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NIC's Global Learning Initiative presents When Aid Goes Awry

North Island College's Global Learning Initiative, in collaboration with the World Community Development Education Society and the Comox Valley Global Awareness Network, is pleased to present "When Aid Goes Awry" on Thursday, February 16th in the Stan Hagen Theatre located on NIC's Comox Valley campus.

The Global Learning Initiative is a student-driven project that creates partnerships with local communities and individuals to foster awareness of global issues. Their "When Aid Goes Awry" presentation will begin with a screening of the film 'Addicted to Aid'.

Over the last 50 years, Western governments have spent more than \$600 billion in aid to Africa, yet according to figures released by the World Bank, half of sub-Saharan Africans still live in extreme poverty. 'Addicted to Aid' presents a reasoned critique of the prescribed thinking and policies of the development aid community that have given us this result. With wide-ranging and rich evidence, the film bring an illuminating critical perspective on how and why things often go wrong in the global efforts to help our world's poorest citizens.



NIC's Global Learning Initiative will host a screening of the documentary 'Addicted to Aid' as part of their "When Aid Goes Awry" presentation.

Following the film, a panel comprised of Janet Fairbanks (Director, World Community), Billy Strachan (Founder, A Day for Africa) and Dr. Dennis Hartman (local physician with Health for Humanity), facilitated by Colleen Hanley (Associate Director, NIC International), will discuss international development work.

In 2009 and 2010, students and faculty travelled to Uganda, Nepal, Mozambique, Rivers Inlet and Kingcome Inlet as part of NIC's Global Learning Initiative and in 2011, NIC students returned to Nepal and Rivers Inlet. The intent of the project is to facilitate a greater understanding of global health issues, by learning about social and health practices in local and foreign settings, and to provide students with opportunities to experience different contexts and cultures. Global Learning has partnered with such organizations as World Community, Africa Technical Services (ACTS) and the Comox Valley Global Awareness Network to realize these goals.

North Island College wishes to acknowledge the support of the Canadian International Development Agency and the BC Council for International Cooperation in hosting this event. Doors open at 6:30 pm and admission is by donation to the NIC Global Learning Initiative.

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