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## **Young voters, Global Issues and the Federal Election**

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Young voters are calling on federal candidates to address global issues in their bid for seats in Ottawa. And they are getting organized to make it happen. Simon Fraser University students have joined with Canada's World and dozens of campuses and groups across the country to create Vote for the World. It will be officially launched Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 11 am, room 1425, at SFU Vancouver, 515 West Hastings Street.

A project of SFU's Centre for Dialogue, Canada's World is a three-year citizens' dialogue to create a new vision for Canadian international policy.

The campaign website <http://www.votefortheworld.ca/> in English and French, complete with videos and how-to guides, is designed to help Canadians engage in the election. The students are planning events across the country.

"People wonder why we are not interested in the electoral process," says James Haga, an SFU student and a member of Engineers without Borders. "Election coverage regurgitates the daily spin of the political parties. It's not covering issues of concern to young people. We want to hear meaningful debate on global issues."