



## Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter

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*Kimberly Rivera, centre, with supporters at Friends House Toronto just before her deportation in September 2012.*

### Your urgent support can help Kim Rivera

A plea agreement has been reached between conscientious objector to the Iraq war Kimberly Rivera and US military authorities. A hearing to determine the length of her sentence will take place on **29 April** at Fort Carson, Colorado. Before then, we need to urge the authorities to release Kim **immediately and unconditionally**, as she is a prisoner of conscience, jailed for her conscientious objection to participation in the Iraq War.

Read the full update and Urgent Action from Amnesty International at <http://quakerservice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Kim-Rivera-Support-March-2013.pdf>. Your support matters greatly! Don't forget to **share** this e-newsletter to increase our collective impact.

### CYM Youth Challenge 2013!

Under 35? Get yourself to Canadian Yearly Meeting this summer and be part of the 2013 Youth Challenge! There is \$25,000 in funds from the CYM Trustees to bring together at least 50 Young Friends and Young Adult Friends at CYM 2013, as funding can be a major barrier to attending CYM. So come to Kemptville, Ontario this August 16th-24th for fun, fellowship and special programming for Quaker youth and Young Adult Friends.

The Youth Challenge application form is online now at <http://bit.ly/YouthChallenge2013>. Once completed, email your answers to Maggie Knight, Young Adult Friend Clerk, at [yaf-clerk@yf.quaker.ca](mailto:yaf-clerk@yf.quaker.ca). **The final funding deadline is June 1.** Forms for CYM's annual sessions are now available online at: <http://www.quaker.ca/Events/gathering/> The registration form has information on costs accommodation/meals/registration which will help you determine how much funding support you will need.

### Resources on Quakerism

Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas has launched a new website: <http://www.voicesoffriends.org/>. The site features a searchable library, blogs, journals and more on Quakerism and "what Friends are thinking today"

Another excellent resource on Quakerism is the new online resource centre launched by the Woodbrooke Quaker Studies Centre: <http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/pages/quaker-studies-resource-centre.html>. The site offers podcasts and videos of talks by leading Quaker scholars, as well as summaries of postgraduate papers on Quaker history, theology and social sciences.

### CIDA amalgamated with DFAIT

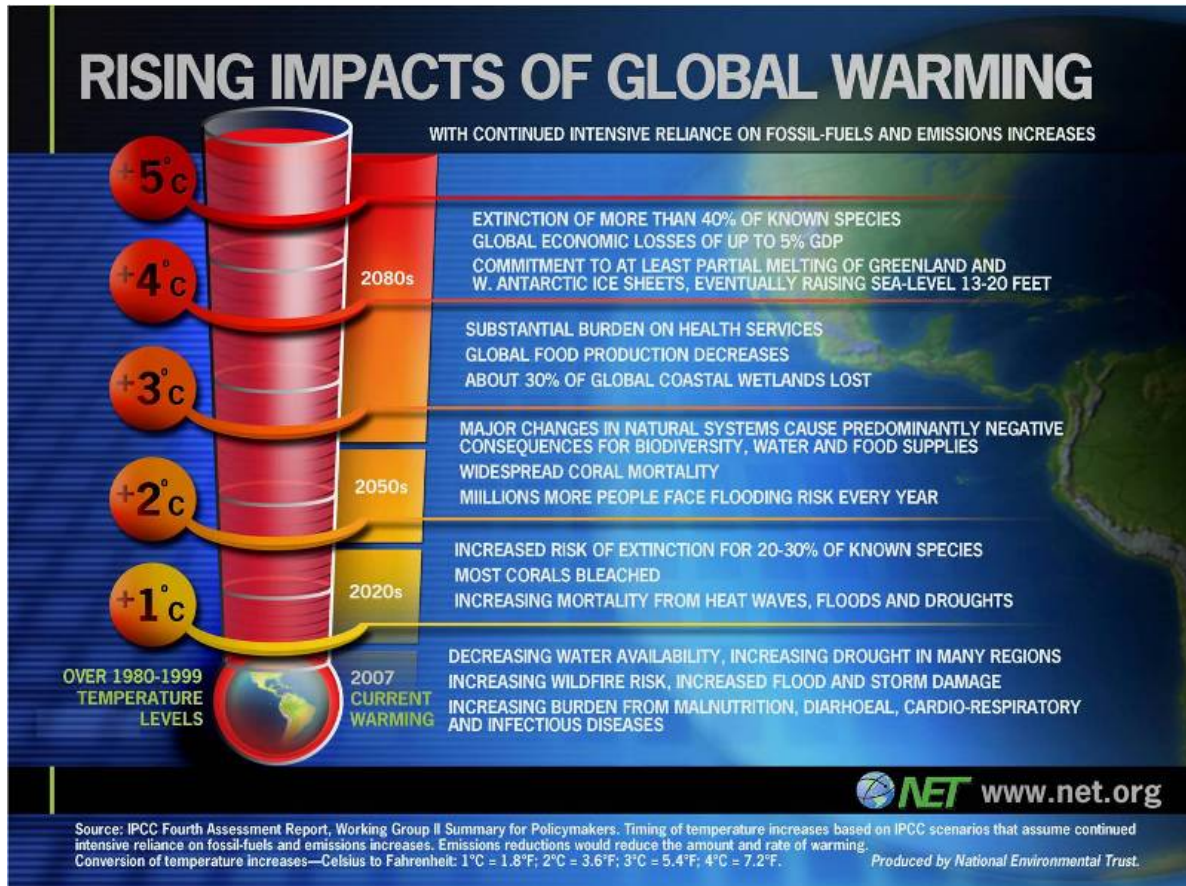
The Canadian International Development Agency has been combined into the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. CFSC works on issues related to Canada's role in international poverty reduction in part through our participation in the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC).

CCIC's press release highlights the need to carefully monitor how CIDA's mandate and history of dealing with *poverty* will be maintained within DFAIT, which has the "legitimate mandate to promote Canada's immediate national economic and political interests": <http://bit.ly/CCIC-CIDA-budget2013>. The Globe and Mail solicited a number of expert opinions following the announcement: <http://bit.ly/Globe-CIDA-Budget2013>

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## KAIROS issues interfaith call to action on climate

Canadian Friends engage in work on climate change through KAIROS. Here is a detailed report on that work, and a call to renewed action: <http://bit.ly/XcBgg4>. The report details our current catastrophic direction in Canada, with the potential for 4 to 5 degree Celsius average temperature increases (see the table below for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's predictions of what that means).



KAIROS' analysis also lays out some of the concrete alternatives we must pursue for a sustainable future.

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