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WBEZ AND VOCALO PRESENT THE 6TH ANNUAL *GLOBAL ACTIVISM EXPO* HOSTED BY THE UIC SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE FEATURING PRESENTATIONS ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES

UIC Forum – Saturday, April 6 from 12-6pm, FREE

CHICAGO (February 25, 2013) – WBEZ 91.5 FM, Vocalo 89.5 FM and the UIC Social Justice Initiative are looking forward to presenting the **6th Annual Global Activism Expo (GAX)** as part of the 2012-2013 *Off-Air Event Series*. *Worldview* host **Jerome McDonnell** invites everyone to come out to learn about the pressures people face outside our borders and what activists featured as a part of *Worldview's* long-running series, *Global Activism* are doing to lend a hand.

UIC Social Justice Initiative's topic of conversation this year is *Restorative Justice. Gender Justice. Global Justice.* and will feature nationally known activists, scholars and journalists. They will be asking discussants difficult questions: "What does it mean to make amends? How do we not only diagnose and "treat" injustice when we see it, but how do we "repair" a situation when harm is done. Is this always possible?" Break-out sessions and discussions will be hosted all day.

New this year is World Music on an outdoor concert stage and a short film festival. Bringing together hundreds of Chicago-area activists of all ages, the all-day event is free to the public and takes place at the UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road, on Saturday, April 6 from 12-6pm.

"The Expo is an opportunity for people to see their community and their world as a caring, thoughtful, and generous place," says emcee Jerome McDonnell. "Join us as we make a difference with our love, respect, and compassion."

Expo-goers can also ride mini bikes, perform circus arts and discuss great films from across the globe. Global Activism Expo 2013 highlights include:

- The **Vocalo Music Stage** outdoors on the plaza will feature an array of local artists and bands with an international influence
- **Working Bikes** will bring an array of demonstration bikes (power a phonograph or your cell phone) as well as mini bikes for us to ride inside

- **CircEsteem** will entertain kids and adults, encouraging participants to learn juggling, balance feathers and have fun
- **Peace On Earth Film Festival** will show select titles from their 2013 festival and invite the audience to discuss and reflect on these short films
- **International Food Court** will feature tasty treats from around the world, with vendors including Raj Dashan, Swim Café, Café Marbella and more

Additionally, high school students with **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** will work with select activists to create print and digital promo materials prior to the event, and will document the day by conducting short interviews with participants.

About UIC Social Justice Initiative

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is engaged in a major initiative which will, in the coming year, launch several exciting new projects linking scholars and activists in Chicago and beyond. The UIC Social Justice Initiative includes a new Student Summer Institute on Social Justice, Democracy and Human Rights; active community engagement projects; and collaborations that connect the UIC community to work that is creating positive change and providing needed services from Haiti, Mexico and India to Rwanda. The Social Justice Initiative reflects UIC's mission to "create knowledge that transforms our views of the world and, through sharing and application, transforms the world." For more information go to: www.uic.edu/depts/oa/sji/

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