

Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)

ANNUAL REPORT 2005/2006

Time for Courageous Leadership

THE LAST YEAR was one of environmental devastation, as the world grappled with the lasting impacts of the Asian tsunami, the earthquake in Pakistan and Kashmir, and hurricanes in Guatemala and New Orleans. These disasters were seen by many as warning signs of a planet out of balance, and underscored the urgent need for change at both individual and systemic levels. It was also the year in which millions of citizens of over 80 countries became more conscious of social issues, and showed tremendous will to act for justice.

Under the umbrella of the Make Poverty History (MPH) campaign – part of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) – celebrities, NGOs and other civil society actors across the country reached out to over 250,000 Canadians in a call for more and better aid, trade justice, debt cancellation and an end to child poverty in Canada. The campaign proved to be a remarkable tool for widespread, innovative, public engagement. Many organizations invested significant resources to mobilize their constituents in activities and events to raise awareness and political will to act.

Celebrity click-ads, white-bands, and clear campaign messages were taken up and personalized by groups and individuals alike. Throughout the winter Canadian federal election campaign, candidates of all parties were flooded with requests to endorse the MPH platform, and 178 of 306 elected leaders came on side.

On the international front, the July 2005 meeting of G8 leaders in Gleneagles, the September 2005 UN Millennium+5 Summit in New York, and the December 2005 WTO ministerial conference in Hong Kong were targeted as opportunities for world leaders to make concrete their

commitments to eradicate world poverty and reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. Despite significant media attention, political outcomes were minimal.

The irony that Canada has yet to set a timeline to give 70 cents of every \$100 of gross national product (0.7%) to the poorest countries by 2015 was not lost on civil society leaders around the world. Economist Jeffrey Sachs, CIVICUS Secretary General and CEO Dr. Kumi Naidoo, Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) President and CEO Gerry Barr and others noted publicly that 36 years ago former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson promised the world Canada would lead the fight against global poverty by meeting this target, which he successfully advocated the UN General Assembly to set. While Canada's 2005 International Policy Statement supports the target in principle, it offers no timetable for achieving it.

MPH has yet to result in direct policy impact in the form of increased aid dollars and a legislated mandate for aid. Canadian leaders of conscience could now make significant inroads in the movement from talk to action.

As a coalition of organizations committed to the promotion of human rights, social justice and the eradication of poverty worldwide, OCIC members are well positioned to build strategically on MPH momentum, and to work together to deepen public understanding of core issues and political targets in the year ahead. Our successes may be measured by our courage and capacity to broaden our base and collaborate more effectively. In a world where 1.2 billion people live in abject poverty and a child dies of poverty-related causes every three seconds, there is no time to waste.

Kimberly Gibbons, Executive Director

OCIC Members

Canada World Youth
Canadian Association for Community Living
Canadian Catholic Organization for
Development and Peace
Canadian Crossroads International
Canadian Friends Service Committee
Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief
Casa Canadiense
CHF
Compassion Canada
Crossroads Christian Communication
CUSO in Ontario
Engineers Without Borders
Foster Parents Plan
Frontiers Foundation
Global Education Network
Guelph International Resource Centre
Guatemala Community Network
Horizons of Friendship
Jamaican Self-Help Organization
Kawartha World Issues Centre
Mennonite Central Committee of Ontario
Mines Action Canada
Oxfam Ontario
Peace Brigades International - Canada
Physicians for Global Survival
Rooftops Canada
SalvAide
Save a Family Plan
Street Kids International
Tamils Rehabilitation Organization
War Child Canada
World Literacy of Canada
World Vision Canada
YMCA Kitchener Waterloo
YMCA of Greater Toronto

New Members to be ratified

Foundation for International Development
Assistance
Heartlinks
Operation Eyesight Universal
RayjonShare Care of Sarnia

Associate Members

Abraham Sewonet Abatneh
Elliot Pobjoy
Elizabeth Stanton
Eric Plato
Gwen Schauerte
John Popiel
Maria-Ines Arratia
Susan James

OCIC Development Principles

PREAMBLE:

The Council recognizes that global justice requires the transformation of social structures and changes in human relations to reflect the following principles:

HUMAN RIGHTS AND BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

1. Every human being has the right to her/his basic human needs: adequate food, clean water, housing, health care, education, and employment.
2. Equal civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights for all humankind are the foundation for freedom, justice and peace in the world.
3. Given the connection of racism to historical and contemporary forms of economic exploitation, all forms of oppression and discrimination of peoples and individuals based on race and colour must be eliminated.
4. Development requires the elimination of all forms of inequality, exploitation and discrimination of peoples and individuals based on factors including national origin, ethnicity, religion, language, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability and age.
5. We believe in a development process which respects cultures and local realities, and affirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
6. Development must be redefined placing the development of civil society at its centre with economic, political and social systems serving basic human needs.

GLOBAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

7. Redistribution of the world's resources should meet basic human needs everywhere.
8. Resources must be controlled locally to serve the needs of local populations in an equitable manner.
9. Global production and consumption levels must be addressed in the development process. Disproportionate consumption levels in the North lead to a systemic lack of resources to fulfill basic human needs in the South.

DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES AND GOVERNANCE

10. Participatory, cooperative and inclusive processes are vital in the struggle for development and global justice. Political and public office positions must be accessible to all citizens and those in positions of power must be fully accountable.
11. Global justice requires equal participation of women and men in political and economic decision-making. The historical power imbalance between women and men must be addressed through analyses of structural inequities with concrete strategies/practices to guarantee equal access to power, wealth, and resources, and fair compensation for work performed.
12. Global justice respects the right of indigenous peoples to self-determination, self-government, and to territorial claims, including the resources within their territories.
13. Conflicts require peaceful solutions. Resources allocated for arms production and export must be redirected towards the fulfillment of basic human needs.

MANDATE

14. OCIC shall encourage the development and sharing of resources for participatory global education in the province of Ontario by facilitating networking and capacity building within its membership.
15. OCIC is committed to being a learning and democratic organization with inclusive cooperative and participatory processes that are accessible and accountable to all members.

What kept OCIC busy in 2005-2006?

OCIC Mission

- A “Meeting Teachers’ Global Education Needs: Strategies and Support” Workshop
- A presentation on Canada’s International Policy Statement to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade
- A Voluntary Sector Awareness Project “Community Conversation”
- An 11-day International Development Week collaborative program, highlights of which include: a Casa Canadiense IDW Kick-Off Party; an Images of Sustainable Development Photo & Poster Exhibit hosted by the YMCA of Greater Toronto; a community panel on fair trade, slow food, organic production and the importance of cooperatives; a two-day OCIC “Move Your World” Youth Symposium on extreme poverty; an Acoustic Open Stage & Report-back on the World Social Forum; “Story of a Beautiful Country”, a South African film screening presented by the NFB; and a Development and Peace “Act for Love: A Hands-On Theatre for Development Workshop”.
- An external evaluation of the seven Provincial/Regional Councils across Canada
- Draft production of a “Move Your World” School Campaigns Kit to support youth in developing goals and governance structures for local initiatives
- Regional meetings with OCIC members in London, Guelph, Ottawa and Peterborough
- Information-sharing meetings with the Provincial/Regional Councils, and with CIDA
- A Board of Directors Planning Retreat and bi-monthly Board Meetings
- Monthly Breakfast Meetings
- MPH and OCIC member profile displays at universities and high school fairs
- Attendance at OCIC members’ events
- Regular communication with the Provincial/Regional Councils
- Participation on CCIC’s Board of Directors

The Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) is a membership association of Ontario-based, not-for-profit, voluntary organizations and individual associates working both in the North and South for global justice. As a Council, OCIC strives to increase the effectiveness and collective impact of its members’ efforts to promote sustainable and people-centred development in a peaceful and healthy environment, and to educate and engage the Canadian public on global issues.

Services to Members

OCIC encourages the development of the Ontario international development and global education sectors and sharing of resources between OCIC members by providing forums for networking, communications and collaborative reflection and action, and facilitating capacity building in public engagement and organizational development.

As a learning organization, OCIC offers inclusive, cooperative and participatory processes that are accessible and accountable to all members. Monthly breakfast meetings, periodic workshops, global citizen’s forums and annual meetings provide opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, sharing of experiences and best practices, and networking.

The OCIC e-Bulletin is a free forum for members to both share information and keep up to date on events, news, job postings and the latest happenings in the international development and global education sectors in Ontario.

Additional ongoing services to members include: professional development opportunities, representation on policy issues, collaborative initiatives with other OCIC members, information clearinghouse, promotion of member organizations activities and websites, and consultation with staff.



IDW Youth Symposium Participants “Moving Their World”

OCIC Networking, Information Exchange and Capacity-Building Opportunities

In September 2005 OCIC's Program Committee initiated monthly Breakfast Meetings as opportunities for members to meet informally to share ideas, foster new connections and support organizational and professional development goals. Over the past 10 months these gatherings have included presentations on:

- the political climate and impact of funding cuts on key community development programmes in El Salvador by Marta Lorena Araujo and Emilio Espin, international guests attending SalvAide's 20th Anniversary reflections and celebrations;
- the challenges of sustainable development work in the face of civil war in Uganda by CPAR;
- initiatives to combat gender-based violence through human rights education and empowerment programs for girls with international guest Betty Makoni, from the Girl Child Network in Zimbabwe;
- Make Poverty History campaigning strategies with

- Engineers Without Borders and other members;
 - "Disability and Development: Why, What and How", including background on efforts to establish a sustainable international system to monitor the human rights of people with disabilities with Disability Rights Promotion International, Blindness International and the International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation;
 - a rights-based approach to development, looking at emergency programs in Ethiopia and Rwanda with Abraham Sewonet Abatneh;
 - experiences developing affordable housing in East Toronto's Project Amik with Frontiers Foundation; and
 - War Child Canada's youth opinion poll on global issues, and a broad discussion on youth engagement initiatives.
- OCIC will continue this initiative with Toronto-based members, and will encourage regional representatives to coordinate similar gatherings that respond to local interests and needs, in the year ahead.

Provincial / Regional Councils and CIDA

INCREASED COMMUNICATION and future collaboration are themes underscoring Provincial/Regional Council relations this year. Council staff have made strides in sharing public engagement ideas and organizational development strategies, and have purposefully allocated resources to explore possibilities for joint initiatives with greater collective impact, in the year ahead. ACGC and

BCCIC have taken leadership roles in advocating for the re-instatement of CIDA's NGO Project Facility funding, with the backing of all Councils. MCIC and SCIC, two of the three larger Councils, have shared their experience dispersing provincial funds for international cooperation. AQOCI, the lead agency of the Quebec-based "Un monde sans pauvreté" campaign, has offered insights into their work with broad social movements and ACIC, unique in its role as a Regional Council, has shared Eastern Canadian approaches to participation across four provinces.

This winter each Council received funding to support youth-focused International Development Week activities under the theme "Move Your World". Before the dust had settled, we then participated in a much-awaited external CIDA evaluation measuring the effectiveness of our respective PE work across Canada. Consequently, we all received an increase in funding for our 2006-2007 activities, for which we are appreciative. These range from theatre projects to youth conferences, video initiatives to strengthened regional networks.

In a May meeting of CIDA staff Lillian Chatterjee, Sylvie Hudon-Polk and Carol Mundle, members of the evaluation team and Council staff discussed the evaluation outcomes and recommendations. Council staff will continue to collaborate on emerging ideas over the summer, and by fall 2006 expect to offer professional development/training opportunities in collaboration with CIDA, to our members and relevant networks.

Canadian Council for International Cooperation

2005-2006 was the second year of OCIC's two-year term on the CCIC Board of Directors, in one of four rotating positions held by the seven Provincial/Regional Councils. In the past year OCIC has been in attendance at CCIC's quarterly Board meetings, regional consultations, AGM, CCIC/CIDA Partnership Dialogue and workshop on the Paris Declaration.

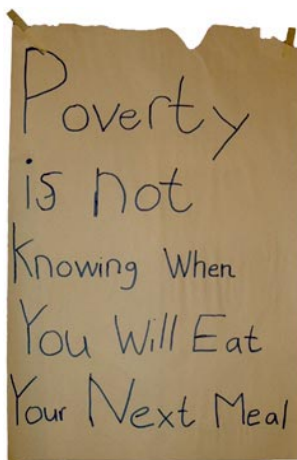
We have provided input on behalf of our members to the Ministers' Expert Panel Meeting in October 2005, and shared perspectives on the Voluntary Sector Awareness Project, of which CCIC is one of the national lead agencies. Following a series of "Community Conversations" across Canada on the project, Imagine Canada has developed a "Values Added" Campaign that is set to be launched this summer, and will be supported by CCIC and the Provincial/Regional Councils across Canada.

The Survey Said..

IN AN EFFORT to better understand our members' perspectives on our mission and the impact of our activities, this winter our Board of Directors launched our first-ever on-line survey. Questions addressed communications, programming, networking, capacity building and strategic directions.

The survey was widely dispersed to OCIC members and network over a period of two months, and was completed by a broad cross-section of staff at all levels from OCIC member organizations, associate members, prospective members and volunteers. Responses have helped inform the programming and strategic directions OCIC has planned for 2006-2007, and will be used in the initial stages of our upcoming strategic planning process.

In brief, we learned that our communications are widely received, well-circulated and appreciated by organizations and individuals alike, as a source of information on upcoming events and fundraisers, job opportunities, volunteer positions, resources and inspiration. Regional members stressed the value of these tools in helping them share information and feel connected to a larger group. "Stories from the Field" and sharing of best practices were suggested as additional



Youth Symposium participants' definition of poverty.

areas to explore. Over half the respondents were active participants in OCIC programs and rated IDW, Breakfast Meetings and our AGM as important opportunities to "get their name out there," network, develop relationships and partnerships, remain engaged and energized, recruit volunteers, learn of events and opportunities and develop professionally.

Some of the suggestions for future programming included undertaking more regional initiatives with a broader membership base; encouraging wider and more active participation of members; developing issue-focused working groups; strategizing on how to collaborate more effectively; offering "traveling" training/capacity-building or speaking opportunities; and generating greater community awareness and media coverage.

Some strategic directions suggested included: facilitating stronger linkages between PE and advocacy efforts; encouraging greater sharing between organizations to reduce overlap, increase partnerships and facilitate learning; forging stronger linkages with other provincial/regional and national councils; encouraging members to work more as a team, through increased joint initiatives and opportunities to meet and discuss pipeline ideas.

Small Seeds Planted across Ontario

This spring OCIC launched a pilot initiative to strengthen cooperation and networking, and support the capacity-building needs of members in smaller communities across Ontario. "Small Seeds" are grants of up to \$250 to help defray expenses towards a relevant event, and are available on a limited basis upon approval of an application.

In March 2006 the YMCA of Kitchener-Waterloo received the first Small Seeds grant in support of their 2006 Global Youth Forum. The forum brought together over 100 high school students, teachers and staff of the YMCA

and seven local NGOs for a day of interactive learning on the MDGs, and was deemed a great success!

In June 2006 Save a Family Plan, in collaboration with London Partners Overseas, will receive a Small Seeds grant in support of a two-day workshop on "Participatory Development: Key Concepts, Tools and Methods." This event will provide an opportunity for 24 staff and volunteers of smaller London-area NGOs to acquire hands-on skills in participatory methods, which they can apply in their own organizations and introduce to their partners overseas.

In August 2006 Oxfam Canada will receive a small seeds grant for their National Youth CHANGE Initiative training, to be attended by University and College students from across Canada. The training will help participants learn more about social justice issues, and develop activism skills and a strategic action plan for implementation on their respective campuses in the Fall. OCIC's Small Seeds will support the participation of Ontario students from smaller campuses outside of major urban centres.

Something to Celebrate!

This was a noteworthy year for at least two OCIC member organizations, as SalvAide celebrated its 20th Anniversary in September 2005, and Peace Brigades International celebrated its 25th Anniversary in March 2006. Congratulations to both for many years commitment to sustainable social and economic development, and non-violent, community-based peace building.

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ONTARIO COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

We have examined the statement of financial position for the Ontario Council for International Cooperation as at March 31, 2006 and the statement of operations and surplus for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

As is the case in many organizations of this kind, the Ontario Council for International Cooperation obtains some of its income in the form of donations in cash, which cannot form the subject of a detailed audit. Consequently, our audit of the organization's income from this source was limited to a review of the deposits recorded in the books for donations in cash.

In our opinion, with the exception of any adjustments which might have been required if we had been able to audit the revenues associated from the cash donations as described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

FLABBI & ELDER LLP
Chartered Accountants

May 31, 2006
Toronto, Ontario

Statement of Operations and Surplus

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Revenues		
Government grants	\$ 89,110	\$ 64,840
Interest	3	8
Membership fees and sponsorship	3,560	1,045
Miscellaneous	5,436	10,965
	<u>98,109</u>	<u>76,858</u>
Expenditures		
Administration	13,899	12,339
Programme	19,686	14,791
Rent	6,583	6,303
Salary and benefits	51,875	42,967
	<u>92,043</u>	<u>76,400</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	6,066	458
Surplus, Beginning of Year	8,390	7,932
Surplus, End of Year	\$ <u>14,456</u>	\$ <u>8,390</u>

Statement of Financial Position

MARCH 31, 2006

	2006	2005
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 13,324	\$ 25,335
Accounts receivable	704	1,380
Grant receivable	5,950	-
Prepaid expenses	787	1,935
	<u>\$ 21,765</u>	<u>\$ 28,650</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 4,809	\$ 2,600
Deferred revenue (Note 3)	2,500	17,660
	<u>7,309</u>	<u>20,260</u>
SURPLUS		
Surplus	14,456	8,390
	<u>\$ 21,765</u>	<u>\$ 28,650</u>
Commitments (Note 4)		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended March 31, 2006

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Ontario Council for International Cooperation ("OCIC") is a coalition of Canadian non-governmental organizations based in Ontario, working for international development overseas and development education in Ontario. OCIC is incorporated under the Ontario Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition – Fees for membership and seminars are recognized as revenue on an accrual basis.

Capital Assets – Expenditures of a capital nature are charged against operations in the year of acquisition.

Contributed Services – Volunteers contributed approximately 1,900 hours in the current year (2005: 900 hours) to assist the organization in carrying out its service activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

3. DEFERRED REVENUE

The deferred revenue represents amounts received as at March 31, 2006 which relate to the organization's 2007 fiscal year.

4. COMMITMENTS

The organization leases office space under an agreement expiring October 31, 2006. The annual base rent payable over the next year is: 2007 – \$3,500

5. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows has not been prepared, as it would not provide any additional useful information.

President's Report

2005-2006 was a year of transition for OCIC, as after three years of dedication to the advancement of the Council our Coordinator, Nadya Weber, left us to begin a PhD program at OISE. In August we welcomed Kimberly Gibbons to her position. Kim has a strong background in Intercultural Development and Public Engagement, and an infectious enthusiasm that resulted in several high profile activities this year. These included facilitating a collaborative International Development Week program with Toronto's very active IDW Committee, supporting local Make Poverty History initiatives, encouraging wider regional representation and member-driven directions for the Council, and initiating regular networking and capacity building opportunities through monthly Breakfast Meetings. Behind the scenes she has also been busy with administration, grant writing, member and government relations, and providing support to part-time staff, various Committees and the Board of Directors.

The OCIC Board has also been busy. With much energy invested in strengthening our infrastructure and Committees this year, our capacity for governance keeps getting better! The Membership Committee and the Program Committee have been especially visible and instrumental in achieving our outcomes this year. The end result is a widely expanded list of programs and a broader reach to members, current and prospective. In 2006-2007 we look forward to strengthening member services more, and continuing to involve members in collaborative public engagement opportunities. The groundwork is also being laid for the creation of a three-year strategic plan, and increased outreach across Ontario. Much of this is possible from ongoing support by CIDA, our members, and many volunteers.

Special acknowledgement to retiring Board Members Eva Morrison and Ben Marans for their work and support in Ottawa and Toronto. Our thanks to Eva for her important representation on NGO Project Facility Funding at the House of Commons Sub Committee on International Development and Human Rights, and to Ben for his dedication to the ongoing development of our membership intake processes and services. While Ben is retiring from his position on the Board, we are very pleased that he will continue as a volunteer on the Membership Committee.

Each Board Member welcomes your feedback, comments and questions. We invite any interested individuals who are affiliated with a member organization to join our active committees and help to shape the future of OCIC.

Gwen Schauerte, OCIC President

Board of Directors

- Gwen Schauerte (Associate Member)
– *President / Executive*
- Bill Sparks (CUSO in Ontario)
– *Vice-President / Executive / Nominations Committee*
- Eric Plato (Associate Member)
– *Treasurer / Executive/Finance Committee / Sustainability Committee*
- Sophia Wong (Engineers Without Borders)
– *Secretary / Executive / Personnel Committee*
- Ben Marans (World Literacy of Canada)
– *Membership Committee*
- Eva Morrison (Mines Action Canada)
– *Personnel Committee*
- Genevieve Drouin (Rooftops Canada)
– *Programs Committee*
- John Popiel (Associate Member)
– *Sustainability Committee*
- Maria-Ines Arratia (Associate Member)
– *Sustainability Committee*

OCIC Staff

- Kimberly Gibbons, *Coordinator / Executive Director (from September 2005)*
- Nadya Weber, *Coordinator (until August 2005)*
- Maria-Elena Oliva, *Bookkeeper (P/T)*
- Harmony Brown, *Membership and Administrative Assistant (October 2005-May 2006 P/T)*
- Elliot Pobjoy, *IDW Youth Symposium Coordinator (December 2005-April 2006 P/T)*
- Kristy Vanderplas, *AGM Assistant (May-June 2006 P/T)*

Partners & Friends

- Branksome Hall International Baccalaureate Program
- Canadian Education Association
- Education Network of Ontario
- Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO)
- Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA)
- Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF)
- Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
– *Comparative International Development Education Centre, Pre-service Teacher Program & Transformative Learning Centre*
- York University Pre-service Teacher Program (Regent Park)



OCIC breakfast meeting on affordable housing in east Toronto: Genevieve Drouin (Rooftops), Honorary Chief Charles Catto (Frontiers Foundation), Marco Guzman (Frontiers Foundation) and Bill Sparks (CUSO in Ontario)

Thank you!

OCIC BENEFITS TREMENDOUSLY from the energy and expertise of numerous volunteers and member organizations, committed to the mission and mandate of OCIC. In 2005-2006 our Board of Directors, Committees and the individuals and institutions noted below provided nearly 2000 volunteer hours, meetings space and solidarity to the Council. Thank you very much for your important contributions. Without them OCIC's work would be far less meaningful, and certainly less plentiful!

IDW Planning Committee

Angela Rodriguez, Bill Sparks (CUSO in Ontario), Esperanza Monsalve (YMCA of Greater Toronto), Genevieve Drouin (Rooftops Canada), Jean Leahy (Development and Peace), Jenn Wilks (Casa Canadiense), Kim Outten (Pathways to Education), Kristy Vanderplas, Lama Jaafari, Laurier Brown (Canadian Crossroads International), Leanne Faber (Operation Eyesight), Mitra Manouchehrian (Canadian Crossroads International), Mwansa Charity Njelesani (TakingITGlobal), Omme-Salma Rahemtullah (Canada World Youth), Paul Faucette (Canadian Landmine Foundation), Robert Stanislaus (Tamils Rehabilitation Organization), Valerie Davis (Peel Peace Campaign) and Victoria Harnett (Oxfam Canada)

AGM Committee

Jessica Capasso (AMREF), Genevieve Drouin (Rooftops Canada), Gwen Schauerte (Associate Member), Emily Reed (Canada World Youth) and Kristy Vanderplas

Resources and Venues

Alternative Grounds, Canadian Crossroads International, Canadian Red Cross-Ontario, Canada World Youth, City of Toronto, Development and Peace, Eneract, Engineers Without Borders, Frontiers Foundation, Free Times Café, Global Village Backpackers, Guelph International Resource Centre, Jamaica Self Help, National Film Board of Canada, Rooftops Canada, Save A Family Plan, TakingITGlobal, Verge Magazine, YMCA of Greater Toronto and York University

Design, Website, Office & Technical Support

Fisnik Basha, Eric Mills, Mark Sloan (ThinkBranch), Cheryl Stevens and Robert Vanderplas

Guest Speakers, Facilitators and Resource Persons

Abraham Sewonet, Betty Makone (Girl Child Network, Zimbabwe), Brian Thomlinson (CCIC), Councillor Joe Mihevc, R. Cheran, Claire Holloway (CPAR), Clive Shirley (Global Aware), Emma Rooney (Street Kids International), Erika Dudszus (Katimavik), Esperanza Monsalve (YMCA of Greater Toronto), Esperanza Moreno (CCIC), Friend's of YPEC (Young People's Experience for Change), Gerry Barr (CCIC), Gillian Ream (Leaders Today/Free the Children), Heather Orrange (War Child), Hoi Ning Chang (Canada World Youth), Jack Panozzo (Development and Peace), Jane Orion Smith (Canadian Friends Service Committee), Jason Diceman (Coop Tools), Joan Roberts (Wellesley Institute), Kate Jongbloed, Kris Orantes, Lang Lui, Lori Ryan (Development and Peace), Leslie Cumming, Leslie Porter (Save a Family Plan), Marco Guzman (Frontiers Foundation), Maria Vamvalis (War Child), Nadia Junaid, Penny Hartin (Blindness International), Penny Parnes (International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation), Rita Samsom (Disability Rights Promotion International) and Tor Iorapuu (Youth Adolescent Reflection & Action Centre, Nigeria)

Youth Symposium Steering Committee

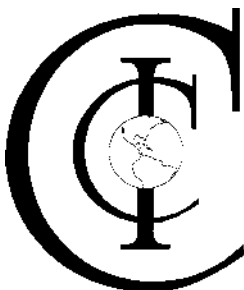
Ikem Opara (Pathways to Education), Kim Outten (Pathways to Education), Kristy Vanderplas, Omme-Salma Rahemtullah (Canada World Youth), Paul Faucette (Canadian Landmine Foundation) and Victoria Harnett (Oxfam Canada)



IDW 2006 volunteers: Kim Outten, Hoi Ning Chang, Kimberly Gibbons, Omme-Salma Rahemtullah, Victoria Harnett, Elliot Pobjoy, Ikem Opara and Robert Stanislaus (left to right)

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