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Dear KWIC friend,

When local educator Cam Douglas envisioned an experiential education program to better equip local youth with the knowledge and skills for a green economy and confidence to meet an increasingly complex future due to climate disruption, KWIC was there to provide support and resources to launch this initiative.

In Sept 2018, 21 local youth were officially registered in the Youth Leadership in Sustainability (YLS) pilot project, with an Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant through KWIC and in partnership with Kenner Collegiate (KPRDSB), Fleming School of Environmental and Natural Resources Sciences and Trent University - supported by numerous individuals and groups. The first YLS cohort will graduate from this inspiring and successful pilot early next year, *and registration will open soon for a second program year!*

With continued community and funder support, YLS has the potential to be an annual program offered through the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board and an exciting model for the region demonstrating best educational practices. The success of YLS is just one more example of why Peterborough, Kawartha and Haliburton received an international designation as a Region Centre for Expertise from the United Nations University two years ago, which recognizes the significance and impact of sustainable education initiatives emerging from this region, on behalf of an ever-growing network of organizations and institutions.

As we move into KWIC's 30th year, we are celebrating all the ways in which you help us to bring community together and enable our capacity for this legacy work of supporting important and innovative initiatives like YLS, also TRACKS Education and Oshkwazin Indigenous Youth Leadership programs, ReFrame, GreenUP, Kawartha Food Share and others over the years – initiatives led by everyday people that make our communities and the world a better place.

With gratitude for your support and wishing you much joy and hope this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Hermione Rivison

Volunteer and Chair, KWIC Board of Directors

Yes, I'd like to support KWIC's work to nurture emerging local initiatives that create more economically, environmentally and social just communities.

Please accept my tax-deductible gift of: \$30 \$45 \$60 \$150 \$200 Other \$ _____

I would like to make a month gift of: \$5 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

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I would like to be recognized as KWIC donor.

Please send me updates by email to _____

Connecting for Change. Please join us!

Anytime! Book **Global Education, Leadership & Skill Development Workshops** Details and booking form: kwic.info/facilitators-collective



Jan 15th: **KWIC 29th Annual General Meeting and Appreciation Gathering.** Special presentation with Cree youth activist Brendan Campbell, who will report-back on the COP24 climate talks taking place in Poland this month. 6:30pm – 8:30pm in Hobbs Library at Sadleir House. Free. Refreshments.

A later presentation with Brendan will take place to learn more about the legal case the Beaver Lake Cree Nation (Treaty 6, Alberta) have launched against the Alberta provincial government. For more information: <https://tarsandstrial.com/>

New Volunteer Orientation. Are you interested to learn more about KWIC or to get involved? Please contact anuj@kwic.info for details about our next orientation. You can also sign up from kwic.info.

Jan 25-27th: Join **KWIC at the ReFrame International Film Festival.** We're excited to be sponsoring several fantastic films to celebrate ReFrame's 15th anniversary year: *Youth Unstoppable* with Slater Jewell-Kemker opening the Thursday Night Gala, *Inventing Tomorrow*, *Anthropocene*, *Adventure in Understanding* and *Naila and the Uprising*. Details can be found @ reframefilmfestival.ca.

Drop by the **KWIC Café** during the festival weekend. Feed your mind with amazing film and then fuel your body with great food and refreshments. Find us at **The Venue** all weekend. We'll also be selling Zatoun Fair Trade Olive Oil supporting Palestinian farmers and the replanting of olive trees.

Feb 21st: **Kenner International Night** at The VENUE. Save the Date! Dinner and Entertainment. Proceeds support KWIC's Global Education Programs. More details in the new year.

Feb 28th Mar 1st: **Community Forum: Understanding the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Canada's Commitment and the Local Connections** in conjunction with an opening reception of the *Transformations* photo journalism exhibit featuring the amazing stories and work of people from our communities. Hosted by KWIC in partnership with Fleming, GreenUP, OCIC, RCE and Trent University. Visit kwic.info for forum details and registration (limited) in early January.

Steven Lee, Climate Youth Activist and Executive Director, Foundation for Environmental Stewardship (FES) and its 3% Project and SDGs Youth Training Canada will inspire high school students to get involved in climate action as part of his Peterborough visit Mar 1st.

March 8th: **International Women's Day 2019 annual community event, #Pressforchange.** Join KWIC, KSAC, Public Energy and other community partners for an inclusive evening of celebration, potluck and learning together! Free. Seeds of Change Doors open @5:00pm to 8:30pm Details: kwic.info

June 21st: Registration opens for the **TEACH Outside the Box Social Justice** Certificate Program. Community and classroom educators are invited to explore the theory and practice of critical pedagogy and educating for change through a series of thoughtful, inclusive, participatory workshops, October 2019 – April 2020. Details: teachpeterborough.wordpress.com/

Keep up-to-date by visiting our website and the Community Calendar or sign up for our monthly e-news. As a responsive community organization, there is always something new at KWIC! The **Community Calendar** is a free shared resource available to groups who would like to coordinate and share their upcoming activities. Please contact christina@kwic.info if you would like more information. The calendar is located at kwic.info/calendar/

DONATION METHOD:

- Cheque (enclosed)
- Online donations through **Canada Helps** or **givelo**

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If you would like to discuss a legacy gift, please contact Carmela Valles at 705-748-1680. All information shared is strictly confidential. We do not share donor information.

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