



OXFAM CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010 – 2013

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Name of Candidate: John Greene

Position Acclaimed: Regional Director – Newfoundland and Labrador

PART 1: Candidate Statement

How does serving on the Oxfam Canada Board fit with your values and commitment to ending global poverty and injustice?

My worldview was formed by my upbringing as the orphaned son of a poor outport fisherman on the coast of Newfoundland. From an early age, I was painfully aware that some were much better off than others and that those inequalities were caused by the mercantile system under which we were forced to labour. It was natural for me to seek alternatives to our economic and social system and when I came to voting age, I expressed those desires by casting my first ballot for the CCF. Over the several decades since that day, my political and economic philosophy has become more firmly entrenched. That is because I have seen the world economy generate enormous wealth. That enormous wealth, instead of being shared in portions more equal than was the case in our community when I was a little boy, has been used, instead, to widen the gap between the rich and poor. Oxfam is dedicated to narrowing that gap in such meaningful ways that it appealed to me as early as 1975.

My upbringing in outport Newfoundland ingrained in me the importance of the work ethic. While my father sent me door-to-door to share some of the little food we had, yet the reigning view held that each person should pull his/her own weight and that no-one should live in a perpetual state of dependence. It was a **given** that work should bring its due reward. From this background came my commitment to empowerment of which we hear so much today in the modern theory of community development. For me this is one of the most attractive aspects of Oxfam.

How do you believe Oxfam Canada could increase its impact in ending poverty and injustice?

We could increase the awareness of Canadians by expanding present programs in this field. However, as a theoretical challenge I present the following: the best way to increase Oxfam's impact is to commit more trained personnel to development efforts. The most cost-effective way to do that is to advocate to the Federal government for support for an Under-Development Building Capacity Program. The components of the program would be, 1. Funding by the federal government; 2. Training in Canada by Oxfam of personnel to be sent abroad for four months at a time; 3. Linking the program to co-operative university programs in the fields of business, engineering etc. The merits of the program would be: for Canada-employment for university students; for Oxfam-training of personnel for development work; for the third world-huge assistance for capacity building.

PART 2: Board Competencies

The competencies required by the Oxfam Canada Board include combinations and variations of the following:

- Experience on Non-Profit Boards
- Financial Management
- Fundraising
- Governance/Accountability
- Women's Rights and Gender Equality
- Strategic Planning
- International Development

Please note your areas of strength related to these competencies:

(My areas of strength lie in all areas of the competencies required. I spent 25 years on the local committee of Oxfam, served on numerous sub-committees and was regional chair for 4 years. Founding executive member of the Food Security Network and founded the MacMorran (Now McSheffrey) Community Garden. Served for 3 years on the Premier's Council for NL; (see Resume.

Please note any relevant professional designations or qualifications:

M. A., History, (with emphasis on social research).
 Certificate in Labor Relations
 Certificates in Conflict Management etc.

PART 3: Board, Work, Leadership and Life Experience

Board Experience

Name of Organization/Agency/Enterprise	From (date)	To (date)	Position on Board
Oxfam St. John's	1982	1997	Director
Oxfam St. John's	1997	2004	Chair

Work and Leadership Experience

Name of Company/Agency/Organization and Position	From (date)	To (date)	Accomplishments
See Curriculum Vitae			

Life Experience

Life Experience:

See answer to Question 1.

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Data: John P Greene (John Carrick Greene).

Academic Background:

2003: Certificate in Mediation Skills Level I.

2003: Certificate in Interpersonal Conflict Resolution.

1981: National Coaches Certificate Program: Levels I and II Hockey Coaching Certificates.

1975: Borden, ON: Officers Training Program: Commission, Lieutenant, Canadian Armed Forces.

1971-1972: MUN Extension Service, St. John's: Government Administration Courses

1971: National Archives and Carleton University, Ottawa: Certificate in Archival Principles and Administration.

1967-1970: Memorial University: Master of Arts in History.

1967: Memorial University Extension Services: Certificate in Labour Relations.

1963-1964: Memorial University: Bachelor of Arts (Major in History, Minor in French).

1956-1957, 1958-1959, 1960-1962: Bachelor of Arts, Education.

Work Experience:

Full Time:

1992-present: Genealogist and Historian

1975-1992: School Teacher.

1970-1975: Archivist and Assistant Administrator, Provincial Archives, St. John's.

Volunteer:

2001-04: member of the Premier's Council on Social Development.

2000-2006: lay bencher of the Law Society of Newfoundland and member of the Complaints Authorization Committee

1999-2003: member of ATTN Committee of St. Pius X Parish

1998: member of Curriculum Committee, NF Historical Society

1998-2004: Member of Board, and Co.-Chair Food Security Network of Newfoundland and Labrador

1997: Organizing member of steering committee, anti-hunger movement

1997-2004: Regional Chair, Newfoundland Division, Oxfam Canada.

1997-98: Board member MacMorran Community Centre

1997-98: Co.-chair Voices for Justice in Housing

1992-97: Founder and vice-president, Community Food Sharing Association, St. John's.

1997-1999: member of the Board of Directors, Community Food Sharing Association, St. John's.

1992-97: Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Association of Food Banks.

1991: Acting Secretary, City Index Referral Association, St. John's.

1982-2004: Member, St. John's Oxfam Committee and Regional Chair, 1997-04.

1984-1997: Founder and President, Tilting Expatriates Association.

1981-1982; 1983-1986: Member, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Parish Social Action Committee.

1984-1985: Member, Historical Committee, R.C. Church 200th Anniversary.

1983-1985: Member, Materials Committee, Catholic Education Council.

1985: Member, NTA Political Action Elections Committee.

1983-1985: NTA Convention Delegate.

1982-1985: Member, NTA Special Interests Council coordinating Committee.

1982-1983: Member, NTA Hilroy Fellowship Committee.

1979-1983: Chairman, St. Paul's Hockey Program.

1979-1983: Team Manager, Asst. Coach and Coach, St. Paul's Hockey Program.

1982: Founding Vice President, Virginia Park Community Development Association.

1981-1982: Member, NTA Education Finance Committee.

1980-1981: Member, Virginia Park Recreation Committee.

1973-1974: vice-president, Archival Association of Atlantic Canada

1971-1974: Member, Committee on Reference Systems, Canadian Historical Association.

1968-1969: Founding Chairman, MUN Historiography Society.

1968-1969: Founding Member of Graduates Students Union Organizing Committee, MUN.

1962-1967: Chairman, High School History Course Selection Committee, Exploits Valley Branch, NTA.

1962-1967: Member, Safety Committee, Exploits Valley Branch, NTA.

1962-1967: Member, Knights of Columbus, Grand Falls.

Publications:

Of Fish And Family: Family Histories and Family Trees of Tilting, Set Against A Background Of Historical Developments In The Newfoundland Fisheries, 1700-1940 (St. John's: Triumphant Explorations Limited, 2002).

Between Damnation and Starvation: Priests and Merchants in Newfoundland Politics, 1745-1855(Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1999).

"History reveals An Ancient Rivalry Between Quebec And Newfoundland". Catholic New Times, Toronto,Sept.1990.

Trial And Triumph: The History Of Newfoundland And Labrador (Toronto: Doubleday Canada Ltd.1982).

"Newfoundland History In The Local Curriculum: An Historical Perspective".(St. John's, Newfoundland Historical Society,1986).

"John Kent". The Canadian Encyclopedia,1985.

"Philip Little".Ibid,1985.

"Robert Thorburn".Ibid,1985.

"Clement Benning". Dictionary of Canadian Biography. Volume IX,1976.

"Election Scandals of 1894:By-Products of the Administration of Local Affairs".(Memorial University, Selected Readings for History 3120,1976).

"Record Keeping in the Newfoundland Government from Earliest Times to the Present".
Acadiensis, Fredericton, autumn, 1973.

"Preliminary Inventory", Volume 1, (St. John's: Provincial Archives,, 1970).

"Preliminary Inventory", Volume 11, (St. John's: Provincial Archives, 1972).

Program Development:

1989:"A Resource Based Approach to Teaching and Learning About Latin America" A
Presentation to Social Studies Teachers at Workshops of the RC School Board, St. John's.

1983-1986: "Preserving Our Heritage in Records", an activity designed for High School
Students.

1984:"A Records Based Approach to Teaching and Learning", a Workshop for Social
Studies Special Interest Council of the NTA.

1983:"A New Philosophical Approach to Teaching About Newfoundland", a Workshop
for Social Studies Special Interest Council of the NTA.

1983: "Teaching Newfoundland History with Emphasis on Students Own Locality", a
Workshop for Grade V Social Studies Teachers under the Exploits/White Bay RC School
Board.

1983: "Resources for Local History", a Workshop for Grade V Teachers under the RC
School Board ,Bell Island.

1981: "A Critical Evaluation of Project Carte de Terre-Neuve" A Report for the
Department of Education, Provincial Government.

1974: "How Teachers and Students Can Use Archival Records", a Presentation to
'Newfoundland Culture Short Course'