



# Kawartha World Issues Centre

Spring & Summer Newsletter 2008

## *"Why Green Isn't Enough": Breaking Down the Social Justice versus Environmentalism Binary*

### KWIC's Mandate:

KWIC is a community-based, non-profit, charitable global education and resource centre, serving the Peterborough and surrounding communities.

KWIC promotes dialogue and understanding of world issues to enable people to engage in positive social and environmental change.

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Racism, colonialism, and environmentalism: is there any connection? '

Why Green Isn't Enough: An Anti-Racist Anti-Colonial Environmentalism Conference' hosted by KWIC in March, helped to show that there absolutely is.

Whether it's the historic failure of mainstream environmental groups to take seriously the everyday environmental injustices that racialized and low-income people face, or the utter lack of health and safety protection (as well as basic social rights) that migrant workers in the Canadian Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program must labour under, or the catastrophic impact that the tar sands and nuclear energy extraction is having on Aboriginal communities in Turtle Island, there are inseparable links between social justice and the many environments in which we live, work and play.

Paul Hawken has written,

*"Our house is literally burning, and it is only logical that environmentalists expect the social-justice movement to get on the environmental bus... But it is the other way around; the only way we are going to put out the fire is to get on the social-justice bus and heal our wounds, because in the end, there is only one bus."*

To me, "healing our wounds" means realizing a world free of racism, colonialism, economic inequality, and patriarchy, in concert with environmentally sustainable political changes and ways of being. 'Why Green Isn't Enough' was one small step in this incredibly important process.

*By Rachel Gurofsky,  
KWIC Resource Centre Coordinator*



*Why Green Isn't Enough* organizers and a few guest speakers (L to W):  
Phillip Allen, Rachel Gurofsky, Yazmin Hernandez, Juby Lee, Muna Ali, Janet McLaughlin,  
Clayton Thomas-Muller, and Chris Ramsaroop

**Congratulations** to Rachel Gurofsky, KWIC's very talented Resource Centre Coordinator, who is now a graduate of Trent University and currently working with Waterloo OPIRG!



## *Release of the Ardoch Algonquins ~ Jo Hayward Haines*

### *Kingston Trial - Release of Ardoch Algonquins*

As of Monday morning, June 2, 2008 in Courtroom B in the Kingston Courthouse, all of the second set of charges against Robert Lovelace, Paula Sherman and Harold Perry of the Ardoch Algonquins have been dropped. The Shabot Obadjiwaan, though not as dramatically in the news have been equally determined and have filed a counter suit, Donna Dillman tells me.

Susan Howlett, Bruce Mac Farlane and I had driven from Peterborough with high hopes for this positive outcome.

Great jubilation and relief swept through the crowd at the news - in all there were perhaps a hundred of us, with space in the courtroom for only thirty. This time, those being charged were permitted to request family and supporters so there was less confusion than in Toronto.

After an interview in the portico of the courtroom, Robert expressed how thankful he was for the ten letters or so he received every day. Because he had no news except from letters and family visits, he had no idea how strongly he was being supported. It was wonderful to see him smile. And to be hugged by Paula Sherman was the greatest blessing one could hope for.

We all did it, we each and all, and each of us and all of us can stay together for the long road ahead to keep our governments accountable to native rights issues at long last. We must all work together to keep uranium safely in the ground where it belongs - its natural habitat.

**Jo is a volunteer hostess for KWIC's monthly social justice program on Trent radio, a painter, Raging Granny, environmentalist and community activist.**



Alex Atfield, volunteer organizer with the KWIC Climate Change Working Group leads a downtown march to Peterborough's first climate change rally.

## *KWIC Climate Change Group Takes Action!*

Peterborough's first **Climate Change rally** was held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, by the Climate Change Working Group in solidarity with citizens from over 70 countries world-wide. Following a street march from Del Cray Park, families, students, activist and community leaders gathered for inspiring presentations and hot chocolate in Confederation Park.

To celebrate International Earth Day, coinciding with the first day of spring on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, volunteers organized an inaugural **Peterborough Earth Day Walkabout**. Families visited local businesses to learn how each are earth-friendly, and collected stamps at each venue to win some amazing door prizes. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Climate Change Group participated in the City of Peterborough **Earth Hour**.

Many thanks to the Climate Change core organizing group: Alex Atfield, Bess Leggault, and Donna Vornehm ~ for their commitment and dynamic education program this year. An especially BIG thank you to Alex, for his vision and excellent facilitation.

Book Your Calendars Now!

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Trent Temagami Weekend  
at Camp Wanapitei  
September 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

An experiential education weekend with speakers, discussion, great food, canoeing, hiking, music...

[www.wanapitei.net/trentweekend](http://www.wanapitei.net/trentweekend)  
or [stephenhill@trentu.ca](mailto:stephenhill@trentu.ca) for more information.

Registration forms can be dropped off at KWIC: Environmental Sciences, Room B101, East Bank.



Participants enjoy the results of their workshop *Eating Sustainably* facilitated by Food Not Bombs.



Getting a move on during the Art in Activism workshop.

## *Global Youth Day 2008 Dollars & Sense: Youth and Ethical Purchasing Power*

On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, approximately 100 youth participants and workshop leaders gathered at Market Hall for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Global Youth Day Conference

Through information and skill-based workshops, youth explored consumerism and our individual power to make choices that promote social and environmental justice, such as ensuring a fair wage and safe working conditions for farmers, sustainable food production and consumption, reducing and reusing.

The guest keynote speaker, Dr. Leslie Jermyn from Global Aware Media, wove a powerful story in which she imagined the possibilities for a life in which everything we use (and accumulate) comes from someone we know and carries great value. She further imagined the great care we would then take in preserving and reusing those items, thus reducing our impact on the planet.

Thank you to GYD sponsors, including City of Peterborough, United Youth Grants, OETFA, TCSA and NIND Fund, and numerous businesses and groups who donated the great door prizes.

Sincere thanks also to all the amazing volunteers and facilitators who assisted at the conference, and especially the GYD 2008 Development Team who met over several months to organize the event: Jess McCuaig, Sophie O'Manique, Kathleen McAllister, Amber Maynard, Nathan Sachse, Liam Rowland, Lan Anh Ha and Riahl O'Malley ~ and the Make Poverty History (JSH) youth group!

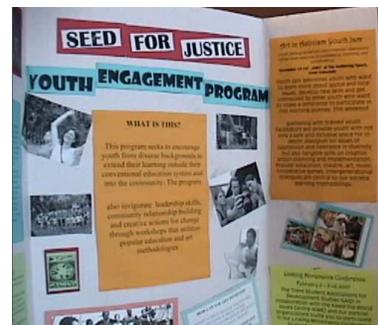
*Global Youth Day is held in conjunction with Global Youth Service Days ~ the world's largest international celebration of youth volunteerism. If you would like to help organize the spring 2009 conference, please contact Julie at [kwic@trentu.ca](mailto:kwic@trentu.ca)*

## *Seeds for Justice Youth Engagement Project*

From September 2007 to April 2008, **Lan Anh Ha** and **Riahl O'Malley** worked with youth facilitators to create a series of dynamic, creative spaces organized around the theme: **Youth Fighting Social and Environmental Destruction using Mass Weapons of Compassion, Creativity and Collaboration.**

Events such as the Art in Activism (Weekend) Youth Jam and Intergenerational Dialogue, Identities Speak storytelling evening, and the Native Youth Movement Panel Discussion on Environmental Racism brought together youth from various backgrounds to explore issues of oppression and tolerance in diversity.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, SEEDS collaborated with The Bridge to offer Art Beat and Rhythm ~ an event for marginalized youth to express and dialogue on social justice issues through hip hop, stencil art and poetry. The SEEDS project wrapped up with the Global Youth Day conference on April 30<sup>th</sup>.



Thank you to the SEEDS project donors: City of Peterborough, Laidlaw Foundation, SEEDS for Justice, Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation, and the numerous community financial and in-kind sponsors.

And many thanks to Lan Anh and Riahl, and the volunteers and participants who made the SEEDS project possible. A fond farewell to Lan Anh as she leaves KWIC (once again!) to pursue new adventures and best wishes to Riahl on his study year abroad this fall!

## Resource Spotlight



KWIC is currently re-cataloguing its print resources into ALTi: Alternative Libraries at Trent. ALTi is a joint project sponsored by Sadleir House, TCSA, OPIRG and the Trent Women's Centre. The aim of ALTi is to provide increased access and awareness of the smaller resource libraries available in the community through the creation of an online catalogue. Although KWIC has just one third of its resources in ALTi to date, the full catalogue (3 library collections) is available on-line at [www.sadleirhouse.ca/library](http://www.sadleirhouse.ca/library) KWIC will also maintain a print copy of the resources in the centre. Loans are 2 weeks; 3 days for dvd's and tapes.

Many thanks to Dwayne Collins, Kathy Wallace, Nelly Chen, Jessica Galarza and John Hercus for all their help in the KWIC Resource Centre this year.

KWIC gratefully accepts donations of current visual and print materials on topics of global social and environmental justice to its free lending library! So, if you're ready to pass along that great book, subscription or DVD, please keep KWIC in mind!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported KWIC's first **fundraising & fair trade coffee table** at the annual Gilmore Street Yard Sale. Generous donations of clothing, other items and baked goods, and help during and after the sale was **REALLY** appreciated. We raised **\$974.56** for KWIC's local, global education events and programming this year. Kudos to Sonya Hardman for organizing the event, and also to John Knight, Linda Devine, Hermione and Robin Rivison, and Lynn Bowser for their patient and cheerful selling.



As a very small small not-for-profit, every cent counts. Read on for details of how you can get involved in our next fundraising activity: Bowl the World Fundraising Bowlathon!



**KWIC needs you (and your friends)...to Bowl the World!**  
Please join us for a great afternoon of bowling, laughter and prizes.

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Lakeview Bowl in the Market Plaza, from 1-3pm.**

**Special prizes for the wackiest dressed team!**

Visit [www.kwic.info](http://www.kwic.info) or [kwic@trentu.ca](mailto:kwic@trentu.ca) for registration and pledge forms.

All proceeds directly support KWIC global education events in our community.

**Bowl the World! And win great prizes donated by Cosmic Charlie's Café ~ Night Kitchen ~ Wild Rock Outfitters~ and more!**

## KATHRYN LANGLEY'S ♦ WILD RICE CASSEROLE ♦

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
1 cup uncooked \*wild rice\*  
\*butter\* for sautéing vegetables  
1 large \*green pepper\* - chopped  
1 bunch of \*green onions\* - onions  
1 pound of \*mushrooms\* - sliced  
1 tablespoon minced \*garlic\*  
1 can \*tomatoes\* diced including juice (28 ounces)  
grated sharp \*cheddar cheese\* - at least two cups - one in casserole and one to go on top  
\*salt, pepper, basil, oregano\* to taste  
Rinse wild rice well and cook in plenty of water until tender but not mushy (30 - 45 minutes)  
While rice is cooking, sauté the vegetables and garlic in butter until tender (might take two fry pan loads).  
Combine all ingredients except half of the cheese for topping and put in a casserole dish.  
Top with cheese. Cover and bake for 45 minutes - remove cover - bake another 15 minutes. As it tastes even better the second day, try to make it ahead of time and reheat it on the day you want to serve it.

**TRY TO SHOP LOCALLY  
AND SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL SMALL SCALE  
PRODUCERS!**

*KWIC would like to thank the City of Peterborough, Trent University, Trent International and Environmental Resource Studies Programs ~ and the numerous local businesses, community members and volunteers who generously offer us their continuing support.*

### KWIC Staff

September 2207 to June '08

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*KWIC is now officially on summer closure until September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.*

*Have a wonderful summer!*