

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Nine “Local Action Heroes” Honoured for their Commitment to Global Development

Algonquin College’s International Education Centre (IEC) will be hosting a Local Action Heroes for Global Development Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 27, from Noon to 2:30 p.m., on the College’s Woodroffe Campus. This event will honour nine local citizens who have made contributions to global development and have aided Canada in its efforts towards achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

This year’s community “Action Heroes” are: Dave Smith, Local Restaurateur, for his philanthropic work in Africa; Kent MacDonald, Vice President, Student Services and Development, Algonquin College, for his leadership of the Algonquin College “Small World, Big Picture Expedition Africa” project and the construction of a primary school in Tanzania; Nazreen Ali, President of Women Engaging in Bridge Building, for creating the Historic Canadian Businesswomen Mission and Leader Delegation; Gary Plum, President of WaterCan, for his work toward creating clean water and water purification systems in communities in Africa; Ann Montgomery, Associate Midwife and Preceptor, Midwifery Collective of Ottawa, for her ongoing work with maternal health projects in Nepal as well as her project on measuring maternal morbidity in Africa; Firdaus Kharas, Freelance Animator and Producer, for his work on a series of AIDS/HIV and malaria public service announcements directed at children and youth for communities in Africa and Asia; Maude Barlow, Chairperson of the Council of Canadians, for highlighting social justice and environmental sustainability; Andrea Monahan and Elizabeth Popovich – two Algonquin College students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, for their work on the Student Action for Global Development Forum hosted at Algonquin College.

Who: **Robert Gillett**, President, Algonquin College
Dr. Abla Sherif, Acting Director, International Education Centre, Algonquin College
Embassy representatives from South Africa, India, Yemen and Kuwait
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What: Local Action Heroes for Global Development Awards Luncheon

When: Thursday, March 27, 2008
Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Best time – 1:25 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Algonquin College
Restaurant International
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