



The ACT 4 Global Change Youth Tour participants! Patrick Handrigan, Kardeisha Provo, Julie-Pier LeBlanc, and Jade Knockwood
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What's Happening

From ACIC

The summer has been a quieter time for ACIC as we finished our annual Symposium and AGM in Sackville, NB in mid-June. Titled "Common Concern: Standing Together as Global Citizens", the symposium brought together over 50 participants and featured two panel discussion and two keynotes. "All of the panels were really inspiring and had great speakers with a wide variety of experience and knowledge around one theme," said one participant. ACIC also welcomed five new board members during our Annual General Meeting.

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Historica Canada announces photo contest winners

From Maimuna Gaye, Historica Canada

Historica Canada is pleased to announce the winners of the third and final Passages Canada’s Imagine Culture Photo Contest. The contest wrapped up on March 31st 2017 and winners were announced in June 2017. There were winners from five provinces across the country (ON, BC, AB, MB and NS).

The [Passages Canada Imagine Culture Photo Contest](http://passagestocanada.com/imagine-culture-contest) encourages youth (aged 5-29) and adult ESL students across Canada to explore issues of culture, identity, and immigration through photography. There were 345 entries this year and all were reviewed by a panel of Historica Canada and Passages Canada volunteers with backgrounds in the arts. The winning entries can be viewed here: <http://passagestocanada.com/imagine-culture-contest>. Once on the website, click on the “Winners” tab.

Funding in part was provided by ACIC’s Members Public Engagment Fund.



Levitation
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Photo Credit: Liam d’Entremont (NS Youth)



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ACIC has a brand new website! Same location: www.acic-caci.org. Check it out and let us know what you think: communications@acic-caci.org.



ACIC Symposium participants, Sackville, NB

Frederick Wangabo is with ECAAIR (Eastern and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights) in Fredericton; Laura Hunter is with Maritime Conference United Church in Sackville, NB; Jackie Dowling is an individual member in Nova Scotia; Debbie O'Reilly is with Centre for Nursing Studies in St. John's; and Nick Scott is with University PEI, Charlottetown. We're excited to have them on board and want to say a big thank you for the several board members who completed their terms. These include: Nadya Ladouceur, who provided exemplary leadership in her role as the Chair; Brian Tomlinson, our extraordinary treasurer and Natalie Gosse, who headed up our Risk Committee. Next year's Symposium will take place in Prince Edward Island in mid-June.

The [ACT 4 Global Change Ambassadors](#) participated in the Symposium and will be gradually transitioning out of their roles at the end of the summer. This group of grade 11 students learned about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), gained leadership and facilitation skills, and designed and implemented an engagement plan that focused on the global issues they are most passionate about. From playing violin by candlelight, to advocating for Climate Action (SDG 13) during Earth Hour, to sharing their views on Quality Education (SDG 4) at a local Prime Minister's Youth Council Roundtable, to playing SDGs jeopardy in a classroom, the Ambassadors found innovative ways to exercise and foster global citizenship in Atlantic Canadian communities. Along with these accomplishments a total of 8 workshops were hosted by the ambassadors during IDW, reaching a total of 400 students and teachers.

We currently have four Atlantic youth who have just returned from a tour in Uganda with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and our sister council, the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation with the [ACT 4 Global Change Youth Tour](#). These youth traveled overseas to get a first-hand experience of an international cooperation project with MCC's partners. After the Tour, participating youth will share the story of their journey in their home communities through presentations to local schools and groups. Follow along on Instagram using [#ACICTour](#) and on the website: www.act4globalchange.ca/tour and see their group picture on the front!

In July, ACIC Executive Director, Jennifer Sloom, participated in the [High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development](#), the central platform of the UN review of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in New York City. This meeting provided an opportunity for the presentation of country voluntary reviews of the 2030 Agenda and involved ministerial and other relevant high-level participants. Participation in this event afforded Jennifer the opportunity to meet with civil society organizations from across the globe and to better understand how we can collectively contribute to and measure our progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. As follow up, Jennifer will be part of a panel discussion on August 24th at a conference on PEI: Moving Evidence to Action: Advancing Global Health and Sustainable Development.

An exciting opportunity for ACIC Members is our call for submissions for the [Members Public Engagement Fund](#). This Fund provides funding of up to \$1,500 to ACIC members and partners for public engagement projects. The fund is intended

to support good practice and innovative methods of engaging Atlantic Canadians in global development issues. See past recipients on our website here.

This is a great opportunity to try new ideas or approaches. Some past fund recipients have also found it to be a catalyst to build on, or develop, new partnerships, which can result in future collaboration. Information regarding eligibility and other parameters can be found within the proposal template. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or want to make sure your idea is something that would be considered.

This year's deadline is Sept. 8th for submissions. Be in touch if you don't have the application form: membership@acic-caci.org.

We've also been working on better ways to communicate with our audiences. To that end, [ACIC has a fresh new website being launched in August!](#) We last updated our website a few years ago and with changing technology we have created a cleaner website that is mobile friendly. Try it out on your device today: www.acic-caci.org.

Lastly, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Ashwood, Program Support Assistant, who worked with us this summer and did a stellar job on organizing the Symposium, supporting the ACT 4 Global Change Tour and our communications work! Thanks, Kate! You'll be missed!

UPEACE: a university dedicated to the promotion of peace here in Canada and abroad.

From Darlene Doiron, M.Sc, ACIC Individual Member

Headquartered in Costa Rica, the United Nations-mandated University for Peace was established in December 1980 as a Treaty Organization by the UN General Assembly. As determined in the Charter of the University, the mission of the University for Peace is: "to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations."

To ensure academic freedom, the University was established under its own Charter, approved by the General Assembly. UPEACE is not subject to UN regulations and is directed by its own Council of renowned personalities with expertise in peace and security matters. This has allowed the University to move rapidly and to innovate, focusing its new, rigorous academic programme on the fundamental causes of conflict through a multidisciplinary, multicultural-oriented approach. The wider mission of the University should be seen in the context of the worldwide peace and security objectives of the United Nations. The central importance of education, training and research in all their aspects to build the foundations of peace and progress and to reduce the prejudice and hatred on which violence, conflict and terrorism are based is increasingly recognized. The Charter of the University calls for UPEACE "to contribute to the great universal task of educating

for peace by engaging in teaching, research, post-graduate training and dissemination of knowledge fundamental to the full development of the human person and societies through the interdisciplinary study of all matters related to peace". The vision of UPEACE is to become a network of collaborating UPEACE centres and activities in different regions, guided from its headquarters in Costa Rica and cooperating with a large number of universities, NGOs and other partners on education and research for peace.

More and more Canadians are taking part in the UPEACE courses and program as the Masters Degree in Sustainable World Peace are offered online by high quality professors. I have been fortunate enough to experience this program and I am happy to share my insights and learnings with anyone interested in learning more about it, or registering to take courses or promoting this learning within their organizations. Contact Darlene at d.doironday@gmail.com.



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Finding Peace - Hope in the Congo documentary

From Lloyd Salomone, Flower Power Production Inc.

An interview with Lloyd Salomone, a researcher, writer and documentary media producer based in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Q) What is the Finding Peace Project?

A) The Finding Peace Project seeks to tell positive stories about peace that will resonate with people everywhere. Simply put, we want to tell and disseminate stories about people who are effecting positive and peaceful change - locally and internationally. To accomplish this, we will produce documentary media projects, develop a website and social media activities to attract, engage and build an online community of people and organizations that want to share uplifting stories about peace, faith and hope.

Q) What is the first Finding Peace Project project you plan to do?

A) Earlier this year, I was introduced to Frederick (Freddy) MweneNgabo and Dr. Anthony Njoku with ECAAIR - East & Central African Association of Indigenous Rights. Freddy founded ECAAIR in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in 2003, and Anthony is the Chair of ECAAIR's Board of Directors, an NGO that provides community development services to indigenous people in the DRC, Uganda and Canada.

They explained to me that following the Rwandan genocide, the DRC was the epi-centre of the African World War from 1995 to 2001. With thirteen African countries directly and indirectly engaged in brutal conflicts in the DRC and its borders, an estimated 5 million people died from war and related causes. Most of the "proxy armies and invasions" associated with these countries were militarily supported by western interests. Even today, the Congo is "ground zero" for violence, armed conflicts, and human rights violations.

I also found out that for over 20 years Freddy has been committed to helping people and communities find peace in their lives through ECAAIR and other social justice organizations he collaborates with - Amnesty International, United Nations.

Q) Why should a documentary media project be produced about peace and hope in the Congo?

A) Freddy is a Batwa / Pygmy, one of the oldest indigenous people in Africa, where he and his family have suffered from

discrimination and marginalization during decades of war and ethnic tribal cleansing that removed indigenous people from their traditional lands. As he matured, Freddy became conscious of all the people that were discriminated against by the DRC's political

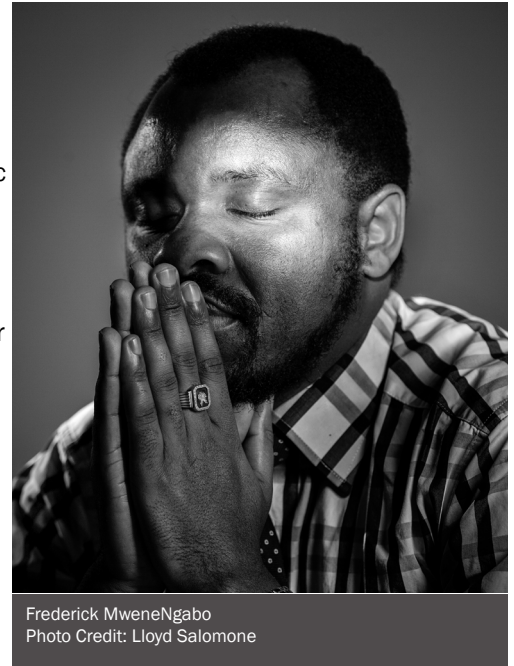
and military elites. This led to a life of activism and pacifism against a corrupt and despotic DRC government that imprisoned Freddy three times for his social justice, human rights and community development activities.

In 2009, Freddy moved to Canada as a political refugee, but through ECAAIR and his extensive international network he continued to advocate for positive and peaceful change to free indigenous people from oppression in the Congo, Uganda and Canada.

It soon became apparent to me - that whether in meetings, public speaking engagements, media interviews or letter writing - Freddy is always raising the issue of war and injustice in the Congo to anyone who will listen. In a world of darkness, Freddy truly is a beacon of light that continuously shines to find community based solutions that will bring peace and hope to indigenous people living in the DRC, Uganda and Canada.

Given this and the humanitarian work of ECAAIR, I believe their efforts merit being told in a documentary media project, Finding Peace - Hope in the Congo.

You can learn more about this documentary media project, the people associated with it, and how to possibly assist, by visiting: <http://goodhearted.ca/finding-peace-hope-congo> or contacting Lloyd directly by email: lloyd_salomone@hotmail.com.



Frederick MweneNgabo
Photo Credit: Lloyd Salomone

Dalhousie University Global Health Awards recipients

From Jennifer LeBlanc, Outreach Coordinator, Global Health Office

Each year the Global Health Office at Dalhousie recognizes one Faculty Member (Medicine), one Resident (Medicine) and one Student (Medicine, Health Professions or Dentistry) who demonstrate an ongoing commitment and leadership in global health.

The awards recognize an outstanding contribution to the global health community at Dalhousie through:

- demonstrated leadership in global health
- work experience with marginalized communities
- engagement in global health research
- mentorship in global health
- promotion, development and enhancement of global health at Dalhousie

We are pleased to announce the winners for 2017:

1. Dr. John Savage Memorial Award for Faculty Leadership in Global Health was presented to Dr. Heather Scott, Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
2. Dr. TJ (Jock) Murray Award for Resident Leadership in Global Health was presented to Dr. Amanda Moore, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
3. Dr. Ron Stewart Award for Student Leadership in Global Health was presented to Ms. Keisha Jefferies, Dalhousie School of Nursing.

For more information on the global health awards visit:

<https://medicine.dal.ca/departments/core-units/global-health/about/awards.html>



Dr. Heather Scott and Shawna O'Hearn, Director, Global Health Office
Photo credit: GHO



Megan Aston; Keisha Jefferies, Dalhousie School of Nursing; Shawna O'Hearn, Director, Global Health Office; and Gail Tomblin Murphy.
Photo credit: GHO

What came first: the chicken or the egg? - a Small Micro Enterprise Success Story

From Dalhousie University International Interns



Mebrehit Hagos
Photo credit: Clara Bullock

For 20-year-old Mebrehit Hagos the chicken came first when she was the selected recipient of a Small Micro Enterprise (SME) grant. She is a graduate of the Agricultural Technical Vocational Education & Training (ATVET) College in Maichew, Tigray Region, Ethiopia with a diploma in Animal Science.

She now owns her own small business containing 80 chickens that produce over 70 eggs per day for her to sell to local markets. This is all thanks to the ATTSVE project funded by the Canadian government through Global Affairs and implemented by Dalhousie University, Faculty of Agriculture.

The Small Micro Enterprise (SME) Grants are awarded to graduates who show an interest in starting a small business to contribute to and improve their community's economy. Through the ATVET colleges in coordination with ATTSVE, Mebrehit received not only financial support, but also technical support. This taught her how to properly set up shop without cutting any corners.

"The ATTSVE project encouraged me to write my own business plan and fulfill my dream of starting my own business. They

not only helped me get my business started financially, they also gave me technical support which taught me practical skills I would not have learned otherwise."

In order to be the recipient a student must apply with a business proposal. There had been an overwhelming amount of applicants in Maichew so those awarded grants were carefully selected. Mebrehit could not be happier that they selected her. "It is unusual for a woman to start a business, especially as young as I am. But I was so determined and it showed in my proposal. I am fortunate my father and community supported me as well, however, I wouldn't have been successful if it was not for ATTSVE."

Currently, Mebrehit sells her eggs and only has the permit for a small shed. She plans to get a larger space to house her chicken and purchase an incubator. This way she can produce 45-day-old chicks for sale as well as sell eggs. This will also allow her to expand her farm further.

"Now that I have started this business I will never go back. When I save enough for an incubator I will be able to grow faster."

With the help of the ATTSVE project Mebrehit now has the knowledge of how to expand her business. She sees the possibilities for the future and is excited to continue to work for herself and her community.

"I may be small now, but I am only getting started. I can only grow from here."

Follow Dalhousie University International Interns in Ethiopia: blogs.dal.ca/attsve/2017/07/04/what-came-first-chicken-or-the-egg/



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“Seeking Approval” – successful grant proposal writing steps and strategies workshop

Grants from institutional sources – government agencies, foundations, service clubs, associations and the like – are a major revenue source for charities and non-profit groups striving to jumpstart new programs or strengthen existing services. Yet the process of researching granting sources and developing compelling proposals can be a mysterious and frustrating quest for many charities.

As challenging as it initially appears, writing and developing effective and results-oriented grant proposals is a skill area where staff and volunteers can achieve a significant level of proficiency. Through this workshop participants will learn:

- How to construct a compelling, concise case for support that will serve as the template for most institutional grant proposals;
- How to communicate effectively with the “point people” from granting sources;
- The differences between traditional granting sources including foundations, government agencies and corporate philanthropy programs;
- About formulating realistic project and operating budgets that meet the needs of applicant organizations and satisfy the expectations of granting sources;
- About the importance of setting realistic benchmarks and “indicators of success”.

FOUR AVAILABLE DATES & LOCATIONS:

BRIDGEWATER: Monday, August 14th, 2017, HB Studios Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allen, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

DARTMOUTH: Tuesday, August 15th, 2017, Hearthstone Inn, 313 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

SYDNEY: Thursday, August 17th, 2017, Travelodge Sydney, Route 480 Kings Road, Sydney, Nova Scotia, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

NEW GLASGOW: Friday, August 18th, 2017, Travelodge Suites New Glasgow, 700 Westville Road, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

TARGET AUDIENCE: Staff, board members and volunteers from small to large non-profit organizations.

PRESENTER: Mike Paquet, Principal, People First Resource Development

During his 22-year career in fund development, Mike Paquet has helped several community-based and grassroots non-profit groups throughout Southern Ontario to implement long-term sustainable fundraising and resource development programs. Driven by the concept that “people give to people”, Mike has enabled several organizations to discover the enormous potential of major gift fundraising. Currently, Mike is the Principal of People First Resource Development and remains steadfastly committed to guiding non-profit groups towards long-term viability by emphasizing the importance of cultivating strong relations with individual and institutional donors in the community.

REGISTRATION FEE: Cost includes lunch, coffee, tea, refreshments and workshop resources. Payment may be made by credit card, cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to “People First Resource Development”.

- \$130.00 for One (1) Registration
- \$250.00 for Two (2) Registrations
- \$375.00 for Three (3) Registrations

For groups of four (4) or more registrations, please contact us for discount information.

TO REGISTER: Call to reserve your space at (905) 318-6130. You may also reserve your space by sending an email to the attention of Mike Paquet at peoplefirstrd@cogeco.ca.

Please note that space is limited. To secure your reservation, it is recommended that you rsvp with your credit card information by contacting the above-listed telephone number. Invoices would be issued and emailed to you immediately.

Nova Scotia kids relay concerns on nature

From Joanne Light, NSEN Board Member



Nature shop.
Photo Credit: Joanne Light

“Do you want to trade nature?” my landlord’s five year old grandson asks me as I prepare to bike to mail a letter to the premier asking why the Nova Scotia Department of Environment refuses to activate a \$350,000 Environmental Trust Fund of the peoples’ money languishing in their books.

“This is our nature shop. We only trade in NATURE,” he states as he points to the sign “Nature Shop,” making sure I hear the last word loud and clear. “We’re closing because nobody wants to trade in nature.”

Before me are the remnants of what his grandmother later tells me was a bountiful display of neatly arranged pebbles, lavender, flowers and other plants created by the young ones.

These new minds, the purest among us innately realize the imperative that we are part of nature and therefore it is the ultimate currency in which we must deal.

We are soon taught that material goods will solve all problems—wants are mistaken for needs. We think a different currency—the golden flow of money—will save us. This is fine as long as we remember that nature is not interested in money. If the Environmental Department won’t show up to work with the real power—Mother Nature—and let money work for it, we are in a precarious position.

As a board member of the Nova Scotia Environmental Network for the last four years, I have witnessed our senior members returning from the minister’s round table discussions in complete frustration over the chief

bureaucrat’s assertion this fund cannot be administered because it would take all of the return on investment to do so.

To find out if this would be the case, I telephoned the Director of the New Brunswick Environmental Network, Raina Marks. She tells me the Environmental Department financially gives four million dollars annually to over 60 projects (including half of NBEN’s budget) from a trust fund worth many millions. I ask her about administrative costs. “I would estimate they would be around ten per cent— In the Nova Scotian case, \$35,000.

Sheila Cole, former NSEN Senior Policy Advisor and member of the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act Round Table, relayed to the Minister that NSEN would be totally willing to work with the department to create a structure to grow and apportion monies from this fund. No interest has been shown.

We have a new Environmental Minister now and letters are going out to him as a participant project of NSEN’s upcoming conference, EcoConnectsNS, September 22-23 in Truro (see ad on page 7). Perhaps, our question to him, “What currency do you trade in— “saving our environmental protections for future generations” (supporting member groups and individuals in the network for example)” or, in many cases, “caving in to a few profit mongers (for short term gain). We can have both if we place the environment as the keystone of sustainable economic development, not the one bull-dozed away.

On another front, NSEN has been working to integrate recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with our tenets to foster public environmental education and networking. We are happy to announce that we are hoping to partner with the NS Peace and Friendship Alliance and the Halifax Central Library this fall to present “Four Circles of Life: Learning Mi’kmaq Perspectives to Honour Earth, Air, Fire and Water/ Saving our Environmental Protections for Future Generations,” at the library’s talking circle venue. Details to be announced through the library system in August.

A strong tradition of environmental action in our Bay of Fundy

From Jon MacNeill, Communications Director for the Conservation Council of New Brunswick

Our Fundy Baykeeper program has been awarded the Atlantic Salmon Federation's highest honour for outstanding contributions to the conservation of Atlantic Canada's most iconic fish.

Matt Abbott accepted the T.B. 'Happy' Fraser Award on behalf of the Conservation Council and Baykeeper program during a gala in St. Andrews on May 19. The award has been given since 1975 to an individual or organization that displays a long-term commitment to wild Atlantic salmon conservation



The Fundy Baykeeper, Matt Abbott, receives the T. B. "Happy" Fraser Award from Alan Graham, Chairman, ASF (Canada) at left and Bill Taylor, ASF President, at right. Photo Credit: Tom Moffatt/ASF

on a regional or national level.

"I'm humbled our Fundy Baykeeper program is now counted among the country's top champions of the mighty Atlantic salmon," says Abbott, who's led the program since 2011.

"This award is the result of a strong, decades-long tradition of marine conservation at the Conservation Council. I'm proud of the work my colleagues and I have done over many years to fight for the restoration and protection of critical habitat so wild Atlantic salmon remain a revered and important part of our province's identity for generations to come."

Abbott has worked closely with ASF staff on issues in the Bay of Fundy. The bay's vast network of rivers — such as the Petitcodiac, St. John, Big Salmon and Magaguadavic — used to support annual wild salmon runs of more than 100,000 fish.

Dam and causeway construction in the 20th century, along with industrial pollution, took its toll. In the late 80s and early 90s, marine survival rates of Atlantic salmon declined and open net-pen salmon aquaculture in the Bay of Fundy emerged as a threat.

The 'Happy' Fraser Award is a fitting honour for our Marine Conservation program's flagship component. After all, it was a deep appreciation for the wonders of the Bay of Fundy — and a growing concern about its treatment by industry — that sparked the Marine Program at the Conservation Council.

Since the program's establishment in 1990, the Conservation Council has remained the leading authority on healthy ecosystems in the Bay of Fundy and marine environments along the coast of New Brunswick and into the Gulf of Maine.

The Conservation Council was the first to raise widespread awareness among citizens, environmental organizations, and government institutions of the threats of pollution and other challenges facing the region's marine habitats, and through the continuous, focused attention of its Marine Program, has been key to advancing solutions and superior pollution controls for the past 27 years.

Featuring the world's highest tides, sprawling salt marshes, and rich upwelling zones, the Bay of Fundy is home to an abundance of dolphins, porpoises, seals and fish, vast swathes of undeveloped shoreline supporting more than one million migratory shorebirds each year, some of the largest-known Horse mussel reefs in the world, and up to 12 species of whales, including the North Atlantic Right whale — one of the most endangered whales on the planet.

And yet, for decades, this critical environment went without strong protections to keep it healthy. Pollution discharge hotspots wrapped the coastline of the bay, industrial development and the spread of tidal barriers caused severe habitat loss, and dramatic changes in coastal fisheries challenged many communities dependent on the Bay of Fundy-Gulf of Maine ecosystem.

One of the most successful and longest-running components

A strong tradition...con't

of the Marine Program is its work on pollution in the Bay of Fundy. In 1994, CCNB released *Turning The Tide*, a major report that marked the first comprehensive analysis of the health of the bay's ecosystem, identifying major point sources of pollution and firmly putting the problem on the radar of policy-makers, fishers, and citizens.

Over the years — under consistent pressure from our Marine Program — the pollution point sources have been treated or no longer operate. One of the largest, most significant treatments involved the cleanup of sewage in the Saint John Harbour, a decades-long campaign that was spearheaded by the Conservation Council's work.

The Fundy Baykeeper, a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, was added to the Marine program in 2003 to conduct on-the-water research and monitoring in the Bay of Fundy, remove large debris from the water and coastline, and work with community members and fisheries groups to promote a healthy marine environment.

When a fisheries crisis resulted in the 1992 Northern cod moratorium, we explained to coastal communities how it happened and offered alternative management models. This is just one example of the council acting as a convener to get the scientific community and fisheries associations in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine working together around the concept of creating sustainable fisheries for sustainable communities.

Our research into tidal barriers initiated several river restoration projects in the province, with the Marine Program enjoying recent collective wins on the Petitcodiac River and seeing the return of the gaspereau fish species into the St. Croix River, where earlier this year, the river saw its highest count of gaspereau since 1996.

Our work on habitat loss also led to the launch of our decade-long campaign to have the last ecologically-intact estuary in the Bay of Fundy designated as a Marine Protected Area, an effort that involved collaboration with several regional fisheries associations and government departments, and won approval in 2006.

Every year since, the Fundy Baykeeper has organized a public paddling trip through the Musquash Estuary to give new and return visitors a chance to celebrate the richness of life in our salt marshes and grow a deeper appreciation of the need for their protection.

The Marine Program and Fundy Baykeeper have addressed these issues, and more, through a combination of rigorous research, the development of meaningful relationships with key groups like fishers and fisheries associations, government agencies, coastal communities, and through the dedication of staff to achieve results over time.

As Janice Harvey, founder of the Marine Program, puts it: "Victories come at the end of 10 years. It often takes that long, and it has to be sustained. That's the benefit of having a long-standing organization like the Conservation Council, with the continuity and consistency and persistence to just keep at it until you get what is needed."



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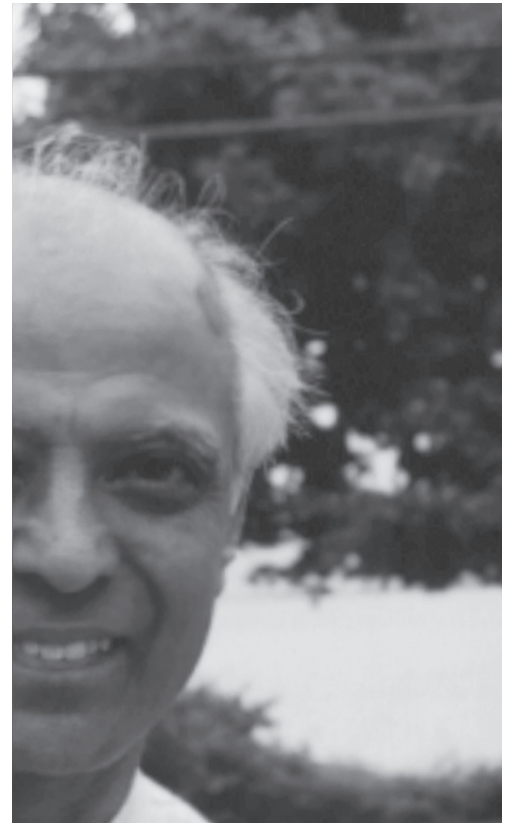
The award recognizes Canadian citizens and permanent residents who:

- Improve people's lives in the developing world.
- Engage and inspire Canadians to undertake volunteer action.
- Offer new ways of thinking about and addressing development challenges.



**Deadline for nominations
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For more information please visit wusc.ca.
Recipient will receive \$5000 towards their work.



Throughout his career, Lewis Perinbam positively shaped Canada's role in international development. His involvement with organizations influenced many people to contribute to global efforts to eradicate poverty and improve human dignity.

Admired and recognized for his contributions - nationally and internationally, he wanted to encourage all Canadians to make a difference.

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