

## **Lise Latremouille Biographical Note**

Lise Latremouille has been the International Programs Director at USC Canada since 2005. USC is one of Canada's oldest international development organizations. Grounded in its history of self-reliant, community-based development work, today USC Canada promotes vibrant family farms, strong rural communities, and healthy ecosystems around the world.

Lise has many years of experience in the area of international development. She was a staff member with Inter Pares, another well established international and social justice organization for 16 years, where she was responsible for programs in Africa, as well as being Executive Director for five years. Through the years, her passion for Africa and international solidarity work has been a driving force. Lise has participated in many national and international networks relating to a wide range of issues including the promotion of gender equality, the environment, and the need to build strong civil society organizations. In the period between Inter Pares and USC, Lise worked as a consultant, and used this time to teach at Concordia University, as well as use her facilitation techniques with many international and domestic organizations. In Canada, Lise has been involved in community based organizations in francophone Ontario, mostly through the women's movement, and through this involvement, has learned to build links between the realities in Canada and those overseas.