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The June edition of our bulletin offers you the latest news about Canada World Youth (CWY)!

A new image for CWY!

CWY is changing its look! The organization will soon be unveiling its rejuvenated logo and fresh new image. As a leader in the field of international educational programs, CWY will now shine even brighter across Canada and, literally, around the world! Keep your eyes open this coming fall.

CWY participants meet Nobel Peace Prize laureate

In February, a group of Canadian, Kenyan and Tanzanian participants from the 2004 – 2005 Ontario/Tanzania/Kenya program had the immense privilege of meeting with the 2004 Noble Peace Prize laureate, Dr. Wangari Maathai.



Dr. Maathai met with the group in the Kereita forest in Kenya, where she was visiting a local reforestation project with KENVO, CWY's Kenyan partner. Dr. Maathai, who is the founder of the [Green Belt Movement](#), a Kenyan environmental conservation organization, stressed the importance of protecting the Kereita forest, which is threatened by intensive agriculture and hunting.

"Dr. Maathai is an extraordinary model for young people—especially young women who care about ecology and biodiversity," the Canadian project supervisor for the group, Mike Boylan, points out.

The meeting also served to highlight the efforts being made by KENVO, and by CWY participants, whose work projects include building a tree nursery and holding workshops to raise environmental awareness with school children.

Photo: CWY participants with Dr. Wangari Maathai (photo taken by Mike Boylan).

Academic credit for CWY participants

Capilano College in Vancouver, British Columbia recently signed an agreement with Canada World Youth, indicating that people who have participated in the CWY program and who would like to register in the college's "Global Stewardship" program will receive three credits for their CWY experience.

"This agreement with Capilano College is a testimony to the educational value of Canada World Youth's international programs," the president of CWY, Matthew Pearce, points out. "As part of our organization's strategic orientation for the coming years, we will continue to seek out

opportunities for people to receive academic credit for their participation in Canada World Youth.”

The agreement applies to all past participants (regardless of their province of origin) who have completed CWY and are interested in enrolling in the Global Stewardship program—a two-year program designed for students who are interested in pursuing international careers with non-governmental organizations.

Nationwide broadcast of a documentary about CWY on *Radio-Canada*



The documentary film, “*Et si on changeait le monde?*” by producer, screenwriter and CWY past participant Julie Huard, was broadcast nationwide on April 23, 2005 on the French-language television station, *Radio-Canada*.

This film tells the story of four past participants who decided to play active roles in building a more just world, through their work in fields such as the environment, international development and women’s rights.

CWY had the pleasure of organizing the film’s premiere, which took place on April 20 in Montreal. Ms. Huard was present at the screening, as were more than 125 guests, including Canada World Youth’s founding president, Jacques Hébert, and the organization’s

president, Matthew Pearce.

The participant’s experience depicted in “*Et si on changeait le monde?*” will also be part of the materials presented to Canadian volunteers going overseas with the [Canada Corps](#) “governance assistance” program. The content of the film will serve as a concrete example of public engagement.

A copy of the video (in French) is available from CWY’s head office and from the regional offices in Montreal, Toronto and Edmonton.

Photo: Julie Huard, past CWY participant and producer of “*Et si on changeait le monde?*”.

Alexandre Trudeau: “In Conversation with MacLean’s”

Alexandre Trudeau, film-maker, journalist, and president of CWY’s board of directors, will be participating in an event called, “[In Conversation with MacLean’s](#)”. This evening of debate and discussion will be held to highlight the 100th anniversary of the renowned Canadian public affairs magazine, MacLean’s.

The event will be held on June 16, 2005 at the National Gallery of Canada, in Ottawa. Other Canadian journalists and critics who will be present to discuss their visions of the future and their views on Canadian politics include Arthur Kent, Irshad Manji and Paul Wells.

Alexandre Trudeau became president of CWY’s board of directors this year. A true citizen of the world, he has travelled to numerous regions that are affected by conflict. He also strongly believes that “every young Canadian should have the opportunity to learn about the world in a meaningful way.”

Matthew Pearce speaks at a conference on international volunteering in London

The president of CWY, Matthew Pearce, was invited to participate in a conference entitled “International Service in the Context of Globalization,” which took place in London, England on May 25, 2005. Approximately thirty North American and European scholars and specialists in the field of international volunteering were present at the conference.

Mr. Pearce co-facilitated the workshop entitled, “Globalization and Transnational Voluntary Service” with Margaret Sherraden, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis. As part of this workshop, Matthew Pearce spoke about the NACS project (North American Community

Service)—a program in which young people from Canada, the United States and Mexico work together in community projects in each of the three countries.

“The NACS initiative illustrates our need to forge sustainable relationships with Mexico and the United States, and promote continental solidarity,” Mr. Pearce explained. “Canada will be called upon to share more and more with its North American neighbours in the years to come. Through the NACS project, young people gain international experience as they learn about the importance of transnational cooperation and respect for cultural differences.”

CWY-Jamaica: 25 years of youth programs!

This year marks the 25th anniversary of CWY’s partnership with Jamaica. To highlight the event, Canada’s high commissioner to Jamaica, His Excellency Claudio Valle, invited participants from the 2004 – 2005 Newfoundland/Jamaica program to dine with him at his official residence in the Jamaican capital of Kingston, on March 15, 2005.

Participants took the opportunity to discuss the two countries’ values and customs with High Commissioner Valle. CWY’s partner organization in Jamaica is the National Youth Service.



Photo: High Commissioner Claudio Valle with participants from the 2004 – 2005 Newfoundland/Jamaica program.

Cuban family pays tribute to Jacques Hébert



In June 2003, Jesús Reyes Díaz and Caridad Rodríguez Izquierdo became a Cuban host family for CWY. In spite of the couple’s initial concerns about welcoming two strangers into their home, they decided to embrace the adventure that lay before them. They were so impressed by the richness and intensity of the program that they decided to repeat the experience the following year!

“Thanks to CWY, our home was ‘invaded’ by happy, young, noisy, loving, hard-working people who were free of prejudice...What a joy it was to see them getting along so well, speaking Spanish, French and English—sometimes all at the same time!”

Fascinated by the program’s success, Jesús and Caridad were inspired to write a simple yet touching testimonial to Jacques Hébert: “The reason the CWY program is so successful is that you have put your entire heart and soul into it, raising it to the summit upon which it sits today. If our paths ever cross, we would be honoured to have you in our home.”

Photo: Jacques Hébert with Amélie Paiement and Émilie Ringuette, two participants who lived with Cuban host family, Jesús Reyes Díaz and Caridad Rodríguez Izquierdo in 2003 and 2004.

Let’s encourage participants with their fundraising!

Participants’ fundraising activities for CWY’s 2005 – 2006 programs got underway in April. The targeted amount: Each participant is to raise \$1950.

Fundraising is an integral part of the CWY experience, as it instils a sense of community in participants and encourages them to be resourceful. It is also a way for participants to help provide other young people with the opportunity to take part in CWY’s unique educational program!

Would you like to help out? We are looking for past participants and donors who can lend a helping hand. Here are some ideas:

- You can “mentor” a participant by offering concrete advice and providing tried and true examples of successful fundraising activities.
- You can also contribute to a particular participant’s fundraising objective by making a donation. It’s a great way to support them in their efforts.

If you would like to offer your support to participants, please contact a regional representative at one of the following offices:

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Thank you for your support!

Thanks to the generosity of donors from across the country, the 2004 – 2005 annual fundraising campaign brought in a total of \$1 034 256.

- Amount raised through participants’ fundraising activities: \$827 151
- Amount from other financing activities: \$207 105

Thank you for giving hundreds of young people the chance to experience this unforgettable educational experience!

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