

# Global Students / *Global Citizens*

Resources to help Manitoba teachers bring a global perspective to the classroom

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## Thank you for Inviting the World into your Classroom

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Congratulations on reaching the end of the school year. We hope you are all looking forward to some well-earned vacation this summer.

We had a very busy and exciting year at MCIC, and very much enjoyed the opportunities we had to interact with you and your students. We have great admiration for the work you do in the classroom, and love having opportunities to collaborate. We're looking forward to another busy year next year, and have just begun planning for our next Generating Momentum for Our World conferences. We are hoping to have one high school conference in Winnipeg, as well as five or six regional conferences for middle years students. Details will come in the September edition of 'Global Students/Global

Citizens', as well as in the school mailout. Keep your eye on [www.generatingmomentum.com](http://www.generatingmomentum.com) or contact [youth@mcic.ca](mailto:youth@mcic.ca) for more information.

If your contact information will be changing please contact us so we can update our list at [youth@mcic.ca](mailto:youth@mcic.ca). If you're at the Forks Market between July 15th – August 7th, stop by MCIC's exhibit 'Global Citizens: Manitobans Working Together for a Better World'. The exhibit is currently in Gimli until July 14 and will make a stop at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery in August.

**Many thanks,**

**Bequie Lake & Misty Belcourt**

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## Students Awarded for Global Citizenship



**Name:** Justin Monton

**School:** Maples Collegiate, Winnipeg, MB

**Activities:** Organizer with the Unity Group; helped to plan "Welcome Potluck for Newcomers" and the annual Unity March

**Passionate about:** human rights and stopping racism

**A Global Citizen is:** "everybody is a global citizen; everybody has their own role and responsibility, just a matter of how one individual acts towards his/her duties as a citizen of the world".

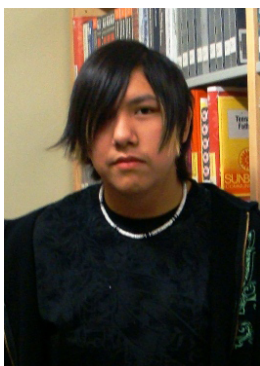
**Name:** Michelle Cielen

**School:** Sisler High School, Winnipeg, MB

**Activities:** Leader of the Generation Peace group; planned monthly fundraisers to support organizations like War Child Canada and the Manitoba Campaign to Ban Landmines; organized student leadership conferences

**Passionate about:** humanitarian action

**A Global Citizen is:** "someone who is a leader themselves, but also supports the leadership of others."



**Name:** Jordan Guiboche

**School:** Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, Norway House

**Activities:** Organized Earth Day events and recycling initiatives; planned a community wide tree plant; ran awareness campaigns for younger students

**Passionate about:** the environment

**A Global Citizen is:** "someone who tries their hardest to make positive change, whether it be on a small or large scale. It entails a responsibility to teach others, but also a responsibility to practice what you preach."

This year MCIC put out the call for its inaugural Global Citizenship Awards. The award is aimed at recognizing Grade 12 students who have engaged in meaningful leadership and global citizenship volunteer activities aimed at a more just and sustainable world.

Justin Monton, Michelle Cielen and Jordan Guiboche were chosen from a group of excellent candidates as recipients. They will receive a certificate and \$200 award at their respective graduation ceremonies in June.

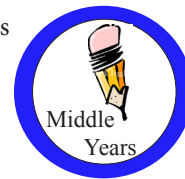
Watch for our call for submissions in 2010. This newsletter will provide you with the information you need to nominate a student from your school.

# Highlights from the Generating Momentum: Water for All Conferences



The Generating Momentum for Our World: Water for All middle years conference series came to an end for this school year with the last conference on April 22, 2009 in Roblin, MB. Many schools organized events around the theme Water for All on April 22, for earth day. Others students have organized events to help wrap up the school year. Dates

and locations for next year's Generating Momentum for Our World conference series will be set later this summer. To stay posted visit [www.generatingmomentum.com](http://www.generatingmomentum.com) or contact Misty Belcourt at [youth@mcic.ca](mailto:youth@mcic.ca). Here are some examples of students who took action on water issues after attending our conferences.



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## Douglas Elementary School

On June 15, 2009 students helped organize a fun and interactive assembly where they gave out 115 stainless steel water bottles to all staff and students. At the assembly, students also held a draw for school merchandise and showed others the banner they created that reads "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute". Before handing out the stainless steel water bottles to everyone, the 6 students who attended the Generating Momentum for Our World: Water for All conference presented in classrooms and shared what they learned about water issues around the world. This initiative also made the news! Douglas Elementary students were featured in the Brandon Sun and on the CKX television station.



and is instead selling reusable water bottles. The school also purchased a water cooler which is filled with regular tap water. The cooler ensures that the water is cold, and has been a huge hit with the students.

## Waywayseecappo Community School

Bernard Chief, a blossoming photographer and past participant of the Generating Momentum for Our World: Water for All middle years conference has been going around Waywayseecappo taking photographs of everything that has to do with community water sources: including water tanks and water truck drivers. All in the process of creating a special photo exhibit that will help raise awareness about local water sources. The photo exhibit will be displayed in the school and other locations in the community.

## Binscarth School

The Grade 6 students at Binscarth School set-up water taste test activities which they used as an opportunity to explain the harmful impacts of bottled water to their fellow peers. They have also organized the presentation of a video about water to the older students at their school to help generate more awareness about global and local water issues.

## Winkler Elementary School

The Grade 7 class at Winkler Elementary decided to organize an assembly and played the "Are You More Concerned about a Better World than a 7th Grader?" game. They set-up a water tasting booth, challenged other students to stop buying bottled water and gave out water bottles as prizes. Students also created a power point presentation, posters and pamphlets - all to generate awareness at their school.



## Strathclair Community School

Students at Strathclair organized a trivia poster game around different water statistics and issues from around the world. The entire high school participated in the game, which was played during Earth Week in April. A winner was drawn each day and they received a reusable water bottle. Their goal is to reduce the amount of bottled water that is sold at the school. The canteen has now stopped selling bottled water,



# An Opportunity with Youth Activist Retreat

The Youth Activist Retreat (YAR) is a week-long retreat designed to bring together young people ages 16-20 who are working toward social change. YAR 2009 is being held in Clearwater, Manitoba, home of the annual Harvest Moon Festival, from August 10-14. During the week of the retreat, participants will engage in workshops and other activities to help improve their organizing skills and develop their knowledge of contemporary social, political and economic struggles. Some of the workshops that will be offered this year include food politics, water issues, decolonization/anti-racism, global justice, and labour issues. Workshops are taught



by people who have experience working for social change, including organizers, activists, and educators -- basically, some of the most interesting, and dynamic people we could find. The retreat is completely free; all that is asked for is time and commitment. Travel subsidies are available for folks who live outside of Winnipeg to come to the retreat. Check out the website at [www.youthactivistretreat.ca](http://www.youthactivistretreat.ca)! You can contact Shimby by email or phone at [youthactivistretreat@gmail.com](mailto:youthactivistretreat@gmail.com) and (204) 947 2855.



## Water Conference for Teachers at U of W

The Safe Drinking Water Foundation and American Ground Water Trust will hold a Ground Water Institute for Teachers at the University of Winnipeg

The Institute will be held on Thursday, July 16th and Friday, July 17th. The aim of the Ground Water Institute for Teachers program is to increase water awareness for teachers, students, community leaders and interested citizens so they may recognize the connected and integrated nature of the environment and be empowered to play an active role in protecting resources for sustainable use. The Trust believes that teachers who are excited about environmental education and who are provided with training in environmental principles will be more likely to effectively teach

environmental concepts to their students. Students made aware of "cause and effect" related to water resources and aquatic habitat are likely to become motivated to protect and conserve resources. Increasing the environmental awareness of citizens and communities is a vital need in the US, Canada and worldwide.

The Trust's Ground Water Institute for Teachers program is a content-focused training opportunity applicable to many grades. The exciting and practical "science" of ground water can be applied to existing curriculum in many traditional subject areas. This training program offers "outside the box" creativity that will take participants beyond the typical "earth science" perspective. The focus of the program is on the integrated nature of rivers, lakes, wetlands and ground water. Institute presenters are top experts

with a wealth of expertise and will provide real-life examples of the applications of science and technology to water issues. Over 60 Institutes have been completed in 17 states in the US involving 1,500+ educators. Instructors for the Institute are all experienced ground water professionals and educators. There is no charge for teachers to attend this training program.

For more information and/or to register to attend the institute please visit: <http://www.safewater.org/education/register-for-the-ground-water-institute-for-teachers-program.html>

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### Call for Volunteers

This summer MCIC will be hosting an exhibit at The Forks titled Global Citizens: Manitobans Working Together for a Better World. It showcases the work of Manitobans in the global community. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with our exhibit during The Forks' business hours from July 15 - August 7, 2009. If you or your students are interested in helping us out, please contact us at (204) 987 6420 or email [mcic@web.ca](mailto:mcic@web.ca).

### A Request from Project Peacemakers

Project Peacemakers, an affiliate of Project Plowshares, is preparing a report on the supports and programs available for war-affected child refugees/immigrants in Winnipeg. If your school has a program or programs designed for these children, please contact Project Peacemakers either by phone at 204 775-8158 or by email at [info@Projectpeacemakers.org](mailto:info@Projectpeacemakers.org)