

Coady and CWL – Partners for more than 55 years

2016 CWL Scholarship Recipients



My studies have enriched my whole being and have taught me so many useful ways to approach the many challenges my people face. When I return home, I plan to promote micro-entrepreneurship among poor women which will help their empowerment. This

memorable learning experience was extremely valuable to me. You have indeed made a difference in my life and my community. I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to you for giving me an opportunity to learn at Coady.

Sister Archana Das DM, India



I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to study at Coady International Institution. The classes were wonderful, encouraging and enriching and the field trips allowed us to gain practical knowledge. My Coady education has proved to be very useful especially in my role as a

social worker. I will take what I have learned and implement it in my community back home. Thank you. ***Sister Teresa Topno, India***



I came to Coady to enhance my leadership skills so I can be even more effective in my contribution to policy development at the Zambia National Women's Lobby. Many thanks to the Catholic Women's League for their scholarship support!

Helen Kalikeka, Zambia

It was a wonderful experience studying at Coady Institute. One of my most significant learnings came from being in a classroom with people from different cultures with different ways of understanding. I also learned to be an assertive leader and the importance of giving positive feedback. I would love to thank everyone that contributed to make it possible for me to study at Coady. Thank you CWL!

Lenyu Mumah Irene Kiyo, Cameroon



My stay and learning here at Coady has strengthened my capacity to become an effective leader. Coady has filled the gap which most communities, organizations and local government face in trying to make change in the community. I will ensure that the development leadership that I learned at Coady will be passed on to others in my organization and community.

Charity Vancy Phiri, Malawi



I came to Coady to gain skills and knowledge about women's leadership and to widen my network in this field. With this experience of learning and reflection, I feel very confident that I can reach new levels in my personal development and growth.

Rupa Upreti, Nepal



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About Coady International Institute

The CWL-Coady Partnership

The Coady Institute has had the honour of being a partner with the Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) since 1961 when the League first made a donation of \$1,000 to the Coady Institute

Over the years, the CWL National Council and individual parish councils across Canada, have been loyal and significant supporters of the Coady Institute, providing annual scholarships to women community leaders from Asia, Africa and Latin America. These graduates have in turn helped thousands of disadvantaged people in their communities to improve their lives. Coady's education is not just having an impact on the participants' lives, but also creates a ripple-effect around the world for years and generations to come.



Our History

The Coady Institute was created in 1959 by St. Francis Xavier University to promote community self-reliance and innovative ways to improve the lives of people around the world. The Institute is named for Rev. Dr. Moses Coady, one of the prominent founders of the Antigonish Movement, who inspired communities to embrace the principles of cooperation and create self-reliant societies where all people could fully participate.



Leadership at Coady



Dr. June Webber joined the Coady Institute in September 2015 as the Director and Vice President, StFX. June brings a wealth of experience as a recognized leader in global health policy and development and will be a guest speaker at the 2017 CWL National Convention in PEI.

In November 2015, the United Nations, its member states, and global civil society set 17 ambitious goals, known as the Sustainable Development Goals. These were agreed upon to guide how the world transforms its economy, environment and politics to ensure development is for all. Over the last year, Coady engaged in a process of reflection to determine how we could make a contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals. The feedback we received from external partners and our overall thinking culminated in a new strategic plan - A Full and Abundant Life for All: 2017 to 2022. This plan will guide our education programs, research and partnerships over the next five years. We have re-affirmed that our focus must remain to support and engage with community leaders working on the ground, where change needs to happen the most.

Our Programs

Coady's unique way of working begins with assets available at the local level, builds on the strengths of all individuals and establishes a network of supportive partnerships. Our Diploma and Certificate programs or our specialized programs enable participants to share best practices, learn from fellow leaders and challenge conventional development models. Despite gains, women still earn 24% less than men. Their voices are not heard in politics. A Coady education enables these leaders to create practical solutions for complex challenges.



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