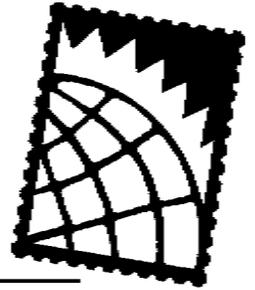


# Earthbeat



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## Wake up the world to Fair Trade

**M**ay 8 is World Fair Trade Day. This year's theme is Fair Trade Your Home and this is our day to celebrate!

You are invited and encouraged to make your home a Fair Trade home by pledging to purchase Fair Trade items in 2010. Accept the challenge, take the pledge, purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea or gift items and make a difference!

*"When we arise in the morning... at the table we drink coffee which is provided for us by a South American, or tea by a Chinese, or cocoa by a West African; before we leave for our jobs we are already beholden to more than half the world."* –Martin Luther King Jr.

### Fair Trade

Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade. It contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions to, and securing the rights of, marginalized producers and workers – especially in the South.

Fair Trade promotes more than just equitable pay. Fair Trade ensures safe working conditions, the empowerment of women, capacity development through educational and training programs for producers, their families and communities, as well as financial programs such as micro-loans and funding for small workshops.

Fair Trade is more than just trading; it proves that greater justice in world trade is possible. It highlights the need for change in the rules and practice of conventional trade and shows how a successful business can also put people first.

### Ten Thousand Villages

Ten Thousand Villages is the oldest and largest Fair Trade organization in North America. Through a network of 50 stores, as well as through hundreds



*Jhonson Augustin, cut-metal artisan from Haiti.*

of Festival Sales and online shopping, Ten Thousand Villages Canada sells artisan-crafted personal accessories, home decor and gift items from around the globe.

Ten Thousand Villages works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed, providing sustainable income through Fair Trade. This income helps pay for food, education, health care and housing. Thousands of volunteers in Canada and the United States work with Ten Thousand Villages in their home communities.

Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit program of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), the relief and development agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America, has its roots in the work begun by Edna Ruth Byler in 1946.

Ten Thousand Villages is a member of the World Fair Trade Organization, a coalition of handicraft, agricultural producer and Fair Trade organizations from both the North and the South.

There are Ten Thousand Villages stores in Saskatoon and Regina. For more information, please visit [www.TenThousandVillages.ca](http://www.TenThousandVillages.ca).

### Comité Artisanal Haïtien – A Ten Thousand Villages Artisan Partner

While almost 40 percent of the economy in Haiti is supported by foreign aid, many Haitians are striving to make an independent living. Comité Artisanal Haïtien (CAH) is working to make this possible. A non-profit marketing cooperative helping to build local capacities, CAH represents more than 800 Haitian artisans in 170 workshops, providing training in literacy, basic accounting, product costing and business management.

Originally founded in 1973 by several church groups to help rural craftspeople sell their wares in Port-au-Prince and to help reduce the flow of migration from the countryside to the city, CAH exports crafts from individual artisans, cooperatives, groups and family workshops. For many, the money earned is often the sole source of support for the artisans and their families, helping build local economies by enabling rural artisans to earn a living from their skills.

Ten Thousand Villages' product offering from CAH includes cut-metal work – unique wall art made from recycled oil barrels, as well as hand-carved river rock sculptures.

### A Reason to Celebrate!

Fair Trade offers people around the world who are struggling to meet their daily needs the opportunity to hope and plan for the future ahead. Since our smallest purchases already affect producers around the world, why not be careful to make sure that our consumer dollars, when used, support businesses that treat people with dignity and respect?



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# SCIC REPORT

It is hard to believe it is already May. The first 4 months of 2010 flew by, but not without some great events and plenty of hard work by the SCIC team. Here is a bit about what is going on.

We have a new home in the provincial government. SCIC has been welcomed into the **Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour** under the leadership of Minister Rob Norris. SCIC is a unique organization and so finding the right ministry is not always easy, but we are looking forward to working with Minister Norris and his team.

March 8 saw SCIC partner on a really successful **International Women's Day** at the University of Regina. The theme was around grandmothers locally and globally, and much discussion and dialogue was shared about the burden faced by these women. Over 100 people were in attendance and a delicious lunch was served by the Sioux Chef. We are already talking about next year's event.

On April 23 and 24 SCIC was proud to co-sponsor **The Environmental Film Festival and Environmental Activist Awards** at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Regina. Those honoured for their environmental activism were diverse, and ranged from people who have been working on environmental issues for decades, to the relatively new activists in the Campbell Collegiate Environmental Club who are challenging their peers and parents to think green.

In addition to events that took place SCIC is working on all sorts of things that will emerge in the coming months. For example **NGO Information Day** is taking place once again at the Legislature Building. Many of our member organizations will have the opportunity to set up a display, network with other international development groups, and speak directly with MLAs. This year NGO Day is May 11 and we can hardly wait!

Another exciting upcoming event is the **Stand Up, Speak Out, Student Summit** taking place on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon. Around 375 middle and high school aged youth will spend a busy day learning leadership skills, realities of international development, media skills, and hear from keynote speaker Mariatu Kamara. Mariatu is a young women from rural Sierra Le-



*Mariatu Kamara*

one who was attacked by armed rebels when she was 12. Miraculously, she survived. Now a college student in Toronto, Mariatu is a UNICEF Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. We will also be hosting an evening with Mariatu on May 13 in Saskatoon. Details for that can be found on the last page under events.

This August SCIC will be partnering with the Regina Public Interest Research Group to put on an amazing leadership training camp. **Generating Momentum: Activist Leadership Training Camp** is for young people 18-29 years old and will be 3 days of intense learning and skills building. Registration can be found on [www.earthbeat.sk.ca](http://www.earthbeat.sk.ca).

Finally, SCIC is excited to announce that **Kaleidoscope Real World Video Challenge** is happening again. This is a national contest where young people can create videos about international issues and submit them to SCIC. From there regional and national competitions are held, and winners are offered prizes and glory! More information will be emerging about this around September, but it is never too early to start working on scripts and screenplays.

All of this and much more is bursting out of the SCIC offices. We hope you are able to get involved with some of these opportunities.

# Taking your place At The Table with G8 and G20

This June leaders from the wealthiest countries from around the globe will meet in Ontario to discuss trade, finances and (hopefully) the environment. A coalition of Canadian organizations have joined a campaign called At The Table to encourage those leaders to discuss issues that matter to people, and to keep their promises. At the Table is a Canadian civil society campaign, mobilizing citizens to “take their place” at these critical global summits. It is a call to leaders to “take their place” in forging bold decisions on the issues people care about – poverty, climate change, and economic justice.

By 2010, G8 countries promised:

- US\$60 billion in aid over five years to improve health in poor countries
- that everyone would have access to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment
- US\$50 billion more in annual development assistance, half of it to Africa
- provide \$22 billion over three years for sustainable agricultural development aimed at improving food security in the poorest countries
- meet the international “Education for All” goals by 2015
- meet the MDG targets for sanitation and water including support African countries to develop and implement national sanitation and water plans.

With 2010 now here, it is clear that these promises will not be kept on time. At The Table is asking for an outline

of concrete plans to meet the targets and go beyond them so that we can ensure the Millennium Development Goals, which all countries embraced, are achieved by the 2015 deadline—now only five years away.

Canada has pledged to raise aid to 0.7 percent of our economy but we currently give less than half of that amount. Canada must keep this promise by setting a timetable to reach this goal and rally all the G8 countries to do the same. It’s a matter of solidarity and accountability.

## Invest in and empower women and children

Of all the Millennium Development Goals due in 2015, we have achieved the least progress on reducing maternal and child mortality. Every day 1,400 women die of pregnancy-related causes. Every day, 24,000 children under the age of five die of what are largely preventable causes.

We know what the causes are, and which solutions work. A recent study from sub-Saharan Africa has shown that when you invest in a fully integrated package of care for mothers, newborns and children, a staggering 85 percent of lives can be saved.

When women and children are empowered, their communities thrive. From our own Canadian aid program successes, we know that investing in women and children’s health and education is key to fighting poverty.

The announcement of Prime Minister Harper that child and maternal health will be a priority issue in the G8 summit is very welcome. Now Canada must ensure that significant new investment is made in this area to put MDGs 4 and 5 on track; Canada can also lead the G8 in creating a global action plan on maternal, newborn and child health.

This article was created with information found at <http://atthetable2010.org> a really great website full of info and actions you can take to claim your place at the table.



# NICARAGUA: A Country of Hardship, Hope and Potential

by Karen Timoshuk, Canadian  
Cooperative Association

One of the greatest advantages of modern technology is our ability to connect with people and places that are a half a world away. We hear regularly from family and friends as they travel the globe. We hear almost immediately of the magnitude of natural disasters. We respond electronically with our donations when we realize our responsibility to our larger, global community. In my case, it allows me to be a Development Educator for an international development agency from our farm house near Harris.

In late fall, I received word that I was to lead a delegation of Canadians on a Study Mission to Nicaragua in February to learn of the development partnerships of the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA). Having visited the Association's partners in Costa Rica, Indonesia and the Philippines, I realized the Mission would be physically, mentally and emotionally trying, yet immensely rewarding. The country and people of Nicaragua did not disappoint.

Not surprisingly, our impressions of other countries are generally created by the media and what it chooses to share with us. As is the case for many marginalized countries, the news from Nicaragua is rarely pleasant. With the 1972 earthquake killing 10,000, another 4,000 lives taken by hurricanes Mitch (1998) and Felix (2007), and the 10,000 count death toll of the short-lived but brutal Contra-Sandinista war that ended a forty year dictatorship, Nicaragua's people have deep wounds that are, in some ways, just beginning to heal. More recently, the impact of countries thinking inwardly as part of their economic recovery strategy, coupled with low ag commodity prices, have contributed to Nicaragua's second place, after Haiti, among the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere.



*Mom and baby accompany us back to Bilwi seeking medical services for the infant.*

With this as our mindset, I suppose the apprehensive reaction of family and friends upon hearing of my sojourn were justified. It also explains, and perhaps justifies, my anxiety before and upon landing in a marginalized country. What never ceases to amaze me though is how that anxiety changes to curiosity and optimism as I witness the determination, hope and potential of the people, and again, Nicaragua did not disappoint.

As we travelled from community to community, learning how groups of determined coffee growers, red bean farmers, fishermen, and disabled persons have banded together to better their lives, the famous quote of Margaret Mead haunted me: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Each of our visits did indeed reveal a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens and it is those people who have inspired each of us thirteen Canadians to share their story. It is a story of hardship, but as importantly, it is a story of relentless perseverance

and small victories. The story I would like to share with you comes from the remote coastal community of Krukira.

There are two ways to get to the northeast Caribbean coast of Nicaragua – a 23 hour bus ride on a winding grid road, or, a 1 ½ hour flight on a Cessna Caravan that costs \$175. We chose the latter. We landed in Bilwi and hired the only ground transportation available that could accommodate our group – an old school-bus-turned-rental-van. The owner and his fourteen year old son loaded us into the unit, taking turns driving us an hour north to Krukira, an indigenous community of 3,500.

Devastated by Hurricane Felix and ignored by the region's central government, the Moskitos of Krukira truly live a hand-to-mouth existence. Three months ago the community celebrated the arrival of electricity. The lone nurse can take credit for delivering most of the babies in the community and is the keeper of the 100 pain relief tablets given to her monthly by the government to disperse to those most worthy. Besides 13 teachers, the only other occupation in the community is fishing.

Krukira was chosen as a stop for this Mission because it has benefitted from the partnership between the Canadian Co-operative Association and Nicaragua's co-operative federation, CECAMPO. This partnership has helped strengthen Krukira's fishing co-operative. The members of this co-op share one boat with a 9.9 horsepower outboard motor and two dugout



*Our 14-year-old driver navigating the challenging roads to Krukira.*

# NICARAGUA: A Country of Hardship, Hope and Potential



When not in school, children of Krukira spend hours playing in the fishing boats.

canoes which they use on a rotation basis (about once a month for each member). The recent arrival of electricity to Krukira means that the dream of a refrigeration unit to keep their catches in safer storage is closer to reality. A small hangar, purchased with the help of CECAMPO, will serve as a processing plant. "By storing our product and taking it outside and selling it, our community is seeing the benefits of joining the co-operative," Mr. Florez, the co-op's vice president, said. We were told by many that strengthening the co-op has allowed its 32 members to not only feed their families but to earn a small income.

The community has also come to realize that the ocean's weather systems make it far too unpredictable to be exclusively relied upon for their livelihood. The co-op hopes that its office will eventually be filled with grain and rice to market. "We realize we just can't live off of fishing. We need other means of survival," adds Florez.

Ralph Washington, former President and founder of the co-op remarks of our visit, "We are very proud because we did not know we have a family in Canada and now we see this with our own eyes and we are very, very happy." Ralph, whose name curiously sounds like an adopted name for a Nicaraguan Mosquito, is about 80 years old. He carries the complexion of a weathered, leathery fisherman and his missing arm suggests that life presented him with additional challenges beyond those that meet the eye.

"We never imagined in our wildest dreams that we would see today the friendly faces who helped us in this room," co-op vice president Franklin Florez said in greeting our group. "It is a blessing from God that you have this good heart in you. Now we are happier and stronger because now we have seen the faces of our brothers and sisters." As we exchanged stories about farming and fishing, its challenges and successes, the similarities and stark differences of our livelihoods, we could feel a strong kinship budding with this group. As the Coordinator of the group, a quick "reality check" with the Canadian delegation afterward suggested that all wished for a much longer visit with the people of Krukira.

## Nicaragua in a Nutshell...

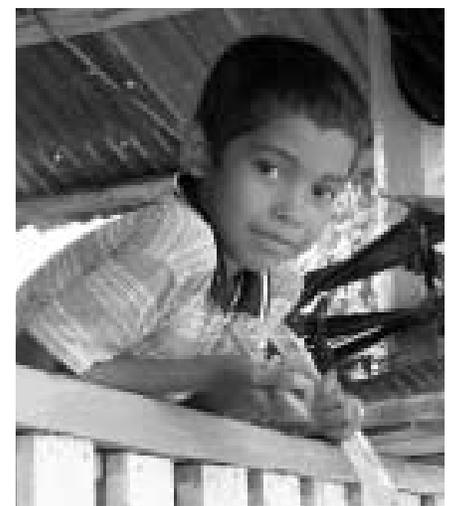
- 33% of the population is under 14
- 48% live below the poverty line
- 3 million cell phones among its 5.8 million inhabitants
- 5.6% unemployment rate, with 47% underemployment
- Second lowest per capita income in the Western Hemisphere

Source: CIA World Factbook

We were the largest delegation to ever have visited the fine people of Krukira. So it was no surprise that our visit to Krukira on day three of our Nicaragua mission caused a great stir among the Moskitos up

and down the Caribbean Coast. Word spread, and by the time of our departure, we gladly returned to Bilwi with a few extra passengers on our bus, including a young malnourished mother and her premature baby. Travelling by boat to Krukira from her remote community, she asked for a ride into Bilwi in hopes to get medical attention for her five month old baby. Although "teaching a man to fish" is the best strategy for long term economic change, which is the overriding principle of CCA's work, we took up a collection for this woman to help buy medication and vitamins for her son. There are times when the heart should prevail over the mind, and for our Canadian delegation, this was clearly one of those times.

The Canadian response to the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile show our commitment to helping those with desperate, immediate needs. What is less known perhaps, are the many success stories of decades old non-government development agencies, that patiently persevere alongside their overseas partners – victories that can only be achieved through the generosity of Canadians from coast to coast to coast.



A third of Nicaragua's population is under 14.

## The power of community

by Aliya Ladha

**W**hat does it mean to live in a developing country? What does it mean to be Canadian? How do the decisions made locally impact people on the other side of the world? These are questions that were always at the back of my mind while growing up. All it took, though, was one World Issues class in high school that literally changed my life forever and built within me a deep sense of curiosity – and commitment – to what happens outside of our own borders.

From an Amerindian village in Guyana to the island of Zanzibar, I have been fortunate to have lived and worked in some of the most remote communities in the world. And, if there is one lesson that I have learned from these experiences, it is that the power of community should never be underestimated.

Community, I realize, is the place where social change begins, especially in the remote and impoverished areas of the world. I will never forget the day I stepped foot into the village of Tapakuma, a small village nested deep in the heart of the Amazon rainforest. With a team of ten Canadian volunteers with Youth Challenge

International, we arrived in a Bedford truck at nighttime. It didn't feel like the kind of darkness that I was accustomed to at night. I remember looking up at a sky that seemed to resemble a never-ending roof made up of thousands and thousands of bright stars - the brightest I had ever seen in my entire life.

I knew this was going to be an experience that would stay with me for a lifetime.

And it has. The five weeks I spent in Tapakuma were the most eye-opening



Aliya Ladha.

and humbling weeks a person could ever live through. While the people of Tapakuma did not have a lot from a materialistic point of view, they had a

lot of heart, and a lot of passion for their community. It was this passion my team and I saw when we worked side-by-side with the youth of the village to organize a three-day Youth Summit. It was this passion we saw as we were welcomed into the community, and into the world of Guyanese music and cooking. It was this passion and spirit of community that we admired, because it felt more powerful than anything we had ever encountered before.

Since Tapakuma, I have witnessed the power of community in many countries throughout the developing world. Regardless of how many foreign aid dollars are invested into a community development project, the project itself will never take flight unless it has heart, and the soul, of the community behind it. And as Canadians, we have the ability to build bridges that unite us with communities like Tapakuma to work together to foster values of plurality and of understanding.



## SCIC MEMBER PROFILE

# Mennonite Central Committee

**M**ennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches, shares God's love and compassion for all by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC works in disaster relief, sustainable development and justice and peace work in over 50 countries.

### HAITI

In the country of Haiti, this past January, disaster struck. As homes and offices crumbled from the devastating earthquake, Haitians worked tirelessly to free neighbours from their concrete prisons. An estimated 200,000 died and 2 million were left homeless.

MCC has had a working presence in Haiti since 1958. In the past years, MCC work has focused on reforestation and environmental education, human rights and advocacy for food security. At the time of the earthquake, MCC workers included nine people from the United States, Colombia and the Netherlands; seven Haitian program staff members; and additional support staff.

### Disaster Relief

In the days following the earthquake, MCC workers joined in search and rescue work, filtered water and delivered it to neighbours, and registered displaced people so that the camps could be matched with international aid coming into the country.

Church people from non affected regions of Haiti, and the Dominican Republic sent food supplies into the devastated communities. Soon shipments of canned meat, blankets, water filters and other relief supplies began to arrive from North American sources. Distribution was facilitated by MCC partners. Teams of structural engineers and medical personnel visited Haiti to offer emergency assistance. (see photo)

### Sustainable Development

MCC's ministries are church-centered, people-centered and long-term. Within a month of the quake, a long-term disaster coordinator was named and a response plan began to take shape.



*Dr. Dolores Logan of Regina, Sask., listens to Meghaelle Beauburn's breathing as his sisters Sandina and Jolinda wait their turns. Karen Ebey-Tessendorf, right, MCC Haiti alumna, translates for Logan. MCC medical team from Canada is staffing a mobile clinic site in the town of Djeg outside Port-au-Prince.*

The medium- and long-term efforts work toward the holistic well-being of communities and churches. This includes a focus on access to food, health care, meaningful employment, security and education. It underscores the necessity of justice for the vision to be fulfilled, and the importance of human empowerment.

### Peace and Justice

MCC works with partners, churches and secular organizations with a shared world view. Joseph Polycarpe, Director of Ecumenical Peace and Justice Foundation commented that 'the way you give something has many consequences' in response to the militarization of food aid delivery. He contrasts the military presence in Haiti with the approach MCC takes. He says, "MCC asks 'what are you doing?' 'What do you want us to do?' ... MCC supports the work we have started and will support us in the work we're going to do."

MCC invites the global Christian family to consider the place of God's shalom, God's peace, in the rebuilding of Haitian lives and infrastructure. Principles to guide its work include: emphasis on local and sustainable development, Haitian-led decision making about development and investment priorities, demilitarization of aid efforts, and immigration policy that respects the Haitians living abroad and dignifies the migration process. It calls us to respond immediately but with attention to how our governments make policy decisions that victimize the world's marginalized people.

It calls us to witness to policy makers, faithfully sharing God's vision for justice, peace and dignity for all people, and encouraging policy decisions that bring life, not death, to our brothers and sisters around the world.

We cannot control the movements of the earth, but we can control how our voice is heard.



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## Upcoming Opportunities and Events

### THURSDAY, MAY 13

#### **An Evening with Mariatu Kamara**

St. Andrew's College,  
1121 College Drive. SASKATOON  
Evening begins at 7:00 pm,  
No Admission Charge.

Mariatu led a carefree childhood growing up in a rural village in Sierra Leone until the fateful day she was sent to fetch food from a nearby village and never returned. Armed rebels attacked, many no older than 12-year-old Mariatu. Miraculously, she survived. Now a college student in Toronto, Mariatu is a UNICEF Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. She was recently honored in New York City where she received a Voices of Courage award from the Women's Refugee Commission. In *The Bite of the Mango* Mariatu shares her gripping, unforgettable story of immense courage, resilience and hope. We really hope you can join us for this special event. For more information call (306)757-4669 or email [scic@earthbeat.sk.ca](mailto:scic@earthbeat.sk.ca)

### THURSDAY, MAY 20

#### **SCIC Development Issues Luncheon**

12-1 pm. College Building Room 108,  
Old Campus. REGINA

African lunch will be served along with presentation. Cost is \$5 per person.

Kim Sakundiak will speak about an exciting new development project that she is involved with in Swaziland. The Inhlase Project is an initiative working with community members, and grassroots organizations in Swaziland to address the growing concerns of youth, children and families affected by the HIV/AIDS crisis. Inhlase means 'spark'

in the local language, siSwati. This project aims to nurture the spark of hope and foster dreams for a positive future in the face of devastating events. If you would like to attend please email [scic@earthbeat.sk.ca](mailto:scic@earthbeat.sk.ca) or call 757-4669.

### MAY 27-29

#### **2010 Yorkton Film Festival, YORKTON**

This is an amazing event that takes place every year. SCIC is proud to sponsor the Global Issues Prize. Early registration ends on May 7. You will find loads of information at [www.goldensheafawards.com](http://www.goldensheafawards.com). There is so much happening, we can not fit it all into this newsletter!

### THURSDAY, JUNE 17

#### **Climate Change & Justice: Voices from the South and North**

7:15 pm. Wesley United Church,  
3913 Hillside St. REGINA

While Canada welcomes the world's most powerful leaders to the G-8 summit in June, those who are most affected by climate change will not be at the table. KAIROS and Canadians welcome Southern and Indigenous partners to share with us the real impacts of climate change on their daily lives. This is an opportunity to engage in dialogue with them and each other and to search for solutions to the global injustice of climate change.

#### **Speakers:**

- Francois Pihaatae from Tahiti, Ecumenical Animator on Climate Change for Pacific Council of Churches, where island nations are experiencing rising sea levels
- Chief Fred Sangris of the Akaitcho Dene, Yellowknives Dene Band, whose research focuses on impacts of climate change on caribou and other wildlife

Sponsored by KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, a coalition of 11 Canadian churches and church organizations in cooperation with Kairos Regina, Oxfam Canada, Saskatchewan Council for International Co-operation, and others. Free admission: donations welcome. For more information contact [Dan.Beveridge@uregina.ca](mailto:Dan.Beveridge@uregina.ca)

### **CCIC Launches the PE Hub!**

CCIC is pleased to announce that the Public Engagement Hub was launched on Monday, March 29 via a live webcast. The PE Hub is a free, dynamic, bilingual, online space for the sharing of information, good practices, and capacity-building resources between staff, Board, and key volunteers of CCIC member organizations working in Public Engagement, communications, and fundraising. Contact [cbarnett@ccic.ca](mailto:cbarnett@ccic.ca) or call 613-241-7007 ext. 354 for more information.

### **Kaleidoscope is on its way!**

That's right the short film competition is coming back to Saskatchewan. This national competition will see films made by youth from all over the country compete for travel, prizes and glory. More information coming soon. Keep reading SCIC's *E-Zine* and *Earthbeat* to get all the details.