

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD AND YOUTH CARE NETWORK

www.cyc-net.org

In addition to being an amazing source of information pertaining to young people, CYC-Net is a professional “home base” to which I keep coming back for refueling. Although I currently do not work directly in a child and youth care setting, I use CYC-Net as a resource for learners in our university program and in my training and consultation activities. I continue to learn from colleagues across the globe; helping me to feel connected to a larger caring community. Where else can I get such immediate access (freely provided) to so much information that is so relevant to the important work that we do? Where else can one almost feel the passion and commitment behind the words expressed on this site? Where else is so much of the past and present child and youth care knowledge base preserved for current and future practitioners?

Thank you CYC-Net!

Dr Dale Curry
Kent State University



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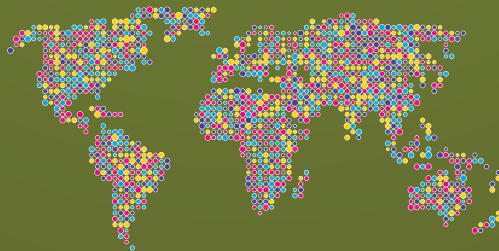
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CYC-Net has been a valuable source to draw upon in exploring topics covered in Child and Youth Care classes in the CYC Program at Lethbridge College. Sharing the perspectives of CYC practitioners and educators about issues that our students will be facing in their practice is a key element in contributing to classroom study. The CYC-Net is instrumental in facilitating the constantly emerging sense of CYC identity for both students and practitioners.

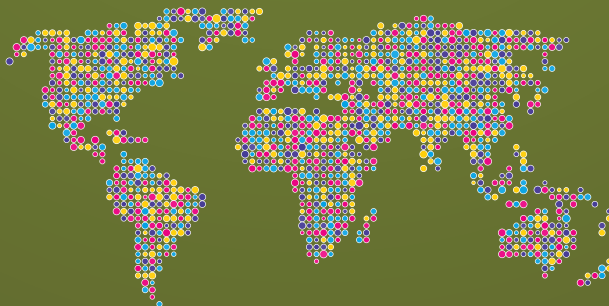
CYC-Net enables students to access experiences we review in class or in practice, that are examined by other CYC practitioners. This dialogue supports the uniqueness of a distinct CYC frame of reference. Through dialogue, a CYC frame of reference offers a breadth and depth of understanding that expresses differences in practice and theoretical perspectives and approaches within that common frame of reference. There is a discourse in the writing that constructs a sense of familiarity for the reader; CYC-Net generates both a sense of vitality and belonging for the broader CYC community.

Lethbridge College CYC Program

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CYC-Net is an important resource that brings together students, practitioners, academics and even policy makers, whether via dialogue in the discussion groups or the exchange of ideas in the monthly journal, *CYC-Online*. It also hosts an extensive repository of accessible, practice-oriented literature and links to other relevant CYC-related information. CYC-Net is making a considerable contribution to the professionalization of Child and Youth Care, internationally, as well as providing forums for interrogating what this actually means – for the field and for children, young people and their families.

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CYC-Net Board of Governors CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



After ten years as Chairperson of the CYC-Net Board of Governors, I will be stepping down in January 2018 from the Chair (continuing on the Board), handing over to Graham Bell, former CEO – now retired – from Kibble Education and Care Centre in Scotland. 2016-2017 has been a time of uncertainties and change for CYC-Net and The CYC-Net Press. There were good times with FICE friends in Vienna! Thanks Team for the advertising successes!

Thanks to the support of Jennifer Davidson, Steven Paterson and others at the Centre of Excellence for Looked-After Children in Scotland (CELCIS) and Strathclyde University in Glasgow, the Board has managed to supplement face-to-face meetings of the CYC-Net Board in Vienna with real-time meetings on-line using their Adobe Connect system.

The online meetings have been fairly useful but it has proven difficult to follow through on cyber-time commitments – especially challenges associated with operational funding for the CYC-Net Office in Cape Town.

With Founding Editor Brian Gannon in failing health throughout much of 2017, priority has been placed on supporting Operations Manager, Martin Stabrey and Administrator Carina Lewis during this time. Moving the CYC-Net HQ from 'Brian's House' into new Cape Town accommodation continues to require attention and sustained cash flows.

With support from the Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families in California, James Freeman has made a stalwart effort working with Thom Garfat and new Editorial Team of Professor Mark Smith at Dundee University and Janice Pike at Waypoints, Newfoundland. We thank these people, and the supports operating behind them for building on the CYC-Online Journal Reputation for Excellence right through to their Special Issue on Supervision!.

Since the beginning of the year, CELCIS Deputy Director Steven Paterson has been carrying out a business planning consultation using Skype interviews with CYC-Net Board Members. We look forward to receiving Steven's Report at the 11/12 October Adobe-Connect Board meeting, and considering specific proposals further at the face-to-face Board meeting time-tabled around the Nurturing Hope Conference in January, 2018.

A central question is posed for the Board of Governors about what accounts for, or explains the high number of users of The International Child and Youth Care Network at www.cyc-net.org who do not contribute a small monthly financial sum in support of keeping this specialised learning resource readily available throughout the World? This needs to include all of us signed up as members of the CYC-Net Discussion List!

Personal Foundations or Trusts require further exploration as legacy sources that will support CYC-Net and its international Mission as envisaged by its Founders, Brian Gannon and Thom Garfat. How many 'CYC-Net Legacy Friends' might each Board Member sign up who will make a commitment to gift US\$1000 a year for the next five years offering a training and development support opportunity for a named local child-care agency to whom monthly special offers will be gifted through www.cyc-net.org and The CYC-Net Press.

Dr Leon Fulcher



QUICK HIGHLIGHTS

Discussion Group Members
(as at 31 March 2017)

3977

Web Site Page Views

649 240

External web links to CYC-Net

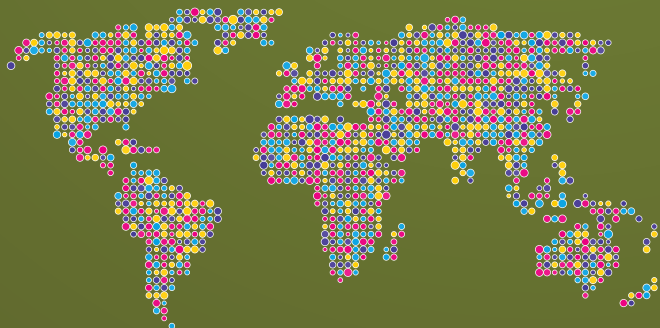
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Number of App Users

1231

Consecutive months *CYC-Online* journal published

212



CYC-Net EDITORS REPORT



It has been a privilege to continue serving as Editor of CYC-Net this past year. In this volunteer role, I get to see the coming together of ideas, share feedback, and be challenged in my own practice (as we all are). With each issue these ideas then spread around the globe. It's an honor to work alongside Martin Stabrey and Carina Lewis, who oversee website development, administration of the discussion board, publication design, and everything else it takes to keep CYC-Net relevant to our field.

This year we honored Thom Garfat (see issue 215 in January 2017) as he transitioned from Co-Editor to Founding Editor. We are thankful for his continued support and leadership in promoting the values and work of CYC-Net. We also welcomed Dr. Mark Smith as Associate Editor and Janice Pike as Assistant Editor. We are thankful for their volunteer work and willingness to work behind the scenes and alongside our writers.

This fiscal year (April 2016 to March 2017) we distributed 12 issues of CYC-Online spanning from issue 206 to 217. This included the editing and publishing of 118 articles related to the field of Child and Youth Care and equipping adults who work alongside children and youth around the world. These 118 writings included 12 editorials – 4 from Founding Editor Thom Garfat, 1 from Associate Editor Mark Smith, and 7 from myself. We also learned lessons from around the globe through 12 Postcards from Chairperson of the Board Leon Fulcher.

Of the remaining 94 articles published, 64 of them were from our regular featured columnists, for whom we are very grateful for their ongoing contributions. Kiaras Gharabaghi, Hans Skott-Myhre, and Jack Phelan have contributed to every issue this year. Our other regular writers include Aurora Demonte, John Digney, Doug Magnuson, Max Smart, Laura Steckley, and Karen VanderVen – all of who have been featured throughout this year. These writers continue to encourage and challenge us with their various perspectives, approaches to practice, and depth of thought.

Five columns were a continuation of the special series on the experience of women caregivers working in the SOS Children's Villages titled "Examining Women's Lives: SOS Mothers Tell Their Stories" (This feature contributed by Elisabeth Ullmann, Karin Demuth, and Astrid Brandl also included amazing and personal photography from Fred Einkemmer). This year women Child and Youth Care workers were featured from Lebanon, Paraguay, Kenya, Austria, and Guatemala.

We are very encouraged that 25 articles were from new or guest writers, many of whom are students or recent graduates with direct experience in daily work with today's young people. While these sometime take more time and attention than our regular contributors, the fact that nearly 30% of our publications this year were new voices reminds us our field still has much to say and much to learn.

CYC-Net remains a valuable resource to those working with children and families around the world. Keep reading, writing, and giving as you are able. Together let's keep it alive and meaningful to our day to day work with young people. We can't do it without you.

James Freeman



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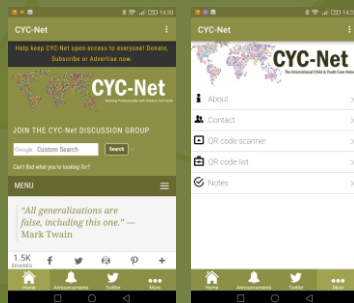
The Times They Are a Changin' – Bob Dylan

This year has certainly seen some changes at CYC-Net!

At the end of 2016 we announced the retirement of the second of our two founding editors, Dr Thom Garfat. This follows the retirement of our other founding editor, Brian Gannon, three years ago. It is reassuring for us that they have chosen to remain active participants in the CYC-Net family. Thom's generosity of wisdom and time will continue to stand CYC-Net in good stead as both he and Brian remain the foundation and tiller of all that is CYC-Net.

In 2017 we welcomed James Freeman of Casa Pacifica in California as our new Editor, Dr Mark Smith in Scotland as Associate Editor and Janice Pike in Newfoundland as Assistant Editor. All three bring decades of front line experience into their new roles.

This year also saw CYC-Net take the leap into the world of apps with the launch of our very own CYC-Net app on the iOS and Android platforms. As more CYC-Net users choose mobile devices as their primary connection to access online content, the building of our own app for content delivery had become an urgent priority. Our new app plays an especially important role in connecting with students and practitioners, who often find it difficult to easily access a desktop computer. Since our app launch in April 2016, over 2 000 downloads have been registered.



Continuing the theme of change, another major shift in policy for CYC-Net saw our board of governors decide that limited advertising would be accepted for the CYC-Net web site. Previously we had only advertised in our monthly journal, *CYC-Online*. This is an important initiative as CYC-Net relies far to heavily on a small number of significant financial supporters. Opening other possible income streams is therefore welcomed.

In August 2016 CYC-Net and FICE co-hosted the second CYC World Conference in Vienna, Austria. This follows our co-hosting of the inaugural CYC World Conference in Newfoundland in 2013. Plans are well advanced for our co-hosting of the third World Conference in California in 2018 and in Durban, South Africa in 2019. The two conferences already hosted were extremely well received by delegates.

As stated in last year's Annual Report, CYC-Net is fortunate in being able to call on the expertise and goodwill of a worldwide network of leaders and practitioners in the field of Child and Youth Care who give freely of their time and knowledge. Given our permanent staffing numbers, this goodwill is critical in maintaining CYC-Net's position in the field of Child and Youth Care. I look forward with optimism to the next chapter in our growth.

Martin Stabrey



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

as at 31 March 2017

INCOME ZAR 1 491 353

Advertising	51 214
Conference Shirt Sales	4 698
CYC-Net Press Publications	541 478
Subscriptions & Donations	893 963

EXPENDITURE ZAR 1 423 618

Accommodation	9 343
Bank Charges	11 311
Cleaning and Consumables	6 720
Electricity	19 820
E-mail listserv membership fee	18 446
FICE Vienna conference	4 782
Web Site/App maintenance & coding	898 534
Postage, Packaging and Stationery	17 456
Promotional expenses	15 211
Rent Paid	132 000
Salaries	216 000
Subscriptions - cloud services	24 220
Travelling	37 500.44

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

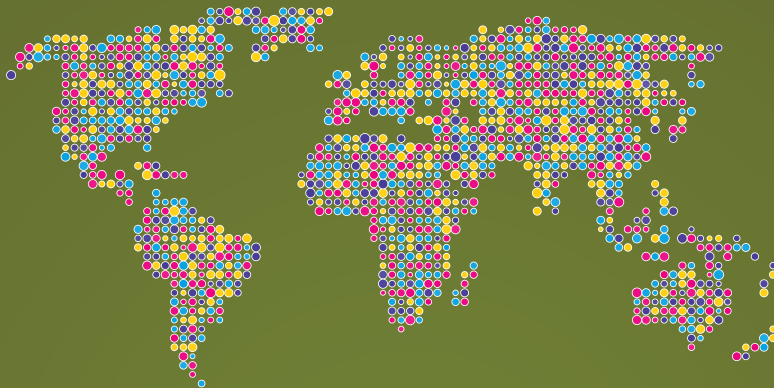
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Goodwill	50 000
Stock of books	23 400
Cash and cash equivalents	67 735

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