

Global Students / *Global Citizens*

Helping you bring a global perspective to the classroom

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Engage Your Students on Global Issues

International Development Week is February 7 - 13



International Development Week is happening February 7 – 13, 2010. MCIC will be organizing a *Be Yourself, Be Bold, Be the Change* fair trade fashion show on February 8 at 1:30 pm at the Park Theatre. Register now to bring a group of students from your school to the show! We will also be profiling young global citizens on our YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/mcicvideo. Log on to

get your students inspired about global issues. Here are some other great ideas and resources that will help you engage your students. You can contact us at (204) 987 6420 or youth@mcic.ca.

- Ask us for a copy of the interactive game show 'Are You More Concerned About a Better World Than a 7th Grader?' We offer a very comprehensive Do-It-Yourself kit for teachers.
- Have a fundraiser at your school for an international project. MCIC has lots of members who are doing development work overseas on very worthy projects <http://mcic.ca/members/>.
- Organize a fair trade sale at your school to educate students on the benefits of fair trade. We can put you in touch with local fair trade retailers.
- Start a campaign to get your school (or even school division) to Go Fair Trade. Evergreen School Division, based in Gimli, Manitoba, has already taken this step. They use all fair trade products in their staff room and purchase fair trade food and sports products for use in schools.
- KAIROS has recently introduced a series of trading cards on International Trade Rights. Visit <http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/rights-and-trade/trading-rights/> for downloadable versions and to access an explanation of how to use the cards with your students.
- Invite a speaker to your class to discuss international issues. MCIC can help you get in touch with someone who can speak on an issue your student are interested in learning about.



Grade 7 students play 'Are You More Concerned About a Better World Than a 7th Grader?' at the Manitoba Legislature during International Development Week 2009. Hot 103 radio personality Ace Burpee was the celebrity host.

Generating Momentum in Morden, Manitoba

Registration still available for upcoming conferences



MCIC's *Generating Momentum for Our World: Appetite for Change* conferences kicked-off this year in Morden, Manitoba. On November 26, MCIC engaged students from École Morden Middle School, Emerado Centennial School, Thomas Greenway Middle School, Cartwright School, Winkler Elementary School, Parkside Junior High and Elm Creek School on global food issues.

"I learned that a billion people in the world go hungry but that we have enough food to stop that," said a student at the Morden conference. "It made me want to do something to help."

As part of the conference, students learn about global hunger, poverty and food issues and are empowered to raise awareness on these issues back in their schools and communities. They also learn how to communicate their messages of global citizenship while participating in creative workshops on video, photography, silk screening and theatre.

Future conferences will be held in Beausejour (January 14), Gimli (January 28), Strathclair (February 10), Winnipeg (March 17) and Brandon (April 14). Registration is still being accepted for some of the conferences. Please contact Misty at (204) 987 6420 or youth@mcic.ca.



Take the One-Month Challenge

Get your students thinking about fair trade



Your students can support producers in the developing world by signing up for the One-Month Challenge, an initiative of MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba program.

Students and staff in your school can take the challenge by switching to fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate for 30 days (beginning February 14) and raising awareness about trade relationships. There are lots of creative ideas, like serving fair trade hot chocolate in the canteen, fundraising with fair trade products, or having Fair Trade Candygrams for Valentine's Day.

If you buy fair trade, it means that people in developing countries who made or grew the product are getting paid fairly, so they can support their families and communities.

The One-Month Challenge starts on Valentine's Day, 2010. If you'd like to organize an activity, contact MCIC for a free Do-It-Yourself kit for teachers. We can also put you in touch with fair trade retailers who can provide products for fundraisers and candygrams. Schools that sign up are also eligible for fair trade prizes! Contact MCIC at (204) 987 6420 or pe@mcic.ca for more information and to access resources.



Invite a speaker on Global Mining and Food Issues into your classroom.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is currently hosting a young man from Guatemala who is available to speak to classrooms in and around Winnipeg. Juan Raul has firsthand experience with the effects of mining on communities and farming and is eager to engage students on these issues. This is an excellent opportunity for your students to hear directly from someone from the Global South! Contact Juan Raul at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank at j_junay@foodgrainsbank.ca or (204) 944 1993.



CIDA's Global Classroom Initiative

provides financial support to projects that develop and deliver effective school-based global education resources and activities. The purpose is to promote global issues at the classroom level and encourage young Canadians to become active global citizens.

Proposals are accepted from representatives from the Canadian formal education sector (ie. teacher's associations, school divisions, etc.). Visit the CIDA website at <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/ACDI-CIDA.nsf/eng/JUD-323132453-QS4> for more information and examples of projects that have previously received funding. Visit the site's Teacher Zone for other resources and activities including interactive games and lesson plans on the Millennium Development Goals.



Is there a **Student in your school** who is working to **make the world a better place?**

MCIC's Global Citizen Award

is given to graduating Grade 12 students who are engaged in meaningful global citizenship activities aimed at creating a more just and sustainable world. This year's deadline is May 14, 2010. Contact Bequie at (204) 987 6420 or pe@mcic.ca to obtain an application form. More details can be found on our website at www.mcic.ca.

Water: In Focus WaterCan's Youth Photojournalism Contest



WaterCan is pleased to announce the launch of its national youth photojournalism contest "Water: In Focus". The contest aims to engage Canadian youth between the ages of 13 and 18 in a meaningful way on an issue of great domestic and international significance: Water.

Changing the way Canadian youth think about our abundant water resources is the first and most challenging step in prompting them to make water-wise choices in their daily lives. Through the "Water: In Focus" contest WaterCan seeks to utilize the arts to encourage critical thinking on this very timely environmental issue.

Students are asked to submit their unique contest entries - including an original photo showing their vision of water and an accompanying inspirational statement of no more than 200 words - in one of two categories, a) Junior (age 12-15) or b) Senior (16-18). The contest closes on February 15th and public voting will commence online beginning March 1st. The winning entry in each category will be announced on World Water Day (March 22, 2010) and will be included in WaterCan's forthcoming national Photo Exhibit featuring the work of renowned Canadian photojournalist Peter Bregg (www.peterbregg.com). Each winner receives a \$300 gift certificate to a photo shop of their choice. Visit www.watercan.com/photocontest for more information.

Development and Peace Volunteer Needed

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace office in Winnipeg is looking for a university student or a mature high school student who would be willing to volunteer for a few hours a week. The work can be done via the Internet, therefore the volunteer does not need to live in Winnipeg. The volunteer would help with the following tasks:

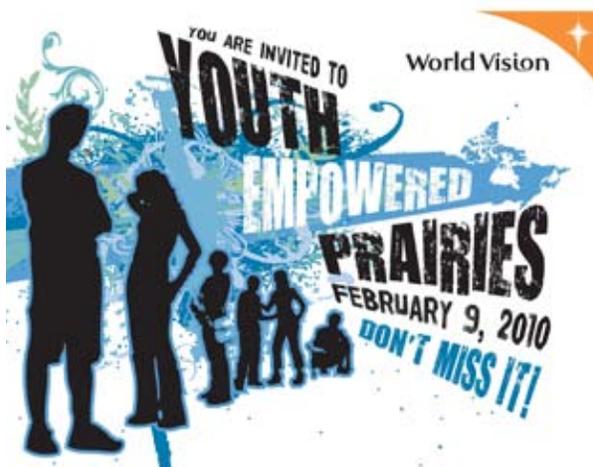
- Write bulletin announcements (i.e. for parishes) based on information on the Development and Peace website.
- Help create newsletters for Development and Peace members in Manitoba and Northern Ontario.

Ideally, the student will be able to read and write English & French, work with Microsoft Word and communicate via e-mail. The volunteer must be self-motivated and dependable. Interested students can contact Roberta at ccodp@mts.net or (204)231 2848



Global Justice Film Festival Inspires Students

As part of the 2009 Global Justice Film Festival, director Jonathan Walls visited St. Boniface Diocesan School and Elmwood School on November 6 to showcase his documentary *Playing for Change: Peace Through Music* and speak with students about the message of the film. Students were so inspired by Jonathan's work that he was approached for autographs after the presentation. The documentary was also shown on the evening of November 6 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. In total, 22 films about global justice issues were shown throughout the festival. For more information on the Global Justice Film Festival visit www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca or contact Misty at youth@mcic.ca.



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****BONUS - TEACHERS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP DESIGNED BY GLOBAL EDUCATION EXPERTS.**

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