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Tinroof: Building Partnerships

Tin Roof Global exists to educate Canadians about international development while supporting schools in the developing world. Canada has a vibrant international development sector, however evidence suggests that few resources are devoted to educating Canadians about the substance and importance of international development. Deeper domestic educational opportunities exist but are frequently not capitalized upon, due to systemic constraints i.e. lack of domestic outreach mandate. Parting from the trend, Tin Roof Global was founded with a dual pronged mandate: domestic education in Canada is regarded as equally important as facilitating the provision of development assistance abroad. We believe that broadly implemented domestic international development education programs will result in a stronger Canadian international development sector. Tin Roof Global began working with volunteer students in 2010, and has since created a Tin Roof Global Campus Club. With high levels of student interest, the Campus Club has since divided into three separate focus groups: Research, International Development Summer Camp, and Special Events. The success of the University of Guelph Tin Roof Global Campus Club stems from significant leadership from Dr. Craig Johnson and the goals of the club, namely facilitating professional skills development among participating students.