



# Canadian Friends Service Committee

## E-Newsletter

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### Support the promotion of justice and peace:

#### CFSC Annual Appeal and Report 2012

Have you received and read our **Annual Appeal and Report 2012**? It outlines the many ways in which your support helps to achieve our shared vision of a world where individuals and communities are freed to reach their fullest potential.

From election monitoring in the DR Congo to helping refugees in Toronto to access settlement services, your donations achieve important results. Read more at: <http://bit.ly/UyhIou>.



Election monitoring team in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Please consider making a one-time or monthly donation this year. You can donate online through CanadaHelps: <http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?charityID=s43255>. You can mail donations, payable to "Canadian Friends Service Committee", to: CFSC, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5R 1C7. Questions? Just call 416-920-5213 or email [info@quakerservice.ca](mailto:info@quakerservice.ca).

*(Note: Individual and Meetings' donations to Canadian Yearly Meeting do **NOT** support CFSC programming. Please consider responding to the CYM Appeal but to support CFSC's work, please give directly to CFSC).*

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### Could you be the 2013 CFSC intern?

We're just around the corner from the hunt for the 2013 CFSC intern. Here's a sneak preview. Do these seem like you (or someone you know):

- 20-29 years of age;
- Seriously committed to Quaker service work and having previous community service experience; and
- Looking for a 4 month internship (May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>) for the summer of 2013 (likely based in Toronto, but potentially in Ottawa or and/or BC)?

Want more details? Download the package at: <http://bit.ly/RoBaIQ>. **Application deadline: February 15th.**

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### Africa Great Lakes Initiative offers workcamps, trainings and speaker tours

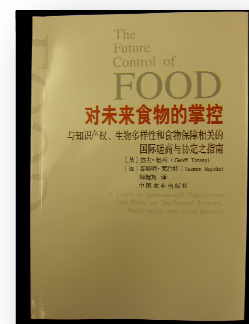
Long time CFSC partner AGLI is offering many exciting upcoming opportunities to engage and be inspired. From a workcamp in Burundi, to a training in Rwanda on how to use AGLI's *Healing and Rebuilding Our Community* methodology, to a series of presentations on peace, healing, and community building, AGLI's work is transforming lives. For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/Yrzqk7>.

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### The Future Control of Food is reaching new audiences

*The Future Control of Food*, (editors Geoff Tansey and Tasmin Rajotte) has recently been released in China. The book was a project of the Quaker International Affairs Program, a special program of CFSC, which was laid down in summer 2011.

*The Future Control of Food*, published first in English in 2008, and which had previously been translated into multiple other languages, is "a guide to



international negotiations and rules on intellectual property, biodiversity and food security”.

An English language PDF copy of *The Future Control of Food* can be downloaded at: <http://bit.ly/UgX0lm>. Hard copies are available through various book shops.

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### Is Canada's commitment to international poverty reduction in jeopardy?

Since the 1960s, the Canadian International Development Agency has had a mandate of poverty reduction. However it appears that there is an impending shift of resources toward promoting the business interests of Canadian companies working abroad, a mandate already held by other federal agencies. *The Globe and Mail* (<http://bit.ly/10qTpPg>) reports that International Cooperation Minister Julian Fantino has suggested that CIDA - which has traditionally worked directly with governments, with multi-lateral funds like the Global Fund, and with civil society organizations like CFSC - will now “help build market opportunities and dissuade governments from nationalizing extractive industries.”

The extent of the shift at CIDA is unclear. In recent years CIDA has moved away from a responsive partnership-driven model of working with the non-profit sector, in favour of a competitive bidding process, through which CFSC and over 100 other applicants were unsuccessful in getting funding. At the same time, a special pot of money was set aside for non-profits that wished to partner with Canadian mining companies.

Some feel that working with resource extraction companies can help promote awareness of corporate social responsibilities. Critics counter that the Canadian government is essentially subsidizing mining companies to help improve their negative images in the communities affected by their work. It is noteworthy that these extremely profitable companies are not required by CIDA to put any more funding into projects than partners like CFSC were (25% of project expenses).

CFSC is a member of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, a network that is closely monitoring CIDA and representing the concerns of its members related to all of the recent changes. For those interested in staying up to date on these issues, please join us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) where we will post information when it becomes available.

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### KAIROS receives award

CFSC congratulates KAIROS on its recent award from UFCW. The Canada Agricultural Workers Award was presented to KAIROS in recognition of its outstanding contributions to improving the lives of agriculture workers in Canada. To learn more about the work of KAIROS visit: <http://bit.ly/QA00FD>.

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### The state of gun control in Canada

Did you know that over the past year Canada has ended the registration of rifles and shotguns, destroyed the records of millions of previously registered firearms (aside from those in Quebec), and stalled on implementing gun markings required under the UN Firearms Protocol?

The CBC (<http://bit.ly/WIZBmP>) reports that gun lobbyists are seizing the opportunities of the current climate to push for further de-regulations. For those concerned about the potential of weakened controls on firearms to increase gun violence, the Coalition for Gun Control offers more information and suggested ways to take action: <http://bit.ly/ThuwmW>.

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### Countering the militarization of youth – presentation available for download

Christel LeBlanc (Halifax Monthly Meeting), Sheehan Moore (Montreal Monthly Meeting) and Matthew Webb (Coldstream Monthly Meeting) received a grant from Canadian Friends Service Committee to attend a conference, “Countering the Militarization of Youth”, held in Germany in June 2012.

Christel gave a presentation about her experience which can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/UgY04h>. (Note: together these two MP3 files total 220 MB and may be slow to download!).

The wide-ranging discussion includes reflections on the War of 1812–14 propaganda, war video games, and the Internet.

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## UN Diplomats agree to conclude Arms Trade Treaty negotiations in 2013

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 157 world governments agreed to hold a final diplomatic conference next year in order to conclude negotiations on a global Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). According to the UN Resolution they adopted, a consensus on the ATT must be reached by March 2013. The Control Arms Coalition welcomed this new development, while also cautioning that these governments must ensure the success of next year's diplomatic conference. Prior negotiations on the ATT, which took place at the UN in July 2012, ended in failure after several governments blocked the agreement by demanding extra time to agree on a draft text. Last week's resolution confirms the States' resolve to conclude negotiations next spring, but it also includes the stipulation that the text must be agreed under the consensus rule. Following intense lobbying by civil society, the resolution contains a proviso that if all states are not able to agree to a deal in March, the UN will keep the treaty on its current agenda. This would allow the text to be sent for a final vote at the UN General Assembly later in 2013. (From the CCIC E-Bulletin - [http://www.ccic.ca/flash/flash\\_2012-11\\_e.html#ATT](http://www.ccic.ca/flash/flash_2012-11_e.html#ATT))

Canadian Yearly Meeting is a signatory of the Interfaith Declaration in Support of an Arms Trade Treaty (<http://www.controlarms.org/interfaith>). Project Ploughshares ([www.ploughshares.ca](http://www.ploughshares.ca)), of which CYM is a founding member (and which your donations to CFSC helps to support), is a member of the Steering Board of the Control Arms Coalition, a group of NGOs promoting the Arms Trade Treaty.

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## Canadian School of Peacebuilding course dates announced

The Canadian School of Peacebuilding, a program of Canadian Mennonite University, offers five day sessions educating for peace and justice. Courses are open to people of all faiths, countries and identity groups, and participants vary from those seeking personal inspiration, to those interested in professional development, or academic credit. Courses will be held in Winnipeg in June 2013. Find more details at: <http://bit.ly/UgYck1>.

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## Interested in civil liberties? Sign up for this newsletter



CFSC is an active member of a coalition called the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG), established in the aftermath of 9/11 and the introduction of the Anti-Terrorism Act in Canada in December, 2001. The ICLMG has recently started a weekly email bulletin.

Topics covered include drone strikes, criminalization of dissent, the Guantanamo Bay detention center, torture, surveillance, security certificates, the oversight of police and intelligence agencies, the North American Security Perimeter, and more. To sign up for the emails visit: <http://2doc.net/9ocaq>.

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