

## MCIC's Global Citizens Exhibit Tours Manitoba



MCIC's 35th Anniversary exhibit could soon be coming to a location near you! The *Global Citizens: Manitobans Working Together for a Better World* display has been travelling the province this summer and will visit many other communities throughout 2009/2010.

The exhibit highlights the role of Manitobans in the global community and showcases the achievements of international development organizations based right here in Manitoba. It features photographs, stories and video interviews with Manitobans who are active global citizens. There is an interactive component where visitors are asked to write their commitments to

global citizenship on a card and leave it with the display.

The exhibit was officially launched by Premier Gary Doer in conjunction with MCIC's Annual General Meeting on June 9, 2009. It remained on display at the Manitoba Legislature for two weeks before relocating to the New Iceland Heritage Museum in Gimli in late June. The exhibit was then showcased at The Forks Marketplace and the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery throughout July and August. It is now at the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach until September 12. Check for upcoming tour dates in MCIC's E Newsletters and on our website in the coming months.

## Facilitation Workshop Opportunity

MCIC is organizing a **Facilitation Learning Workshop** with George Chandler aimed at those who do public engagement. George Chandler has worked in global education and youth leadership development with the Humanitarian Issues Program of the Canadian Red Cross since 1996. A key element in this public engagement work is skills training and the development of youth leaders who help mobilize and mentor other youth in taking action. This facilitation workshop has been done with the Red Cross and other audiences around the country since 2003.

The workshop will take place on October 16 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Crossways-in-Common, 222 Furby St. in the Mini Gym Room. The cost is \$15 for MCIC and Public Engagement Group (PEG) members and \$25 for the general public. Register by October 5 by contacting Bequie Lake at **204-987-6420** or **pe@mcic.ca**. Space is limited.

## Upcoming Events

### Amnesty International Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, September 10**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Location: Welcome Place, 397 Carlton.  
Winnipeg

This meeting is open to the public. The guest speaker will be Maureen Kilgour, an associate professor in the Faculty of Business Administration at the Collège universitaire de St. Boniface where she is introducing a business and human rights course. She is currently doing research on the UN Global Compact and human rights.

### Celebrating a Just Harvest

**September 10: 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**September 11: 9:00am - 5:00 pm**

Location: Crossways-in-Common, 222 Furby St. Winnipeg.

A two-day celebration of food culture and justice. For more information, call **204-474-9316** or email **localandjust@gmail.com**.

### Sundays at Sam's Place

**Beginning Sunday, September 13**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Location: Sam's Place, 159 Henderson Hwy. Winnipeg.

Join MCC Manitoba at Sam's Place (cafe and bookstore) on the second Sunday of each month from September through May for a variety of presentations and discussions. The September 13 event will feature reflections from young adults from the Colombia learning tour. Admission is \$2. Visit **myspace.com/samsplacemusic** for more information.

### Engineers Without Borders' Development Drinks Night

**Thursday, September 17**

**7:30 pm**

Location: Tavern United, 260 Hargrave St. 2nd Floor. Winnipeg.

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# Fair Trade Summer Highlights

MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba Program percolated along throughout the summer with some exciting new successes and plans for on-going work in the fall.

**The Prairies' First Fair Trade Town – Gimli, MB was officially recognized by Transfair Canada as the country's sixth Fair Trade Town** on July 1. Gimli's Canada Day Parade included a 'fair trade float' with students handing out fair trade mini-chocolates to the crowd. On July 2, MCIC participated in an official celebration of this Fair Trade Town achievement with members of Gimli Rural Municipal Council, Gimli MLA and Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth Peter Bjornson and other local supporters.

## FAIR TRADE M A N I T O B A



The Fair Trade Town Committee helped Gimli become the first Fair Trade Town in the prairies.



Eight fair trade certified wines are available now at Manitoba Liquor Marts

**Fair trade wines are available at Manitoba Liquor Marts** thanks to Andrew Swan, Minister Responsible for the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission and MLCC officials. Manitoba now has eight Fair Trade Certified wines available in its 50 Liquor Mart locations from Argentina and South Africa. More will be available from Chile this fall. MCIC has worked to support and promote these initiatives by the MLCC and by the wine distribution companies involved.

**The Brandon Sun printed a series on fair trade products throughout the spring and summer.** The Sun has been carrying articles on such fair trade products as shea butter, rice, bananas, nuts and chocolate, written by our fair trade outreach coordinator. The most recent article highlights Cadbury's decision to support 40,000 cocoa farmers and 6,000 sugar producers in Ghana by 'going fair trade' with its Dairy Milk bars, of which 22 million sell annually in Canada.

**Fall Events Will Feature Fair Trade Displays and Presentations.** MCIC and its member agencies involved in fair trade will be actively involved in a number of upcoming events, such as Striving for Sustainability, a conference of the Manitoba Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada, a Health & Wellness Fair, put on for staff by the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre, the annual Harvest Moon Festival in Clearwater, MB. and the Manitoba Federation of Labour's annual convention in Brandon.

Come out and engage with other socially-conscious individuals and perhaps enjoy a few drinks. Bring you ideas, your passions, and most importantly your questions. What is poverty? What is development?

How can engineers positively impact the world community at global and local levels? This is an open event. For more information or to RSVP email [winnipeg@ewb.ca](mailto:winnipeg@ewb.ca).

### Speak Up Winnipeg Food Security Roundtable

**Monday, September 21**

**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Location: St Mathews Church on Maryland and McGee (North McGee entrance)

Bring your ideas and suggestions for how the City of Winnipeg can support grassroots food initiatives and the policies needed to help ensure a just and sustainable food system. Learn about what other Canadian cities are doing from Wayne Roberts of the Toronto Food Policy Council and author of No-Nonsense Guide to World Food. This event is Co-sponsored by City of Winnipeg's Speak Up Winnipeg, Manitoba Food Charter and Food Secure Canada. Please RSVP to Paul Chorney at [paul@mbfoodcharter.ca](mailto:paul@mbfoodcharter.ca) / **204-943-0822**.

### Land for Food, Not Fuels Development and Peace

**Saturday, September 26**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Location: Micah House, Main and Magnus. Winnipeg

You are invited to attend Development and Peace's Fall Action Workshop on agrofuels (biofuels). Coffee and refreshments will be served. Please bring a bag lunch. For more information please contact Roberta Gramlich at **204-231-2848** or Dr. Mary LeMaitre at [mlemaitre.phd@gmail.com](mailto:mlemaitre.phd@gmail.com).

### KAIROS 2009 Regional Meeting

**Saturday, October 3**

**9:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Location: Headingley United Church, 110 Bridge Road, Headingley, MB.

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# Canada World Youth Seeking Host Families and Volunteer Opportunities

From September 12 - December 8, 2009, Winnipeg will be hosting a group of 18 Canada World Youth (CWY) volunteers from Kenya and Canada. CWY is currently seeking host families for these students, as well as volunteer opportunities in the community.

Since integration is an important part of the program, CWY is seeking host families who would be open and enthusiastic about sharing their home life with participants. Host families receive a weekly allowance.

CWY is also seeking organizations who would be interested in welcoming two volunteers - specifically in the areas



of environmental awareness, social health issues, community outreach and other outreach opportunities.

Please contact Jennifer Chong at [jchong@cwj-jcm.org](mailto:jchong@cwj-jcm.org) or **204-899-7338** if you would like more information about these opportunities.

Anyone interested in social justice work is encouraged to attend the KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives Cambrian - Agassiz Regional Meeting. For a registration form and to obtain more information, please contact Dayna at **204-888-1334** or [dayna@weiten.com](mailto:dayna@weiten.com). You must register by September 25. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

## Global Justice Film Festival

**November 6 and 7**

Location: University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave.

The Winnipeg Global Justice Film Festival is a coalition of organizations and individuals who support a better vision for our world. The festival showcases films themed around social justice and international development. Festival details will be posted soon at [www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca](http://www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca).

**Check out our October E Newsletter for information about an upcoming presentation by James Orbinski at the University of Manitoba on October 28. Mark your calendars!**

## Volunteer in Bolivia with Expenses Paid!

Canadian Crossroad's International West Office has available volunteer positions working with partners in Bolivia. The positions (which require a minimum of 'high intermediate Spanish') include Credit Risk Analyst, Social Performance Evaluator, Risk Analyst, Human Resources Analyst, Systems Manager, Fair Trade Marketing Specialist and Database Designer. Visit [www.cciorg.ca](http://www.cciorg.ca) for more information. The deadline for applications is October 2, 2009.

## Parties with a Purpose

There are many reasons to get together with your family, friends and colleagues, but what could be better than bringing hope, health and happiness to children at the same time? UNICEF's "Parties with a Purpose" is an opportunity to make that happen while having fun with those you care about! Contact the UNICEF Prairie Office at **204-477-4600** or email [cross@unicef.ca](mailto:cross@unicef.ca) to obtain more information on how you can become a "Parties with a Purpose" consultant and/or host.



On August 30 the Diocese of Rupert's Land celebrated 160 years at a gathering in Bird's Hill park. The Bishop chose to present the form of Eucharist which was developed to honour the first 50 years of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund because of their exceptional international work.

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## Send Us Your News and Event Listings

Global Citizenship: Local News Edition is a publication of the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation. The monthly e-newsletter includes information on local events/activities that relate to the international development efforts and other initiatives of MCIC's member organizations and other local groups. **Send submissions to [pr@mcic.ca](mailto:pr@mcic.ca).**