

Backgrounder

**Student
Leadership**



**for Global
Development**

Backgrounder *Leadership Now! 2009*

On Oct. 27, 4,500 Peel board middle school students will fill the Powerade Centre in Brampton, ON, followed by 4,500 secondary students on Oct. 28. Both groups will hear inspiring words from speakers such as Jessica Jackley Flannery, co-founder of Kiva, and Roxanne Joyal, leadership specialist with Free the Children, who will promote awareness of extreme global poverty, talk about the power of micro-credit and explain how youth today have the ability to be leaders in solving global issues.

Event at a glance

- hear from keynote speakers Jessica Jackley Flannery, co-founder of the micro-credit organization Kiva and Roxanne Joyal and Michel Chikwanine from Me to We.
- Hear the inspirational story and music of Canadian singer/songwriter and War Child advocate, Liam Titcomb.
- be entertained by great live music and crowd interaction from Absolute Leadership!
- discover your leadership potential and ability to effect positive change
- have an opportunity to gather contact information from NGOs, community partners and educators by visiting various displays throughout the corridor of the Powerade Centre

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Leadership NOW! is part of the Peel board's Student Leadership for Global Development (SLGD) program that is partially funded by the Canadian International Development Association (CIDA).

Over the past seven years, with the financial support of CIDA, thousands of students and teachers in Peel and other school boards have been able develop the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible citizens and informed participants in the 21st century. They have done this through a variety of activities and training to generally raise awareness, and to then take focused actions to address specific issues.

This year's theme is reducing global poverty and will be explored through five major components:

- Leadership NOW! educational conference for secondary schools
- Leadership NOW! educational conference for middle schools
- Creating a Global Classroom teacher training conference
- Mock Stock Market event
- (AQ) Additional Qualification – University accreditation course



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