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Dr. Wade Davis to Headline the KWIC World Issues November 23rd Café

“A rare combination of scientist, scholar, poet and passionate defender of all of life’s diversity.” David Suzuki

Canadian National Geographic explorer, renowned anthropologist and ethnographer, photographer, filmmaker and prolific author, Wade Davis has been described by CBC as a ‘Renaissance Man’. Having penned over 40 books, Davis is often recognized for the 1985 novel, *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, documenting his early work in Haiti. In 2009, *The Wayfinders* earned him the honour of CBC Massey Lecturer, and his latest novel, *Into the Silence: The Great War, Malloy and the Conquest of Everest* was recently recognized and honoured in the U.K. for a non-fiction award. Davis won the Samuel Johnson Prize on November 12, 2012.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/arts/story/2012/11/13/davis-samuel-johnson-prize-into-the-silence.html>

Davis’s inaugural Peterborough visit has been organized by the Kawartha World Issues Centre in partnership with The David Sheperd Lecture Series at Trent University. A morning youth engagement presentation with Davis will be hosted by Lakefield College School for high school groups, entitled **Exploring Our Limits: Youth, Adventure and Environment**. A private behind-the-scenes tour of the Canadian Canoe Museum will precede a welcoming reception catered by Shawn Adler (formerly of Asamabik’s and LUNCH), followed by the KWIC World Issues Café presentation, **The Sacred Headwaters and the Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena, and Nass**, at PCVS Auditorium.

The **Sacred Headwaters** talk will illustrate the beauty, cultural significance and national importance of The Sacred Headwaters in British Columbia. The area has been opened up for development by the B. C. government against the wishes of the First Nations and local communities who call this land home, as well as supporters from the international community. The increasing appropriation of land for development and resource extraction by governments and large mining companies is a complex issue impacting communities around the world.

Davis’s November 23rd Peterborough talk is timely: three of the most important salmon rivers in BC will be affected if a 2008 moratorium currently restraining SHELL from fracking for coalbed methane in the Headwaters is lifted on December 8th, 2012. Coalbed methane could forever transform the wild salmon ecosystems upon which jobs, cultures, and traditions have been built in the region. The Skeena River’s wild salmon economy - valued at \$110 million annually - is an important source of livelihood for the local communities. Donations will be accepted at the door to the work of the SKEENA Watershed Conservation Coalition (<http://www.skeenawatershed.com>).

Event tickets are available at The Green Up Store, Wild Rock Outfitters, Happenstance Bookstore and KWIC. The Kawartha World Issues Centre is a local, charitable Global Education and Resource Centre. For more information, visit www.kwic.info or call KWIC at 705-748-1680.

Please see details and links, below

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Wade Davis Event Details:

- 1. Date: Friday, November 23rd 2012**
What: Exploring Our Limits: Youth, Adventure and Environment
Where: Lakefield College School
Audience: Local High School Classes (Bookings are in advance only and limited to 300)
Contact: youth@kwic.info or 705-748-01680

- 2. Date: Friday, November 23rd 2012**
What: KWIC Catered Reception, Book Signing and Evening Talk
Where: The Canadian Canoe Museum, 901 Monaghan Road
When: Doors Open at 4:30pm for museum exhibits and silent auction
5:00pm: Book signing (Happenstance Books will be on site.)
5:30pm Reception
7:30pm KWIC World Issues Café Presentation, PCVS Auditorium
Tickets limited and in advance only.
Price: \$85.00 (\$40 tax receipt) **before October 25th**.
\$100.00 (\$55.00 tax receipt) from October 26th.

- 3. Date: Friday, November 23rd 2012**
What: KWIC World Issues Café with Dr. Wade Davis: The Sacred Headwaters and the Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena, and Nass
Where: PCVS Auditorium, McDonnell Street
When: 7:30pm
Tickets: In advance and at the door.
\$20 waged - **\$25 at the door**
\$10 student - **\$15 at the door**

Excerpt from The Sacred Headwaters: 'In a rugged knot of mountains in northern British Columbia lies a spectacular valley known to the First Nations as the Sacred Headwaters. There, three of Canada's most important salmon rivers – the Stikine, Skeena, and Naas – are born in remarkably close proximity. Now, against the wishes of all First Nations, the British Columbia government has opened the Sacred Headwaters to industrial development.....' {The Sacred Headwaters: The Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena, and Nass, Greystone Books, 2011} Davis's talk will celebrate the extraordinary cultural heritage and importance of the Sacred Headwaters and challenge us to action – before it is too late.

Links of interest

<http://forestethics.org/take-action>

<http://www.skeenawatershed.com/>

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Media are welcome to attend the morning and evening presentations.

Arrangements for entrance to the reception, as well as interviews with Wade Davis must be made in advance, by contacting Julie Cosgrove at 705-748-1680. Please call if you have any questions!

Many thanks for your support.

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