



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Alumni Relations and Human Resources!

Starting this year, the Alumni Relations Committee has taken on the additional title of “Human Resources”! We will be sending out three newsletters during the year, as well as a Summer newsletter created by the Summer Director. Additionally three internal newsletters will be sent out to current QPID members, in order to keep everyone informed of QPID’s ongoing activities.

Also, we hope to expand our Mentorship database of Alumni who are interested in inspiring and helping a current member of QPID in anything from career advice to discussing a development initiative.

As usual QPID holds a weekly Forum, where Alumni have the opportunity to discuss their development related careers or contributions to the local or global community. We are always looking for Alumni to speak at Forum, where they can connect with Queen’s student body. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in either being a Mentor or speaking at forum, or if you require more information!

Besides seeking to preserve the relationships between QPID and its alumni, we strive to reinforce the relationships within QPID today by organizing social events. This past fall we had a Halloween Event, where QPID members decked out in costumes that started with the letter “Q”, and came together to play Pictionary, munch on snacks, and watch “Charlie Brown: The Great Pumpkin” and Arthur! QPID members, who included quintuplets, a quill and a Quidditch player all enjoyed some friendly competition during this amazing event.

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A “Quill” at Halloween Social!

Enjoy the Newsletter!
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QPID is always looking for alumni contributions, to foster a sense of community between QPID past and present. For monetary donations please visit:
www.givetoqueens.ca/qpid

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is getting off to a great start this year, with many new initiatives! Firstly, we have split our four-person team, composed of two executive members and two committee members, into internal and external pairs. The internal team finds sponsors and writes applications to donors within the Queens community. This includes the Alta Mater Society, the Alumni Association, and Academic Departments. The external component communicates with sponsors outside of Queen's, such as charitable foundations and service clubs across Canada. With all of our hard work writing applications for grants, we hope to help cooperants participate in summer projects, and help other branches of QPID create awareness of development issues both locally and globally.



Forum



Final Forum Potluck, Spring 2011

Forum this year has already covered a wide range of topics and has explored many different ideas of development. We have had guest speakers who do work as diverse as providing guidance to Aboriginal students on campus, establishing renewable energy projects in First Nations communities in British Columbia, administering first aid and combating gang violence Haiti, and getting youth involved in community-building in Nicaragua. This semester we have also held forums that focus on each of QPID's summer projects. At these forums, we have critically examined QPID's involvement in and impact on communities in Ghana, Botswana, and Nunavut, and have all become more informed on the many issues facing these diverse areas. Next semester we will continue to hear from a variety of guest speakers and hope to build more connections with the Kingston community through the creation of the new position of the Community Outreach Coordinator.

Campus and Community

This semester, Campus and Community has gotten off to a great start! Community Outreach Coordinator has begun to explore Kingston's community identified needs, in order to make effective partnerships with Kingston community organizations for QPID volunteers. Internal forums this year have continued to allow QPID's general members to have a voice in decision making and policy development for the organization. A consistent post-forum discussion policy to enforce safe discussion space and critical but respectful conversation is in the works and will be finalized soon. Campus and Community is composed of three branches: High School Outreach, Engineering Outreach and Community Outreach.

High School Outreach

The High School Outreach Committee seeks to engage the Kingston youth in development-conscious thinking through education, discussion and empowerment, which are implemented through its three branches: Youth Conference, SEE, and the new DIA program.

Left: Youth Conference, March 2011

Right: Ken Zolotar speaking at the Youth Conference



The Youth Conference is an annual event for 150 local high school students on Queen's University campus during March, where students participate in workshops throughout the day and listen to the featured keynote speaker. The purpose of this conference is to bring students together, and challenge them to think critically about development and sustainability issues within the local and global community.

In Seek Empower Engage (SEE), there are six different workshops that are currently being facilitated in high school classrooms. The purpose of the program is to stimulate and aid high school students in understanding and thinking critically about development issues. If the students leave the workshop feeling empowered and confident in their individual ability to change the world for the better, then our goal has been achieved.

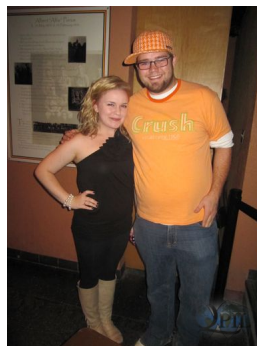
DIA stands for Development Initiatives Alliance, and this is its first year of implementation. DIA provides a unique opportunity for high school students around the Kingston community, to meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss, engage and learn about development issues. It is here where students can collaborate on a project that they are passionate about and raise awareness in their community.

Engineering Outreach

In the second year of Engineering Outreach Committee, our main goals are to increase engineering participation, and strengthen QPID's relationship with the Engineering Society. We are reaching out to the Engineering community by holding an engineer- focused forum on November 22nd, where Professor da Silva from the Civil Engineering department will be speaking about the effects of climate change on water resources, in Canada and around the world. We also wish to maintain our relationships with established partners from last year, including Martha's Table, Habitat for Humanity, and Youth Diversion, and find new organizations and clubs on campus to partner with as well. With these initiatives we seek to create an outlet of opportunities, where the Engineering student body can work with other students in fostering development.

Marketing and Promotions

This semester QPID Marketing and Promotions ran two **Barbeques at Clark Hall's Patio Ritual**, where students and alumni in attendance could munch on a delicious burger or veggie burger to support QPID's great initiatives. It was great to see so much support from students at Patio Ritual, rain or shine. QPID was also proud to bring **Middle School Dance Party** back again this semester at Alfie's! MSDP has certainly become a favourite on campus and once again we filled the pub with students ready to dance and sing the night away to every one's favourite middle school/90's hits! The event was a great success and we are looking forward to holding a second Middle School Dance Party (2.0) next semester.



Middle School Dance Party at Alfie's!

TREASURES FROM TRAVELS



We have been given many items from around the globe for our fundraising initiatives! Our office is full of masks, art and cloths! If you are interested in this décor, we have many more treasures so do not hesitate to contact Suji Won and Alyssa Parpia at qpид.alumni@gmail.com

