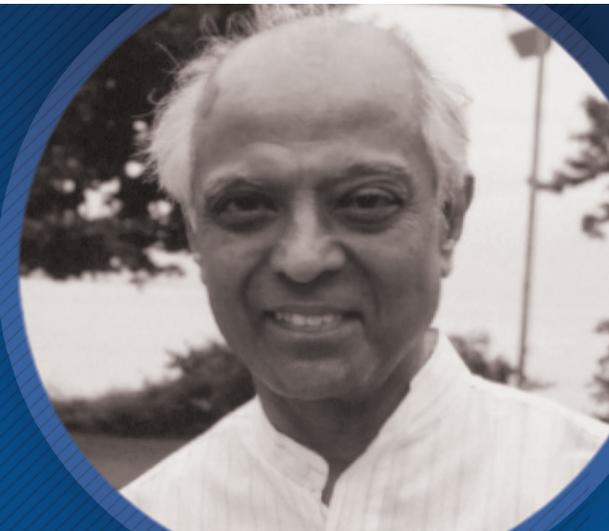


THE LEWIS  
**PERINBAM** AWARD  
FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## Past Recipients

**Abraam Isaac (2016)** is the co-founder and co-executive director of Innovative Canadians for Change (ICChange), a non-profit organization with the mandate of improving the quality of life and security of vulnerable populations worldwide through sustainable models of development. Through his involvement with ICChange, Abraam has been instrumental in the development and implementation of several projects in various health related fields, including water and sanitation, electronic medical records and health informatics, and trauma and injury prevention and treatment. ICChange's work has been recognized and funded by several national and international organizations, including Grand Challenges Canada, the International Development Research Centre and the Clinton Global Initiative. Abraam's work with the world's disadvantaged has taken him many parts of the world, including East Africa and Southeast Asia. He has had the opportunity to work closely with remote rural populations, low-income communities in some of Africa's largest slums, and refugees on the Thai-Burma border.

**Alastair James Scott Summerlee (2015)** A passionate humanitarian, dedicated teacher, and internationally renowned researcher, Alastair Summerlee served as president of the University of Guelph in 2003-14. Summerlee spent six years on the board of the World University Service of Canada where he became involved in humanitarian issues in the refugee camps in Kenya. He has championed hunger and poverty alleviation strategies and galvanized the community at the University of Guelph to take action against hunger, and to raise money and awareness of issues as diverse as cancer, disability and mental illness. He has been part of the international movement to unite universities worldwide in fighting hunger and poverty. In receipt of a number of awards and honours, Summerlee is currently the Lead Researcher for Lucky Iron Fish™ an invention that has the potential to improve the health and livelihoods of 3.5 billion people suffering from iron deficiency. He has published numerous scientific articles and book chapters, written about teaching and teaching practice, advocated in the media for better conditions for people in refugee camps and is regularly invited to speak on teaching, research and community engagement.

**Fiona Sampson (2014)** is a human rights lawyer with a PhD in women's equality law who has dedicated her 20+ year career to seeking justice for society's disadvantaged: aboriginals, refugees, and victims of violence. In 2008, she founded the equality effect, a Toronto-based non-profit organization that uses international human rights law to make girls/women's rights real; a main area of focus for the equality effect is the protection of women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa from rape. As its Executive Director, she led her team to a May 2013 landmark victory in Kenya where the country's High Court found the government guilty of failing to protect girls from rape. Fiona has been called one of the world's "women revolutionaries" alongside notables that include Gloria Steinem, Hillary Clinton, and Isobel Coleman. In addition to her full-time role with the equality effect, Fiona serves as an appointed member of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. An experienced litigation lawyer, she has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada representing various women's NGOs in equality rights cases. Fiona has received many awards and much recognition for her human rights work; most recently Fiona was appointed an Ashoka Fellow, named the 2014 Lawyer of the Year by the New York State Bar Association, named one of Canada's Top 25 Lawyers (Top 5 on the "World Stage"), and named one of 50 "Global Heroes" working to end violence against children, along with Queen Noor and Hillary Clinton, amongst others.

**Janice Eisenhauer (2013)** is the volunteer Executive Director and co-founding member of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, a non-religious, non-political, federally registered Canadian charity. The goals of this membership-based organization are to ensure effective long-term sustainable education programs for Afghan women and their families and to engage Canadians as global citizens. Janice has an Honour's BA in Development Studies from the University of Calgary, and her 1999 thesis focused on the empowerment of women in Afghanistan. One of the many highlights of her volunteer work was walking in solidarity with Afghan women during a peace march in the streets of Kabul on International Women's Day in 2004.

**Robert Gough (2012)** is the founder of the Western Heads East (WHE) program, a Western University initiative that helps improve the quality of life for those living with HIV and AIDS in East Africa. The program is based on a pro-biotic yogurt developed through the research of Dr. Gregor Reid and Dr. Sharareh Hekmat. This pro-biotic technology helps build up immune response and improves general nutrition for people suffering from HIV and AIDS or malnutrition. Mr. Gough was instrumental in rallying the Western community to raise start-up funds for a community kitchen in Tanzania, where East African women began production of the yoghurt. Now there are over 15 of these kitchens in Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda. Just last year, Mr. Gough's efforts led to a generous donation, which will provide pro-biotic yogurt free of charge to 1100 people living with HIV and AIDS annually.

**Ryan Reljac (2011)**, at 20 years old, founded the Ryan's Well Foundation, an organization committed to delivering access to safe water and empowering people of all ages to make a difference in the world. At the age of six, Ryan began raising money for those affected by the global water crisis and in 1999, at just seven years old, Ryan Hreljac's first well was built in a Ugandan village.

**Dr. Jack Littlepage (2010)** worked for decades in the areas of marine agriculture and aquaculture in assisting food development, food security and poverty reduction in developing countries. He created/directed programs in Brazil, countries in Africa and the Caribbean. Programs include: Shellfish Technology Transfer Program in Brazil, the Brazilian Mariculture Linkage Program and the Southern Oceans Education and Development Program in Mozambique. He retired in the early 2000s but still continues to work in international development and in strengthening South-to-South relations.

**Ms. Christine Gervais (2009)** is the founder and president of ACCESO International, an organization dedicated to helping schools, libraries and orphanages in eleven Latin American and Caribbean countries. ACCESO International has provided over 1500 students with bursaries and organized human rights workshops for disenfranchised Latin American women to help them gain independent employment and education.

**Ms. Camille Dow Baker (2008)** is the co-founder of the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology, an organization which has played an instrumental role in providing clean drinking water to some of the world's poorest people.

**Dr. Theresa Chiang (2007)** has built strong bridges between China and Canada for people, expertise, equipment and knowledge throughout her 20-year voluntary effort. She conceptualized programs, mobilized physicians, dentists and others to act on a voluntary basis, providing access to specialized health care to children in China's rural areas.

**Ms. Sylvia Cholodnuik (2006)** was honoured for her sustained, multifaceted contributions to improving the lives of people in Tshelanyemba, Zimbabwe. She was also applauded for her ongoing efforts to sensitize her home city, Saskatoon, to the needs of this African community.

**Mr. Fintan Kilbride (2005)** founded Students Crossing Borders, an experiential education program of volunteer community service in Jamaica for secondary students. Fintan Kilbride's extraordinary experience and knowledge, as a teacher and missionary on three continents for 55 years, as writer for local papers and organizations, as fundraiser and consultant for community development efforts, in addition to his dedication to act against injustice and poverty, is an inspiration for many.

**Dr. George Stuart Atkins (2004)** founded the world's first non-governmental organization dedicated to farm radio broadcasting, Developing Countries Farm Radio Network (DCFRN), capable of reaching people isolated by illiteracy, distance, conflict and poverty. Through the radio, DCFRN has shared relevant agricultural information with literally millions of farmers in developing countries. Today, DCFRN has 500 broadcast partners, up from 36 in 1979. The Network's total audience size is 800 million listeners in 75 countries, of whom 80% are in Africa.

**Mr. Burris Devanney (2003)** initiated the establishment of the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association, a non-profit development assistance organization which for the past fifteen years has been bringing Gambians and Canadians together in partnership programs,

mainly in the educational sector. His association partnered with Saint Mary's University in Halifax and the government of The Gambia to offer university courses to Gambian students. Mr. Devanney was the driving force behind many projects focusing on basic needs of youth – education and health.

**Ms. Kathy Knowles (2002)** has established over 100 libraries in Accra, Ghana's capital city, and in rural areas of the country. Beginning with a garden storytelling circle, in over 10 years Kathy's efforts expanded to include three large libraries in Accra and a network around the country, training for librarians and literacy training for adults, and most recently, the publishing of a series of Ghanaian children's books, in English and five local languages. She also established the Osu Children's Library Fund, shipping donated books from Canada to supply her libraries.

**Mr. Bernie Gilmore (2001)**, a health professional working at the London Health Sciences Centre, answered the call for emergency assistance to Ethiopia in 1984. He went first as a member of the Kinsmen African Medical Relief Team, which worked in central Ethiopia establishing Camp Bete and saving thousands of lives. He went on to found Future Forests, an organization committed to planting trees in Ethiopia. Today, through the efforts of Bernie Gilmore and the volunteer board he chaired, Bete Valley has been transformed from a parched, barren landscape to a lush land where more than 400,000 trees have been planted.

**Dr. Elizabeth Rowles Scott (1999)**, founder of the African Canadian Continuing Education Society (ACCES), has made an outstanding contribution to community development and the education of youth in Kenya. With her leadership and vision, ACCES has grown from a society, which provided international aid to a group committed to international development, helping needy people to help themselves.

**Robinson Koipillai (1998)** has been the driving force behind programs that have had a tremendous impact on the lives of thousands of people, mostly women and children. As founding president of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, the Society of Friends of Nepal, and the Society for Development in the Third World, Mr. Koipillai has demonstrated outstanding commitment to global justice and development of the world's poorest societies.

**Dr. Martin Spencer (1997)** has been responsible for restoring eyesight to thousands of blind people in the developing world. An ophthalmologist, he has been actively involved in SEVA, a non-governmental organization involved in community health care, in India, Nepal and Tibet. His work has transformed the model of eye care delivery in developing countries from relief and dependence to development and self-sufficiency.

**Mr. Colin McNairn (1996)** is a Honorary Life Counsel of CODE which works with partners in developing countries to battle illiteracy. Mr. McNairn has dedicated more than 30 years to helping the organization successfully expand its educational programs. He was the driving force behind CODE Inc. which was set up to raise funds for CODE, serve its procurement and shipping needs, and provide materials for democratic elections worldwide.

**The Hon. Jacques Hébert, O.C. (1995)** is the founder of one of Canada's most successful international youth organizations, Canada World Youth, allowing young Canadians to work with similar aged youth from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and in Central and Eastern Europe. It has inspired the creation of similar organizations over the past few years in countries such as Sweden and Holland.

**Mr. Martin Connell (1994)** is the founder of the Calmeadow Foundation which provides loans, at commercial rates, to micro-enterprises which have no other access to credit. The phenomenal success of Calmeadow abroad prompted Mr. Connell to implement the program in Canadian aboriginal and other communities.

**Mme Louise Alary (1993)** is the founder of the Crudem Foundation, which was set up initially to assist in the areas of health, training and education in Haiti and is now operating in 11 other countries.

**Mr. John Ganley (1992)** has been dedicated to fostering grassroots development in Jamaica, particularly as founder and continued volunteer leader of Jamaican Self-Help, a non-profit, non-governmental agency that raises awareness and funds to support socioeconomic development in the shantytowns around Kingston, Jamaica. His work has involved many student and adult volunteers from the Kawartha region of Ontario.

**Dr. Violette Alarie-Gendron (1990)** has demonstrated remarkable leadership in rural development, support for cooperative organizations and the integration of women in development. Dr. Alarie-Gendron was a founding member of l'Institute Nord-Sud which utilizes the skills and resources of many people in Québec.

**Dr. Arthur Jenkyns (1989)** has demonstrated dedicated leadership in the field of blindness prevention and sight restoration. Dr. Jenkyns was one of the founders and driving forces behind the formation of Operation Eyesight International, an organization that sets up and funds many programs in developing countries.

**Dr. Norma E. Walmsley (1987)** has been committed to the international voluntary sector and particularly to working with women. She was instrumental in the founding of MATCH International, a bilateral organization committed to involving women in international development. Dr. Walmsley has also undertaken significant work in international development through Brandon College and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

**Professor John Cairns (1986)** has worked in international education in the development of functional literacy. Much of his grassroots development work over 30 years has been done in collaboration with many United Nations agencies.