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Welcome to this year's symposium, "Common Concern: Standing Together as Global Citizens." With the seismic shift in recent times of the global political landscape, our hope in coming together, as Atlantic Canadians engaged in promoting social justice locally and globally, is to explore what role we can play in countering the forces that threaten the values of global citizenship - human rights, democratic participation, rule of law, public deliberation based on dialogue and access to accurate information, and environmental sustainability.

Through a combination of keynote speakers, panel discussions, and workshops, our intent is to create a learning environment that will strengthen our individual and collective capacity to engage Atlantic Canadians. Most importantly, in bringing diverse voices together, we hope the symposium will lay the groundwork for further concerted action and collaboration based on a spirit of global solidarity that will contribute to the "bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path." [UN, Transforming our World, 2015).

We will be more effective if we are able to stand together as individuals, organizations, and communities who share progressive internationalist and humanist values. We look forward to spending the next three days together, to engage in thought-provoking dialogue and to share in our collective work.



Symposium Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH

6:00 PM	Registration – Wallace McCain, Tweedie Atrium
7:00 PM	Welcome & Opening Remarks – Wallace McCain, Tweedie Hall
7:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Zooming in on the Big Picture: Linking Local and Global Concerns
8:30 PM	Film Screening – Kokota: The Islet of Hope – Sir James Dunn Building, Mini Wu
9:30 PM	Global Trivia Night – Wallace McCain, The Pond (Campus Pub)

FRIDAY, JUNE 16th

7:30 AM	Breakfast – Wallace McCain, Tweedie Hall
8:00 AM	Registration continues – Wallace McCain, Tweedie Atrium
8:45 AM	Opening Remarks – Avarð Dixon 118
9:00 AM	Concurrent Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• True Charity in Solidarity – Avarð Dixon 112• The Future of Canadian Civil Organizations: Development Cooperation, Partnerships and Learning – Avarð Dixon 117• Making Measures to Count What Matters Most – Avarð Dixon G10
10:30 AM	Break – Avarð Dixon, Ron Joyce Lounge
10:45 AM	Welcome from Special Guests – Avarð Dixon 118
11:00 AM	Keynote: Alice Mugisho Musimwa – Avarð Dixon 118
12:00 PM	Lunch – Wallace McCain, Tweedie Hall
1:00 PM	Concurrent Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Participation, Health, SDGs and the New Urban Agenda – Avarð Dixon 112• Event Design for Long-term Change – Avarð Dixon 117• Ecological Justice? I sure Pope so! – Avarð Dixon G10
2:30 PM	Break – Avarð Dixon, Ron Joyce Lounge
3:00 PM	ACIC's Annual General Meeting– Avarð Dixon 118

5:30 PM	Gala Dinner Reception/Silent Auction – Purdy Crawford Centre Foyer
7:00 PM	Keynote: Alex Neve – Purdy Crawford Centre Foyer
8:00 PM	Presentation of Shirley Case Leadership Award
8:15 PM	Entertainment: Eric Fresia

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

7:30 AM	Breakfast – Wallace McCain, Tweedie Hall
8:45 AM	Opening Remarks – Avarð Dixon 118
9:00 AM	Panel Discussion: Standing on Common Ground, Taking Steps Together – Avarð Dixon 118
10:15 AM	Break – Avarð Dixon, Ron Joyce Lounge
10:30 AM	Reflection: Emerging Trends, Taking Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group #1 – Avarð Dixon 112 • Group #2 – Avarð Dixon 117 • Group #3 – Avarð Dixon G10
11:30 AM	Plenary – Avarð Dixon 118
12:00 PM	Closing Remarks – Avarð Dixon 118

Thursday Evening Panel Discussion:

Zooming in on the Big Picture: Linking Local and Global Concerns

Within the context of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, panelists will discuss how local and global issues intersect, and why addressing both will be important for creating meaningful impact towards transforming our world in positive ways.

Thursday Evening Panelists



Dylan Andrew Young Letendre dit Batoche is Michif from the community of Batoche in what is now called Saskatchewan and is a recent Dalhousie Graduate. He currently manages a partnership of 18 community organizations in Spryfield, Nova Scotia while continuing to engage in community education on Reconciliation.



John Perkin is an ordained Baptist Minister who has served as the Chaplain at Mount Allison University since 1993. In the fall of 2015 he and his wife founded the Sackville Refugee Response Coalition in response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis. He has also taught in Japan, and has supervised a study program in India.



Johanne Perron completed a B.A. in International Development Studies at Dalhousie University and a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies at the Université de Moncton. Since 2001, she has been the Executive Director for the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity.

Friday Morning Keynote Address



Alice Mugisho Musimwa has worked with the East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights since 2010 as a coordinator of a team of six human rights advocates working to defend the rights of vulnerable women and children particularly girls victims of traumatic events in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. This fiscal year alone, Ms. Alice and her team of advocates have provided legal counselling and defended over 500 cases of rape, sexual violence and children's rights abuses in different

courts in the country.

Alice is this year's recipient of ACIC's Southern Speakers Fund. This Fund provides opportunities for Southern partners to dialogue with Atlantic Canadians on issues and demonstrate impact of efforts in international cooperation.

Friday Evening Keynote Address

Standing up for Human Rights in a World of Turmoil



Our second keynote address will be given on Friday evening by Alex Neve. As we approach the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, there is no question that human rights are as contested and fragile as ever. Alex Neve will focus on a number of worrying global human rights trends and reflect on Canada's role in addressing these challenges.

Alex Neve believes in a world in which the human rights of all people are protected. He has been a member of Amnesty International since 1985

and has served as Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada's English Branch since 2000. In that role he has carried out numerous human rights research missions throughout Africa and Latin America, and closer to home to such locations as Grassy Narrows First Nation in NW Ontario and to Guantánamo Bay.

He speaks to audiences across the country about a wide range of human rights issues, appears regularly before parliamentary committees and UN bodies, and is a frequent commentator in the media. Alex is a lawyer, with an LLB from Dalhousie University and a Masters Degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex. He has served as a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, taught at Osgoode Hall Law School and the University of Ottawa, been affiliated with York University's Centre for Refugee Studies, and worked as a refugee lawyer in private practice and in a community legal aid clinic. He is on the Board of Directors of Partnership Africa Canada, the Canadian Centre for International Justice and the Centre for Law and Democracy. Alex has been named an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Trudeau Foundation Mentor and has received honorary Doctorate of Laws degrees from the University of Waterloo and the University of New Brunswick.

Concurrent Workshops

Friday, June 16, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

True Charity in Solidarity

LOCATION: Avarð-Dixon 112

Charity can be seen as a dirty word. Let's reclaim it from its marred history. True charity values individuality and acknowledges through actions that we are part of one human family. Diverse, we have the potential to stand strong together in our concern for the common good. Chalice inspires this solidarity in its work abroad and through its engagement of Canadians at home. Learning from 25 years as a sponsorship organization, Chalice's model now integrates:

- (A) Direct Family Funding – cash transfers with peer monitoring in Chalice Circle Groups
- (B) eRoots sustainable agriculture and livelihood program
- (C) Chalice Children nutrition program

Working with over 100 partners in 15 countries, Chalice's model is strengthened by diversity and each element adapts to the local context. The

result has been powerful testimonies of change in personal lives, families, and communities as a whole – abroad and at home.

Workshop attendees will learn about this unique model, and will participate in a mock Chalice Circle Group, the starting point for sustainable community change!

MaryAnne MacKinnon has worked with Chalice Canada for almost 11 years, and currently holds the position of Senior International Manager. She has a diverse cross-section of experiences and competencies garnered from 30+ years working in programming and Executive Director positions (Shearwater Military FRC, MISA), serving as a board member (Chalice & ACIC), and as a founding member of several organizations (ARAIISA, ISAM, Cultural Health Interpreting Services). Additionally, she has sat on numerous local, provincial, regional and national committees related to immigration, settlement, refugees, family violence, survivors of torture, mental health, immigrant women, cultural sensitization, and family wellness.

Roxanne Pereira has just returned from a 9-month volunteer work experience at four of Chalice's Sponsor Sites in India and the Philippines. Prior to this, she volunteered and worked at the Chalice Canada office for three years. While abroad, she learned about social, cultural and political issues in various communities and gained a better understanding of the programs Chalice is implementing at the grassroots level. She worked alongside people in tribal communities, orphans, people with disabilities, communities infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and leprosy, children affected by child labour and child marriages. With this experience she has gained clarity about many of the queries that come from our supporters, and is able to provide ground level perspective on these realities.

As International Mission Trips Coordinator with Chalice, Joanne Albrecht has facilitated over 200 Canadian volunteers' visits to 11 different countries. Through short-term missions, these individuals have an opportunity to see themselves as part of a larger human family and are encouraged to both serve alongside and learn from the families and partners with whom Chalice works. They are challenged to return home and tell their stories, raising both (a) awareness about the ways of life of our sisters and brothers around the world, as well as (b) financial support for Chalice's work in these communities. Joanne considers herself blessed to have worked with Chalice for the past 7 years!

The Future of Canadian Civil Organizations: Development Cooperation, Partnerships and Learning

LOCATION: Avar-dixon 117

This workshop/panel will discuss how Canadian Civil Society Organizations are, or could be evolving in response to new trends and understandings. How will organizations transition from aid to development cooperation, from donor to partner and from expert to co-learning? Three interrelated presentations will explore how these shifts are changing the way we work :

- Eric Smith: Four practical case studies on CCSOs will provide an overview of organizational learning theory, practical models, and factors of success for learning initiatives. Each case targets one area of organizations – strategic vision, knowledge management, MEL, and co-learning through communities of practice.
- Dr. Molly den Heyer: Trends towards development cooperation and partnerships are challenging civil society organizations to rethink how they work. More specifically how monitoring, evaluation and research can foster co-learning across organizations and networks. The presentation will discuss how the Coady Institute is experimenting with practical processes and tools that foster collaboration and learning.
- Brian Tomlinson: Some current issues in the civil society enabling environment for Canadian CSOs in development cooperation.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session, along with the opportunity for attendees to share their experiences.

Molly den Heyer is the Coady Institute's Senior Program Analyst in the area of monitoring, evaluation and learning. Research interests include critical approaches to aid administration, planning, monitoring and evaluation, aid policy, research methods, participation, and development theory. She has taught several courses in International Development Studies at Dalhousie University, St. Mary's University and St. Francis Xavier University. Molly holds a PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies from Dalhousie University, a M.Sc. in Rural Planning and Development from the University of Guelph, and a B.A. in Political Science from St. Francis Xavier University. She also received a Certificate in Adult Education and People-Based Development from the Coady International Institute and was a visiting scholar at the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague.

Eric Smith is the Coady Institute's Writer of Grants and Proposals and supports the institute's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning. He joined the

Coady Institute in 2016, bringing with him experience in monitoring and evaluation, proposal development, and research. Prior to joining Coady, he worked with Genuine Progress Index Atlantic and the International Development Research Centre's Canadian Partnerships Program. His latest publication is "The Learning Needs and Experiences of Canadian Civil Society Organizations" in Putting Knowledge to Work: Collaborating, Influencing and Learning for International Development – A Canadian Perspective.

Brian Tomlinson is the Executive Director of AidWatch Canada, which focuses on issues related to Canadian and global aid priorities as well as global trends in the development effectiveness of civil society organizations (CSOs). Brian has had a long career working with international civil society organizations in international development. He retired in June 2011 as Senior Policy Analyst (Aid Policy) at the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC), the platform for Canadian CSOs in development cooperation, where he worked for 16 years.

Making Measures to Count What Matters Most

LOCATION: Avar-dixon G10

This workshop will give participants the tools to distil common values and use them to directly measure their work. Be that at the community, organizational, or partnership level. Given the political changes of recent times and the sharp divide separating citizens of nations, not to mention global disparities, it is more important than ever to find points of connection. Our collective projects and organizations are based on the values we hold as shared, yet those values are too often left in the abstract, preventing us from developing a common understanding. By turning abstract values into actionable terms, we can improve the work that we do and measure what matters most. We can create values-based indicators. Drawing on 20+ years' experience in measuring social and environmental capital, the GPI team will give you tools to develop values-based indicators relevant to your own communities and work.

Hasta Colman is a researcher with Genuine Progress Index (GPI) Atlantic and Co-Founder of GPI Youth.

Alana Ziegler is a Youth Research Facilitator with GPI. She is experienced in Participative Action Research, youth-lead community development and training youth and adults in research methods.

Concurrent Workshops

Friday, June 16, 1:00 PM – 2:30PM

Public Participation, Health, SDGs and the New Urban Agenda

LOCATION: AvarD-Dixon 112

When HABITAT III was held last October in Quito, Ecuador, Sheila Cole offered an official presentation on the subject of Public Engagement for Healthy, Resilient and Sustainable Cities. The New Urban Agenda, a framework that outlines ways cities should be planned and managed to ensure sustainable urban development, was adopted at Habitat III. It includes 17 SDGs in which health and public engagement figure prominently. With these SDGs in mind, Cole will give highlights from the Conference including: the need for data to measure outcomes; China as a sustainable energy leader; climate change related to health and extreme weather events. She will also discuss health challenges and public participation in urban decision-making which were key aspects of her presentation at Habitat III. Cole will report on the special panel presentation she attended with Indigenous Peoples in which they explored integrating their social justice concerns into the New Urban Agenda.

Sheila Cole is an Environment and Health Expert and Senior Policy Advisor to the Nova Scotia Environmental Network. She is a long-standing member of the Health Caucus of the Canadian Environmental Network and has represented the caucus as a speaker at five meetings of UN Habitat's World Urban Forum. Cole presented a session at Habitat III entitled Public Participation for Healthy, Resilient and Sustainable Cities. She is an award-winning environmentalist whose expertise includes: toxics, wilderness preservation, mining, health, atmosphere and energy, international issues, and the Chemicals Management Plan. Cole represents the NSEN on Nova Scotia's Roundtable on Environment and Sustainable Prosperity.

Event Design for Long-term Change

LOCATION: AvarD-Dixon 117

What does it look like to move from a group of people interested in a subject to a sustainable community of action? Using a combination of complexity and emotion theory, this workshop explores how to design events that provoke individuals and groups to undertake community-oriented work and evoke the emotions needed to do so. The workshop will focus on oft-forgotten metrics of event success and deliver practical tools that can be used to address gaps within current engagement models. The event will

culminate with a hands-on activity where small groups will serve as peer support and development for those wanting to develop a workshop on site. The workshop will share expertise from my Masters' thesis and practitioner experience, hone necessary skills to support emotionally-engaged development, and bring forth a much-needed approach to social justice and change.

Taylor Stocks is the Special Projects Coordinator at the Harris Centre at Memorial University. They have deep ties within the community as the former festival coordinator of St. John's Pride and director of the Trans Needs Committee. Their work focuses on accessible, body-sensitive, and emotionally accountable change processes and the development of institutions that take into account the whole human. They currently sit on Memorial's Equity and Diversity Committee and the Access and Inclusion Committee for the City of St. John's.

Ecological Justice? I sure Pope so!

LOCATION: AvarD-Dixon G10

This workshop will outline the Catholic Church's response to the threat of Climate Change, and its call to all people – not just Catholics - to fulfil our roles as caretakers of the earth.

The Church's response to climate change is certainly a global effort. From each individual parish community's ecological efforts all over the world, to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* which calls on all humanity to take up the cause of ecological justice, to the efforts Catholic aid and development organizations linked through the Caritas Internationalis network – the Catholic Church has jumped with both feet into the ecological justice effort, on a global scale.

This workshop will give participants a greater understanding of how and why the Catholic Church is engaging with this issue, and how they are doing so on a global scale in the spirit of solidarity amongst Catholics, and with other differing- and non-faith groups. Participants will also gain a greater understanding of how to engage with the Catholic community in their own efforts for ecological and social justice.

Rebecca Rathbone is the Atlantic Animator of Development and Peace. She is responsible for mobilizing D&P Members in Atlantic Canada, according to D&P's current Education, Advocacy, and Fundraising initiatives. Rebecca is a graduate of the Masters of Global Affairs Program at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.

Saturday Morning Panel Discussion:

Standing on Common Ground, Taking Steps Together

The world is faced with a seemingly endless array of issues affecting us both within and outside our borders - including an intensifying refugee and migrant crisis, the threat of climate change and rhetoric undermining civil and human rights. What can Atlantic Canadians engaged in promoting social justice locally and globally do to strengthen our collective capacity towards actionable solutions? The panel will explore how partnerships and movement building can be effective responses to a variety of issues, including support to refugees, environmental action, and protection of indigenous and women's rights.



Tracy Glynn has been the Conservation Council of New Brunswick's forest campaigner since 2006. Tracy has a keen interest in environmental justice and eradicating Canadian mining abuses overseas and at home, which is rooted in her solidarity work with mineaffected communities in Indonesia, Guatemala and Colombia, and graduate work on mine pollution and the gender impacts of mining.



Patsy McKinney is Mi'kmaq from northern New Brunswick and is employed as Executive Director of Under One Sky Friendship Center in. Centre, UNB and the UAKN National Network Council. She sits on the Board of the National Association of Friendship Centers (NAFC), is a Life Time Member of the New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council (NBAPC) and is a member of the UNB Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre Council of Elders.

Saturday Morning Panel Discussion continued



Dr. Dave Thomas is an Associate Professor in the Department of Politics & International Relations at Mount Allison University. His teaching and research interests include the role of Canadian actors in the Global South, international political economy, international development, African politics, and critical pedagogy.

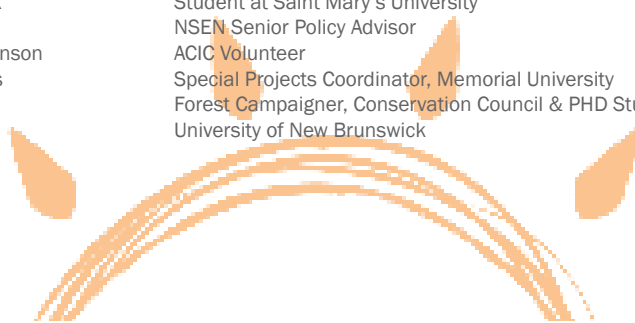
Friday Gala Evening Entertainment



Eric Fresia's 8th album is a stripped down honest portrayal of 30 years as a singer songwriter. Inspired by a 6 month journey in 2015 from London to Morocco, with influences of time spent living in Provence, Barcelona and Andalusia along with echos of North African blues and Moroccan rhythms. Eric's new album is one mic, one voice and one guitar and a songbook filled with stories from the road. After years of trying different band from a 4-piece roots/rock band to an 8-piece world music ensemble and ten years of touring as a trio with two of his children, Fresia's latest album is performed solo, just the way they were written. He is joined tonight by his daughter Charlotte on vocals and keys.

Symposium Participants

Adam Christie	Director of Student Life and International Services, Mount Allison University
Alana Ziegler	Youth Research Facilitator, GPI Atlantic
Alisha LeBouthillier	International Development Administrator at Chalice Canada
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Eric Smith	Writer, Grants and Proposals, Coady Institute
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Hajar Abdessamie	ACT 4 Global Change Ambassador
Hasta Colman	Researcher, GPI Atlantic
Jacqueline McKnight	Bachelor of Social Work Student, St. Thomas University
Jenny Lugar	Sustainable Cities Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre
Joan McFarland	St. Thomas University
Joanne Albrecht	International Mission Trip Coordinator, Chalice Canada
Johanne Perron	Executive Director of NB Coalition for Pay Equity
Louise Webb	Retired from Marine Institute
Madalyn Nielsen	Dalhousie Agricultural Campus International Office Summer Student Assistant
Michael Hughes	Fund Development Administrator at Chalice Canada
Molly den Heyer	MEL Manager, Coady
Noha Shehata	ACT 4 Global Change Ambassador
Léo Han	ACT 4 Global Change Ambassador
Patsy McKinney	Executive Director, Under One Sky
Rachel Pagdin	International Centre Intern, Mount Allison University
Rebecca Rathbone	Atlantic Animator, Development and Peace
Robin Walker	Mount Allison University, International Affairs Coordinator
Roxanne Pereira	Chalice
Stephanie McAnany	International Relations Coordinator at Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of New Brunswick
Sara Tchoryk	Student at Saint Mary's University
Shelia Cole	NSEN Senior Policy Advisor
Sherry Stevenson	ACIC Volunteer
Taylor Stocks	Special Projects Coordinator, Memorial University
Tracy Glynn	Forest Campaigner, Conservation Council & PHD Student at the University of New Brunswick



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