Gender and Education



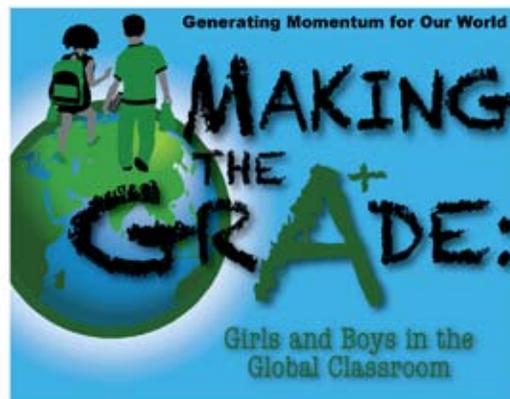
Five conferences to take place across Manitoba

Join MCIC for a day-long conference for middle years students to explore how equality and education can make a world of difference for girls and boys around the globe.

This year, MCIC's *Generating Momentum for Our World: Making the Grade* conferences will take place in **Morden (November 4)**, **Beausejour (November 25)**, **Winnipeg (January 20)**, **Gimli (February 9)** and **Strathclair (March 9)**.

The conference will explore questions like: What are the different experiences of boys and girls around the globe? Why do some kids go to school and others don't? What can we do to promote equality and education for all?

Each conference begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:15pm. Schools are invited to send six students and one teacher.



Due to the nature of the conference, schools are asked to bring an equal number of female and male students. The cost is \$15 per student. The teacher can attend free of charge.

The conference consists of an opening plenary, followed by three circuit sessions, a creative workshop and a closing plenary. Students will learn about global gender and education issues, then go through a series of interactive workshops where they will be empowered to take on these issues

in their schools and communities. The creative workshops teach the students basic digital photography, video, silkscreening or theatre skills that they can use to share what they learn with others.

If you are interested in attending one of the *Generating Momentum* conferences, please contact Michelle at (204) 987 6420 or youth@mcic.ca.

Kaleidoscope Real World Challenge

A video contest for students who want to make a better world



Get your students to put their ideas into action. By entering the *Kaleidoscope Real World Video Challenge*, and tell us how they are being an active global citizen, they will be eligible to win great prizes. Winners will also be invited to a national awards ceremony. We will be sending out more information in our next e-newsletter. Stay tuned!



Contests for Your Students

This school year, encourage your students to challenge themselves by entering one of the following contests.

World Vision's new program, World Class, is hosting the Power of Play (POP) Video Contest – students from Grades K-8 can submit a one-minute video showing what the 'Right to Play' means to them! See more info at: <http://www.e-activist.com>.

Young entrepreneurs can make change in their community by submitting their ideas to the Aviva Community Fund Competition; see <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ftc> for more details.

Registration will open again soon for TakingITGlobal and the Pearson Foundation's Sprout e-course. Youth who complete the course can receive fellowships for social and environmental innovation projects; see <http://sprout.tigweb.org/getinvolved/apply.html> for more details.

For the imaginative students in your classroom, the World Bank is holding a Youthink! Storytelling Contest, where youth can finish a story and help build global dialogue and understanding by inserting a piece of their culture into the storyline. Winners can receive an iPod Nano! See more details at <http://youthink.worldbank.org>.



World Vision Launches Web-based Learning Program



The Global Education team at World Vision Canada returns to school with the launch of World Class: Students Becoming Global Citizens. This free web-based learning and action program for elementary and middle school students was developed in partnership with TakingITGlobal. The World Class program integrates global education and citizenship learning across the curriculum, helping students think critically about global issues, act on new understandings and reflect on the change in their perspectives and behaviours.

The World Class program offers:

- A private virtual classroom: teachers can upload resources, post assignments and share student work using blogs, discussion forums and image galleries.
- Free global education resources: a growing collection of videos, lessons and study guides, including GEAR (Global Education Activity Resource) .
- Staff Room: a space where teachers connect virtually to chat and share ideas and resources.
- World Class Schools: classes across Canada can share their work or collaborate on projects

Learn more about the World Class program at www.OurWorldClass.ca

Stand Up! Sept. 17 & 19

Get your students engaged by taking a stand against poverty. www.standagainstpoverty.org has resources and instructions on how classrooms can join the global movement to end poverty by organizing an event, or simply taking time in the class to stand up and speak out in recognition of those living in extreme poverty in our world.

Social Justice Wiki for Teachers

Manitoba Educators' Social Justice Network Wiki is an online forum for educators to share ideas and stories on what they are doing in their schools to promote social justice, and to network/ collaborate on these projects. This is being coordinated by Rob Jantz at Gimli High School. If you are interested, please send him an email at RJantz@esd.mb.ca.

CLWR's 'We Care' Program

For over 65 years, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) has been working to assist those around the world affected by war, famine, poverty, displacement and natural disasters. One way to achieve this has been through the distribution of donated items overseas. Presently we ship over 45,000 kg of goods annually to refugee camps, emergency situations, hospitals and schools in both cities and rural communities. Many of these goods are sent in the form of 'We Care' kits that are distributed to adults, children and infants, regardless of race, creed or status. We are now seeking to make partnerships with teachers interested in assembling these kits with their students and examining the contexts in which they are distributed around the world. Please visit www.clwr.org, or email Patrick Stewart (Program Coordinator): patrick@clwr.mb.ca, to learn more about how your class can participate.

Global Justice Film Festival

This year's Global Justice Film Festival is happening November 5 and 6, 2010. The festival will open on November 5 with a showing of the film *Youssou Ndour: I Bring What I Love* at 7:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm), which will be held in conjunction with a musical performance at the West End Cultural Centre.

All other films will be presented at the University of Winnipeg on November 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Encourage your students to attend! Many of these films are suitable for high school age students.

More information will be available on the Global Justice Film Festival in the next few weeks. Visit www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca/ for a schedule and detailed film descriptions.



UNA Canada Hosts Human Rights Conference

United Nations Association of Canada (UNSC) - Winnipeg branch will be hosting their annual Human Rights Conference again this year. The conference is on December 10th from 9:00-2:45pm, and will be held at the University of Winnipeg (515 Portage ave). The conference, tailored for high school students in grades 11 and 12, is aimed at raising awareness and engaging youth on human rights issues and giving them options for taking action. Contact Jacklynn Scott at jacklynnntwelve@hotmail.com for more information.

Interested in Fair Trade Sports Balls?

If you want to promote fair play in your school, MCIC can help you order fair trade sports balls for use in your classes or physical education program. When sports balls are fair trade, it means that no child labour has been used in production. Fair trade soccer balls, volleyballs, rugby balls, footballs and basketballs are available



at comparable prices to other sports equipment.

Contact Michelle at 204 987 6420 or youth@mcic.ca to get more information on ordering. Just like your students, young people around the world deserve the right to play.

PLAN Canada - Because I am a Girl

70% of the one-billion people living in extreme poverty on our planet are women and girls. Over 60 million girls around the world are denied access to basic primary education. PLAN Canada's Because I am a Girl campaign aims to build a safer, brighter future for girls. They believe that investing in girls is the key to eliminating poverty and creating a better world! Visit <http://plancanada.ca/Page.aspx?pid=2270> and learn how to engage your students on international gender issues, as they relate to women and girls. The site offers a series of videos, lesson plan ideas and interactive games that can be played in the classroom. The site also has a variety of reports and information that can be used for student research on this topic.



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