



A thought provoking exhibition exploring Canada's Global Leadership Role

WHAT IS CANADA'S ROLE IN A WORLD WHERE POVERTY AND HOPELESSNESS THRIVE?

With this provocative question, Bridges That Unite, a bilingual traveling exhibition, invites visitors to consider Canada's global leadership role through the lens of a remarkable 25-year partnership with the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). Built on a set of common values, such as pluralism, democracy and peace, this unique partnership is replacing walls that divide the developed and developing worlds with bridges that unite us.

CANADA'S UNIQUE CONNECTION TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD

Through the creative interplay of audio, video, text panels, bold graphics and interactive components, Bridges That Unite challenges visitors to confront typical assumptions about what international development is and what it can achieve - and injects evidence about Canada's own experience into the public debate.

Visitors are invited to take a seat in a ring of chairs to learn how small community organizations have been catalysts for social change, or to consider how a woman casting a ballot in Afghanistan represents a new beginning for democracy in that country.

Provocative questions throughout the exhibit prompt visitors to see poverty and its solutions from new angles: *"Why invest in a university in a country struggling to provide even primary education?"*; *"Why restore a sixteenth-century garden in war-ravaged Kabul, Afghanistan?"*

The exhibit is designed to inspire a dynamic, forward-thinking vision for Canada's role in the 21st century.

SPARKING CONVERSATIONS

In both content and approach, Bridges That Unite brings together diverse voices, perspectives and experiences from across Canada and around the world in a vibrant and vital public conversation.

Upcoming Exhibition

Ottawa, ON
January 28 to
February 28, 2010

Canada Science and
Technology Museum
1867 St. Laurent Blvd.
www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca

Montréal, QC
March 7 to 26, 2010

Concordia University
J.W McConnell Library Building
www.concordia.ca

Bridges That Unite also provides an ideal platform for in-depth exchanges and hosts a range of on-site and partner events, including:

- Lectures and panel discussions
- Cultural events, including musical performances and film screenings
- School programs and activities for youth



The Bridges That Unite website (www.bridgesthatunite.ca) offers a virtual centre for dialogue. Visitors can join in online discussions and interact with Canadians who are currently working with development organizations. These “agents of change” put a face to Canada’s development efforts and provide a fresh perspective on the role Canada and Canadians are playing in bringing about sustainable solutions to global poverty.

WHAT VISITORS ARE SAYING

“An inspiring window into what Canadians have done and what they can still do in developing worlds.”

“This exhibit shows innovative approaches to addressing the needs of marginalized people; providing inspiration, hope and opportunity, and optimism towards their future.”

“The courage and hope of people in such difficult circumstances is so inspiring.”

After visiting the exhibit:

- 91% of visitors feel inspired by the role of Canadians in international development
- 89% of visitors feel better informed of Canada’s role in development
- 69% wanted to know how they could become more involved in Canada’s overseas efforts.

The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is an international group of non-denominational agencies that undertakes a wide-ranging humanitarian agenda of social, economic and cultural development. Aga Khan Foundation Canada mobilizes the best of Canadian financial, intellectual and technical resources to support the efforts of the AKDN.

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The Bridges Tour

To date, Bridges That Unite has visited:

**VICTORIA
VANCOUVER
CALGARY
KITCHENER-WATERLOO
HALIFAX**

in 2010 the exhibition will travel to:

**OTTAWA
MONTRÉAL**



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