

a biography for dwayne hodgson

Dwayne Hodgson enhances the performance of organizations working for sustainable human development by applying his skills in learning design and facilitation and project design, monitoring, and evaluation. He brings 17 years of experience in the fields of adult learning, community development and environmental stewardship.

His recent clients have included: the International Development Research Centre, The Ottawa Mission, International Development Enterprises, the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the Natural Step Canada, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Parks Canada, World Vision Canada, CODE, Africa Community Technical Services (ACTS), and Save the Children Canada.

From 2002-2008, Dwayne worked as the *Programs Director* for *Global Learning Partners (Global Learning Partners)*, a firm that provides "train-the-trainer" courses and consultancy services. His work with GLP included drafting proposals and contracts for clients, and developing new products and services, including courses on effective meetings and learning evaluation. He also facilitated workshops on the *Dialogue Education* approach to participatory learning design and facilitation with groups as diverse as the *International Center for Transitional Justice*, the *Canadian Foodgrains Bank*, the *Natural Step Canada*, the *State of California's WIC Program* and *Eli Lilly*.

His other consulting assignments with GLP included designing and/or facilitating participatory learning events on Results-Based Management for clients including *World Vision Canada*, *Pueblito Canada*, *Canadian Lutheran World Relief*, *Lutheran World Federation (Mozambique)*, *the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)*, *the Participatory Development Forum*, *the United Way/Centraide Ottawa* and *Save the Children Canada*. He also conducted program evaluations for the *Nunavut Youth Abroad Program* and reviewed over a hundred evaluation reports for *UNICEF*.

Previous to joining GLP, Dwayne:

- Worked with *CRWRC* in Tanzania for four years to support their partners' relief, development and social justice programs through organizational capacity building, training on RBM, program evaluations and public engagement here in Canada;
- Consulted with the *Caledon Institute of Social Policy* to provide research and evaluation planning services for a poverty reduction program in Canada.
- Mobilized local residents to start a community garden in downtown Ottawa.
- Completed short-term assignments with the *International Development Research Centre's Evaluation Unit*, *CIDA*, *E. T. Jackson & Associates*, *Friends of the Earth*, and the *Center for the Study of Training, Investment and Economic Restructuring (CSTIER)*.

Dwayne is a *Certified Dialogue Education Teacher (CDET)* with *Global Learning Partners*. He holds an M.A. in International Affairs from the *Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA)* at *Carleton University*. His M.A. research examined the environmental policies of international development NGOs from an environmental ethics and policy perspective. He also completed an *Honours Bachelor of Arts & Science* degree from *McMaster University*.

Dwayne is based in Ottawa, where he lives with his wife, Tricia, and two young children, Zoe and Isaac. He is an avid cyclist, plays piano and *djembe* hand-drums, and makes bread by hand at least twice week. He has travelled extensively in Eastern and Southern Africa, and looks forward to exploring the world with his kids, whether overseas or just around the block.

You can visit his website and read his blog on learning design and facilitation @ www.learningcycle.ca.